

# THE WAGELWORKER

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

How can a spineless winter have its backbone broken?

Castro says he's going back to Venezuela. We sympathize with the country.

"Street car straps are loaded with microbes," says a college professor. Mean thing to call us.

Athlete, crazed by drink, puts 24 men out of business. This suggests a new style of training.

About 4,000,000 sugar maple trees in the western reserve promise to do their full duty this spring.

The world is getting better all the time. The tobacco trust is going to raise the price of cigarettes.

The price of "possum" is going up presumably on the theory that anything that is fashionable must not be cheap.

Tennessee has passed a law to license boxing. Fine! Now it's up to Nevada to offer a premium on the game.

The price of cigarettes is going up, but this won't bother the man who gets his cigarettes out of the other man's box.

Burglars in Youngstown stole the burglar alarm. The blamed things are expensive, too—ought to have a watchman to protect them.

The latest New York fad is fighting duels with wax bullets. Now watch for the arrival of the man who didn't know his bullets were made of lead.

The Missouri penitentiary does not furnish baths to the prisoners. Punishments are getting milder and milder, remarks the Cleveland Leader.

One of our newest mental healers says that tired feeling is a delusion. It is certainly a mighty pleasant delusion when one is able to humor it by giving it full swing.

Wilbur Wright only charges \$600 per for giving lessons in aeronautics. At the price he must give instructions as to how to fall gracefully and land with the least damage.

"How to Be a Cheerful Taxpayer," is the title of a series of articles being written by a Chicago editor. Send it to the kaiser. He is in need of that sort of cheerful literature.

Chinese in the Flowery Kingdom, having been forbidden to smoke opium, are said to be turning to cheap whisky. A local-option movement in China seems to be about due.

Alaska last year exported products worth \$34,200,000 and imported articles worth \$18,000,000. That left a very handsome balance of trade in Alaska's favor and showed that the territory is getting into line commercially.

King Alfonso seems to be a good monarch, anxious to deliver Spain from all traces of medievalism, and give her an up-to-date administration, but it is doubtful if he owes half as much of his popularity to the fact that he is a good king as to that other fact that he is a good fellow.

Jails as financial centers are something new under the sun, says the Baltimore American, but Mr. Morse, the financier during the day, attending to his usual business and making money in the ordinary ways, and Morse, the convict during the night, locked up in jail, is decidedly a picturesque feature of our complex and curious modern life.

A Syracuse woman refused a legacy of \$5,000 on the ground that she believed it was justly due the nearest relative of the decedent. It is ominous if the world is growing this honest, for Hamlet long ago declared it a condition in which doomsday would be near. But comfort is to be found in the fact that such startling honesty is just a very rare exception to prove a very common rule.

Prof. Arthur Korn of Berlin has perfected an invention which proves the theories of gravitation. He fills a metal globe with water and imparts vibration to the contents with an electric motor. He has thus found it possible to construct an exact working model of the solar system in water, in which the planets all move in their appointed paths without any visible support or externally applied power.

It is said that the explosion was caused by one of the workmen entering an abandoned portion of the mine with a lamp, thus igniting a body of gas. This is the explanation of the recent tragedy in the colliery of the Erie Coal Company at Port Blanchard, Pennsylvania. The occupation of coal mining is beset with dangers, and one of the greatest of these dangers is the recklessness of ignorant or thoughtless miners.

The crown prince of Germany thinks he can not come to this country inognito. True for him. The reporters would get all he knows and then some before he could cross the gang-plank.

The czar was so angry at the opening speech in the Finnish diet that he dissolved that body and there must be a new election. The unfortunate parliament thus cut off in its infancy may well echo the historic lament, "If I was so soon done for, I wonder what I was begun for."

# 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.

**The Appropriations.**  
The senate Saturday added \$86,000 to the general maintenance bill, or current expense bill, over and above the \$350,000 which the finance ways and means committee recommended. It was with little or no difficulty that Miller of Lancaster, chairman of the finance committee, had his committee recommendations adopted. Only in one instance did the committee recommend a reduction, a cutting of the normal training in high schools from \$75,000 to \$50,000, and the senate refused to concur in the cut.

To the bill outside of the committee recommendations, the senate added \$20,000 for a site for a medical college of the university, to be purchased in Omaha, \$5,000 for hog cholera experiments, an additional \$3,000 for the attorney general, to be used in prosecutions, making a total of \$15,000, an additional \$10,000 for the state veterinarian and his assistants, was added at the request of the committee on finance which had overlooked the work necessary to inspect under government quarantine regulations. A building for nurses and attendants at the Norfolk hospital for the insane, which was provided for in a separate bill, was transferred to the general appropriations bill at the request of Myers of Rock. An item of \$15,000 to continue work on the state historical building, which is carried in a separate bill, was also transferred to this bill, and in addition it reappropriates \$15,000 of the total of \$25,000 appropriated two years ago to start a historical building which has not been used, but which has lapsed.

