

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

THE YEAR WAS NOT A GOOD ONE

Burlington's Net Earnings Show a Decrease in Comparison With Former Period—Democratic State Convention to Meet in Lincoln Aug. 15.

Burlington Report Filed.
LINCOLN—Notwithstanding the great prosperity in Nebraska during the last year the Burlington railroad did not make as much money in this state as it did the year previous. This year, as shown in its report filed with the secretary of the State Board of Assessment, its net earnings in Nebraska amounted to only \$5,395,768.12 or only \$2,066 a mile for every mile, main line and branch in the state. Last year it made on every mile it owned in the state the sum of \$2,290 a mile. No reason is given for this slump in its earnings. Its gross earnings in Nebraska amount to \$15,863,060.23, from which arbitrary allowances of roads east of the river on freight business, amounting to \$1,776,662.75 must be deducted, leaving a total gross earnings of only \$14,863,397.53. The road spent in operating expenses in this state the sum of \$8,224,049.60, while its taxes paid and taxes "tendered" amounted to \$446,579.51.
The capital stock of the road is \$110,839,100, and its value is not quoted on the market, the report says, and has not been on the market for four years.

Democratic State Convention.

LINCOLN—The democratic state convention will meet in Lincoln Wednesday, August 15, to nominate a full state ticket, including three railroad commissioners. The call does not include the endorsement of a candidate for the United States senate, but this can come up under the head of "such other business as may properly come before the convention." The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate for every 100 votes or fraction thereof cast for William G. Hastings for supreme judge. This will make a convention of 866 delegates.

Get Story of Earthquake.

PLATTSMOUTH—Mrs. Isaac Cecil is in receipt of a letter from a relative residing at San Jose, Cal., which gives some additional details of the recent earthquake which wrought so much destruction in San Francisco and other nearby towns. The writer reports that the handsome residence of Mrs. Joseph Martin and family, former residents of Plattsmouth, was torn from its foundation by the force of the shock and moved for a distance of nine feet. The occupants had a narrow escape from death under falling timbers, but none of them were seriously injured.

Fruit Prospects in Richardson.

HUMBOLDT—Opinion seem to be changing as regards the fruit prospect in this vicinity, and the latest report comes from O. Little, who is a recognized expert in horticultural matters. He says that after a careful investigation among the small orchards of the city he finds a certain portion, ranging from twenty to forty per cent of the buds are yet in a healthy condition, and he therefore predicts a fair-sized yield with the quality under continued favorable conditions much better than could be expected if the crop were full.

Assessment Board Meets May 7.

The State Board of Assessment will meet Monday, May 7, to begin the consideration of the value of railroad property, and not on May 1, as some members of the board supposed. The statutes fix the first Monday in May as the day of beginning, and not May 1, as has been frequently published. A number of roads which enter Nebraska over leased lines have failed to make any report, though a penalty becomes operative after April 15 if reports are not in. It is understood the penalty will not be enforced.

Will Ask Aid for Doctors.

LINCOLN—The homeopathic physicians of the state will ask for aid for the doctors who suffered loss in San Francisco. Dr. Eric B. Woodward of Lincoln, president of the state association, will receive gifts. Dr. James C. Wood of the national association wired Dr. Woodward from Cleveland asking for aid.

Boy Accidentally Kills Brother.

SEWARD—A fatal accident occurred at the home of M. J. Eicher of "N" township on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eicher were away from home, and the two boys took the rifle and went out to shoot at a mark. While placing the target, in some unaccountable way, the rifle was discharged and the boy Bennie was killed.

Farmer Suffers by Fire.

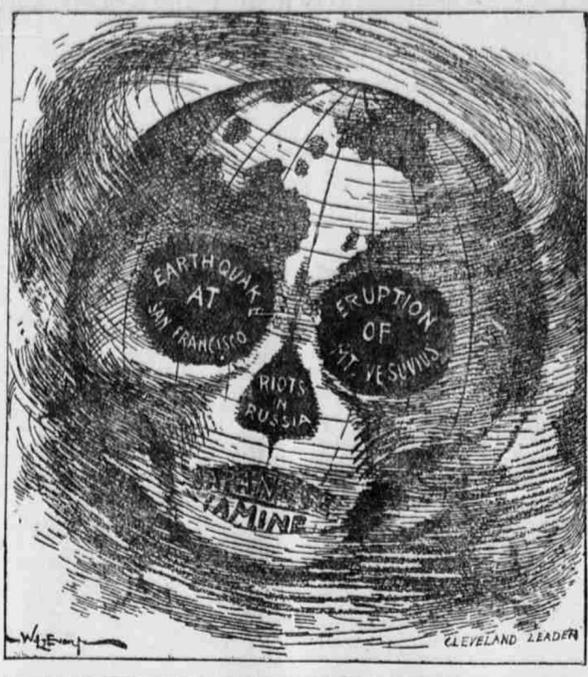
TEKAMAH—The home of Llewellyn Stevens, a farmer living about twelve miles from this place, was destroyed by fire. A sewing machine was all that was saved.