The bill as it was introduced in the house carried a total of \$1,958,561. As it passed the house it carried \$1,750,390. The senate added \$350,000 by its recommendations and the senate added \$86,000 more, making a total of \$2,186,390. However, at least \$47,000 of this amount will be deducted from other appropriation bills when they reach the senate.

**House Sifters Lift Senate Bills.**  
The house sifting committee held a short session at 1 o'clock Saturday and raised the following senate files: S. F. 164, Bodinson—Remove minerals from school land.

S. F. 51—To take place of 357, now on file.

S. F. 10—To take place of 110, now on file.

S. F. 345, Bartos—Defining liabilities of hotel keepers.

S. F. 28, Fuller—Procedure of boards of equalization.

S. F. 140, Randall—For sanitary factories, packing houses, etc.

Note—S. F. 10 relates to license by corporation. S. F. 31 relates to change of county attorneys' salaries.

**Deficit of \$60,000 Item for Wolf Bounty.**

The senate was too busy with other matters to devote much time to appropriation bills Monday. The session began at 2 o'clock and closed at 6 o'clock, but during that time only one appropriation bill was disposed of. This was the deficiency bill, carrying \$30,392, without the \$60,000 wolf bounty money attached by the house. The latter was cut off on motion of Miller of Lancaster, chairman of the finance ways and means committee. Myers of Rock and Cammell of Frontier opposed the striking out of the \$60,000 for scalps.

**Insurance Bill Defeated.**  
Bartos' bill, S. F. 311, to prevent stock insurance companies from paying more than 8 per cent dividends, failed to pass. It received 14 votes and 16 were cast against it. A call of the house failed to get a larger vote owing to the absence of senators from the city.

H. R. 98, by Botts, to prevent vacation of roads used ten years except by petition of a majority of the users, was passed and so was H. R. 512, creating a board of state officers to fix maximum rates for fidelity insurance companies.

**More Power for Commission.**  
Donohoe's bill, S. F. No. 354, placing all public service corporations directly under the control of the state railway commission, was passed by the senate by a vote of 22 to 10. It gives the commission power to value all public service corporations of whatever character, to fix rates and rules for operation. Appeals from the orders or rulings of the commission are to be direct to the supreme court.

**Salary of Supreme Clerk.**  
The senate judiciary committee Thursday reported for the general file H. R. 86, a bill designed to make the office of the clerk of the supreme court a salaried office instead of a fee office. The bill as it came from the house reduces or raises the clerk's salary, as the case may be, to \$4,000 a year and gives the deputy clerk \$2,500 a year. The senate committee recommended that the bill be amended by making the deputy reporter's salary \$2,500 a year and by striking out the emergency clause.

## Traveling Men Appear.

A committee of traveling men composed of L. W. Garoutte, H. C. Wyrick and C. D. Edleman of the board of directors of Post C Travelers' Protective association of Lincoln, appeared before the general appropriations committee of the legislature Monday night for the purpose of asking for an appropriation to be recommended for the labor commissioner, in whose hands the enforcement of the "hotel bill" is placed. It contains an item sufficient at least for the employment of one inspector and his expenses while enforcing the instructions of the chief. According to Mr. Garoutte there need not be a great amount spent by the bureau in searching out infractions of the law. The traveling men, who are the originators of the bill, promise hearty co-operation along the lines that will conservatively protect the traveling public and public housekeepers alike. Mr. Garoutte had with him a section of one of the comforters that the general public sometimes submits to being quartered under, together with a flimsy, frazzled towel and a single pillow slip, the sole furnishings of the \$2x3x5% ceiling, besides a three-quarter iron bedstead and a bowl and pitcher. This wholly unventilated and unsanitary "stall" of a sleeping room, the committee stated, is all too common over the state, and while the traveling men themselves are experienced enough to dodge them, or "kick" the foul furnishings or themselves out of submitting to being imposed upon by their use, the general public are the ones who rather than "make a scene," submit for the time being to the disease breeding conditions.

## Want Good Beer or None.

The only other bill of any importance that was considered in committee of the whole by the house was the creation of a beer inspection department that is intended to secure pure beer for the thirsty consumer and at the same time be a source of revenue for the state. The governor is to appoint as many deputies as are needed at salaries of \$1,200 a year each and a chief at a salary of \$2,000 a year. All beer manufactured in the state to be inspected and branded as to purity. All beer shipped into the state for the retailer must also be inspected. For this work a fee of one cent a gallon is to be paid into the state treasury. It is claimed that 800,000 barrels of booze will be affected by this bill, or 25,600,000 gallons. This means at one cent a gallon a revenue for the state of \$256,000. Although Sink pointed out that the money will have to be paid by the retailer of liquor who already pays a license, the house recommended the measure for passage after amending it that all liquor shipped out of the state need not be inspected. Shoemaker tried to amend the bill to make the fee one-fourth cent of a gallon. He said that was enough to pay the expense and leave a neat sum for the state. He also hinted darkly that the bill as it is recommended is unconstitutional and that he was but trying to save it in some degree. He did not state his constitutional objections.

## Killing the Bartos Bills.

The slaughter which was begun some weeks ago on the numerous insurance bills of Senator Bartos has not ended, and Friday another of his measures failed to pass the committee of the whole. The "affidavit" bill, No. 202, and the 6 per cent dividend bills are the only ones that have as yet stood the least bit of a show in the upper house. The "affidavit" bill was treated like molten metal and not a senator seemed to dare to get near enough to it to cast an opposing vote. The 6 per cent bill yet is in the balance, and already it has been pruned to raise the possible dividends for insurance firms on non-participating policies to the stockholders to 8 per cent.

The measure that was killed Friday provided that the auditor, the governor and the state treasurer should be permitted to investigate the rates on the premiums paid by surety and fidelity companies and to fix a maximum rate for these concerns upon bonds, contracts and stipulations that may be granted. The Ledigh bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the supreme court at \$2,500 a year with an additional sum of \$1,500 for his duties as head librarian was passed unanimously by the senate Friday. The salary of the reporters was fixed at \$2,500 a year.

## Want Pure Beer.

The beer inspection bill passed the house by a curious mixture of liquor and temperance votes. Some of the most radical supporters of the brewers voted for it. Some of the strongest temperance and prohibition advocates in the house voted for it. It received only 53 votes, although it will turn into the state treasury almost \$250,000 net each year. Temperance votes changed to the side of the bill passed it.

## Net Weight Bill Endorsed.

The house Friday afternoon recommended for passage the Smith bill, H. R. 485, as amended by the committee on miscellaneous subjects. The amendments provide for the incorporation of the national clause regarding branding as to weight. The national pure food act leaves the matter of branding weights optional with the food manufacturer and provides that when net weight is stated that it must be correct. The clause relating to bleached flour allows the sale of bleached flour in Nebraska.

# 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.

**Killed His Wife's Parents.**  
News reached Alliance Tuesday forenoon of a brutal double murder which occurred Monday night near a small town named Provo, just across the line in South Dakota.

The man who did the killing was Dick Barton, and the victims were the parents of his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

The murder was a fiendish one, the brains of the victims having been beaten out with an ax.

After the commission of the crime Barton beat his wife, and threatened to kill her, until she promised not to tell who had killed the old people until he had ample opportunity to make his escape from the country. In order to save her life the woman promised, but no sooner had her husband departed before she gave the alarm to a near neighbor, and from there it spread until a posse was organized for pursuit.

Barton upon leaving took some baggage and a team. The baggage he checked to Crawford, but he himself drove to Edgemont, where, while attempting to dispose of his outfit, he was captured.

Prior to Barton's arrest at Edgemont a neighbor ranchman of his, a member of the posse pursuing him, made an attempt to kill Barton on sight, but was prevented from doing so by the sheriff and his assistants. Feeling at Edgemont, and throughout the locality where the tragedy occurred, is said to run high and threats of lynching Barton are numerous and pronounced.

The crime is supposed to be the result of domestic troubles.

## Cuming County Centennial.

Mrs. Dora Harstick, of St. Charles township, Cuming county, reached her one hundredth year Friday and is, without doubt the oldest woman in north Nebraska. She has been a resident of Cuming county nearly fifty years, arriving here with her husband in the year 1860. She is the grandmother of twenty-three children and the great-grandmother of thirty. Among her grandchildren is W. H. Harstick, the present county clerk of that county. A celebration of her birthday was held at her home. To all appearances she will live for some years, her health not having appreciably declined.

## Wounded With Shotgun.

Edward Larson, a young man living about one-half mile southeast of Uehling, is suffering from a gunshot wound that came near proving fatal. He lives with his parents, but on last Thursday he went to the home of his brother Harvey, nearby. He asked to borrow a shotgun. When it was given to him he left the house and no sooner had he gone outside than a report of the gun was heard. The load was discharged into his left breast, but at such an angle as to barely miss the heart. The force of it was somewhat averted by the angle and glancing from the ribs, one of which was shattered.

## Friend Had Costly Fire.

The grocery store of C. W. Sanburn, and the barber shop of Fred Schmidt, located on Maple street, at Friend, were burned at an early hour Saturday morning. The firemen succeeded in quenching the blaze before the buildings were totally consumed, but everything in the barber shop is burned, but little salvage remaining in the building occupied by Mr. Sanburn. The buildings were owned by Norman Warren. It is difficult to estimate the loss but insurance to the amount of \$1,800 was carried, \$700 on buildings and \$1,100 on stock and fixtures.

## New Alfalfa Mill.

The York Alfalfa Milling company is the name of a new corporation just organized for operation in York. The management has bought the building in North York formerly occupied by the Fairmont Creamery company, and work will commence at once installing about \$15,000 worth of new machinery, with a capacity of twenty tons daily. It will be a strictly home concern.

## Injured by Being Thrown.

Mrs. John Siler, of Humboldt, was thrown from a buggy Saturday afternoon and sustained a severe fracture of the left arm. The accident resulted from the team taking fright at a passing automobile. The victim is middle-aged, the wife of one of the well-known farmers of that section.

## Heddendorf and Criser Held.

The preliminary hearing of George Criser and Benjamin Heddendorf, who were charged with killing W. C. Dillon near Stamford last week Wednesday, was held and the boys were bound over to the district court without bail by County Judge Shelburn. The attorneys for the defense were Perry & Lamb of Beaver City, and John Everson and J. C. Thompson of Alma. The defense made an effort to get the boys out on bail, but the judge refused it. Criser was taken to the Holdrege jail and Heddendorf to the Red Cloud jail.

## NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

There are probably twenty cases of smallpox in the vicinity of Hampton, all in a mild form, however.

The Midwest Life (old line) wants good local agents all over Nebraska. Write to Home Office at Lincoln for particulars.

Auburn people and papers are talking about \$20,000 depot that the Missouri Pacific railroad threatens to build in that town.

William Erhart died at his home seven miles southwest of Louisville Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock from pneumonia, at the age of forty-nine years.

The annual conference of the Seventh Day Adventists is in session in Hastings. A good attendance is had and an elaborate program has been arranged.

It is the carefully formed opinion of the Humboldt Leader man that "the woman who can wear this season's brand of headgear and still remain attractive, is a 'lalapalooza' and no mistake."

A government expert will this week begin the building of one mile of good road at Fairbury, in Jefferson county, just to "show" the people. The commissioners have given \$500 for the purpose, and the sample highway will connect the city with the cemetery.

The Cass county teachers' association held its annual meeting at Louisville in the high school building. About two hundred teachers were present together with a large number of the patrons of the Louisville school.

Ernest Hess was seriously injured at Albion by being run over by a lumber wagon. He was riding into town in a wagon with a number of other boys and in attempting to get out at the side, slipped and fell under the wheels. It is not known just what the extent of his injuries is.

Major D. E. McCarthy, chief quartermaster of the department of the Missouri has just received authority from the quartermaster general of the United States army to enter into negotiations for the lease of the Ashland target range for the use of the regular army for the three months beginning April 1.

A volunteer fire department has been organized by the citizens of Yutan. A full quota of officers were elected and that town is now assured of organized fire fighting. Yutan's new water pipe is now completed, and is an excellent system. The citizens are justly proud of their new plant.

The largest single consignment of sheep that has been received in Fremont this year was fed at the stock yards Tuesday night. The shipment consisted of eighty carloads, made up in three trains. It came in over the Union Pacific from Greeley, Colo., and was sent out over the Northwestern for the Chicago market yesterday morning.

The case of the state of Nebraska vs. Nocola Galoro and Joseph Cosmano, the Greeks who did the shooting at Uehling recently, has been carried to the district court, transcript of the proceedings in Dodge county court having been filed. They are charged with shooting with intent to kill and shooting with intent to do great bodily injury.

The preliminary hearing of young Critser and Heddendorf, the two boys charged with murdering William Dillon, a recluse who was found dead at his home near Oxford last week, was held Thursday. After the boys were run to cover by the Beatrice bloodhounds they confessed to murdering Mr. Dillon, but since being lodged in jail they tell different stories.

The suit of \$7,000 damages, begun almost a year ago by Mrs. Annie P. Galtry against James P. McCarthy, a Wymore ex-saloon keeper, and his two bonding companies, was disposed of Wednesday in district court. A settlement having been reached between the plaintiff and the defendant bondsmen, a special session of court was called to dispose of the case. The court rendered judgment in favor of Mrs. Galtry and allowed her damages in the sum of \$250.

A life insurance company is a financial institution which furnishes money to the family of the man who dies holding a policy in the company. It stands in precisely the same relation to the individual that the fire insurance company does to the house in which he lives. If your home is fully insured in a fire company and it burns, you are paid its value. If it is not insured the fire company pays you nothing. You carried your own risk, and not the company. But you cannot carry the risk on your own life, although you may on your property. This risk must be carried either by your family or some life insurance company. Which of the two is the better able to assume it, the family or the company? Upon which of the two will the loss be less severe? And upon whom do you prefer to leave the risk, upon the family or the company? The Midwest Life of Lincoln issues all the standard forms of policies.

The village of Diller, in Jefferson county, will vote on the proposition of a bond issue to install a water works system at the coming election. An agitation for fire protection was started in Diller some time ago by persistently keeping at it the boosters of the proposition have at last gotten the matter before the people in a tangible form. It is said that most of the people of the village favor a water works system and that the bond proposition will probably carry. The village of Western, over in Saline county, will also vote on a bond issue for the same purpose at the coming election.

## WITH MOTHER A CLOSE SECOND.



"Hi, you, Willie! What's do matter?" "Nuthin'. I'm trainin' for a Marathon!"

## HUMOR BURNED AND ITCHED.

Eczema on Hand, Arms, Legs and Face—It Was Something Terrible.

Complete Cure by Cuticura.

"About fifteen or eighteen years ago eczema developed on top of my head. It burned and itched so much that I was compelled to show it to a doctor. He pronounced it ringworm. After trying his different remedies the disease increased and went up my arms and to my legs and finally on my face. The burning was something terrible. I went to another doctor who had the reputation of being the best in town. He told me it was eczema. His medicine checked the advance of the disease, but no further. I finally concluded to try the Cuticura Remedies and found relief in the first trial. I continued until I was completely cured from the disease, and I have not been troubled since. C. Burkhardt, 235 W. Market St., Chambersburg, Pa., Sept. 19, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Agents, Boston.

**Taking No Chances.**  
"You always speak kindly to your wife?" said the prying friend.

"Always," answered Mr. Meekton. "I never think of giving Henrietta a harsh word."

"Because you believe in ruling by gentleness?"

"No. Because self-preservation is the first law of nature."

## How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WALTERS, KIRKMAN & BURNETT, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Cure for constipation.

**The Next War Play.**  
"What properties will we need for the battle scene?"

"None whatever. The stage will be bare. The men are supposed to be wearing invisible uniforms and firing smokeless powder from noiseless guns."

**Safe and Sure.**  
Among the medicines that are recommended and endorsed by physicians and nurses is Kemp's Balsam, the best cough cure. For many years it has been regarded by doctors as the medicine most likely to cure coughs, and it has a strong hold on the esteem of all well-informed people. When Kemp's Balsam cannot cure a cough we shall be at a loss to know what will. At Druggists' and Dealers', etc.

## Defined.

The Writer's Child—Pa, what is penury?  
The Writer—Penury, my son, is the wages of the pen.

**Red, Weak, Watery, Watery Eyes**  
Relieved by Murine Eye Remedy. Composed by Experienced Physicians. Murine Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain. Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for illustrated Eye Book. At Druggists.

A woman is always more economical than a man. Where a man will manufacture a lie out of the whole cloth a woman will use the remnants.

Your working power depends upon your health! Garfield Tea corrects disorders of liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels; overcomes constipation, purifies the blood—brings good health.

A good singer can always make women cry by singing "Home, Sweet Home." So many people long for a home, and so few have one.

Pettit's Eye Salve First Sold in 1807 100 years ago, sales increased yearly, wonderful remedy; cured millions weak eyes. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

A man ought to know a great deal to acquire a knowledge of the immensity of his ignorance.

**FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.**  
PAIN RELIEFMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded.

It's easy for a man's wife to dress well if his creditors can afford it.

**Mrs. Winslow's Scalding Syrup.**  
For children, soothes, softens the gums, relieves inflammation, always kills, cures whooping cough. 25c a bottle.

A man talks about love as though he felt ashamed of the conversation.

How can a spineless winter have its backbone broken?

Love is not blind, but those whom it affects are.