Grain Company Objects.

The Nye-Schneider-Fowler Elevator company filed in the supreme court a petition objecting to the depositions taken in the case some time ago and also to nearly all of the questions asked the witnesses. The petition covers forty or fifty pages.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

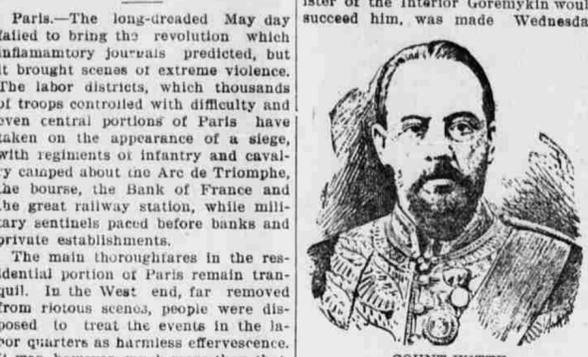
The printers of Beatrice have organized a union.
West Point gave over \$500 for San Francisco sufferers.
A block system is being installed on the railroad at Arlington.
Public schools in Nebraska quite formally observed Arbor day.
There is said to be quite a number of smallpox cases in Lincoln.
The democratic state convention will be held in Lincoln, August 15.
All Nebraska towns did nobly in furnishing succor to the earthquake sufferers.
Congressman Hinshaw has secured an increase in pension from \$6 to \$12 for Lewis E. Wolford of York.
After so many unfulfilled promises extending over a number of years, Beatrice is at last going to have a new Burlington depot.
Attorney McCandless of Wymore, was in Beatrice and purchased 500 trees to be planted in the parks of Wymore. He selected silver poplars, elms and hackberries.
The First National bank of Crofton, has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. Henry Lammers, president; H. J. Oswald, vice president; Frank Nelson, cashier.
L. A. Kimball, who settled in the state of Washington last year, is back in Oxford, after spending much time and money in looking for a better home than south-central Nebraska.
Rev. A. F. Ploetz, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Plattsmouth for more than five years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First German Presbyterian church in Lexington.
The state league of local building and loan associations will meet in Seward on May 24. Representatives of twenty towns will be in attendance, and a committee has been appointed to furnish proper entertainment.
The normal quartet will leave Peru May 11, for a tour lasting until May 19. They will sing at Weeping Water, and negotiations are under way for dates at Papillion, Mead Valley, Elkhorn and Elmwood.
While E. E. Day was taking in corn at Weeping Water, the team in the elevator became frightened and backed the wagon, and caught Mr. Day's right arm between the wagon wheel and the dump door, crushing the arm from elbow to wrist.
Dr. Stewart, a veterinary surgeon of Beatrice, lost a valuable horse from strychnine poisoning. It was discovered that someone had placed the poison in the feed box in the animal's stall. The matter will be thoroughly investigated by the authorities.
Tekamah, which voted \$10,000 electric light bonds some months ago and which the auditor refused to register because the bonds amounted to 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of the town, will after all get the bonds registered and be permitted to sell them.
The Curtis Bartlett company, successors to the Curtis-Van Denberg company of Clinton, Ia., has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state and will do business in Nebraska. The firm deals in lumber and it is now running an establishment in Lincoln and in Omaha.
Dr. George Gandy, a Humboldt surgeon, cut one of his hands quite badly when he attempted to brush his coat, and struck his hand against an open place, which he had thoughtlessly placed in his pocket. The hand was cut to the bone in several places and caused an ugly wound.
The York Brick company, owned and operated by home capital, commenced business one year ago, and although it has made thousands of brick it was unable to furnish all the brick that York bought. This year it has added to the plant until it is one of the largest in the state.
Nine of the Burlington freight cars, which were on a side track east of the Missouri river, opposite Plattsmouth, were consumed by fire. The origin of the fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from a passing engine. It is estimated that the loss will not exceed the sum of \$3,000.
M. B. Thompson, president of the Albion National bank, who has been confined to his bed for more than a month on account of paralysis, started last week for Indiana, the home of his relatives. A sleeping car was chartered and Mr. Thompson was taken the entire journey without change of cars.
Joseph Carsh, a young farmer of near Humboldt, made an unusual catch a few days ago when in discing his field he unearthed a nest of seven young grey wolves, a species that is almost extinct in that section. He took the animals to the county clerk and received thereon a bounty of \$29.75 from the state and county combined.
Buildings are now rapidly going up in the new Great Northern town of Leshara. Two lumber yards, two elevators, a hardware store and a butcher shop are now operating. A bank has been chartered and will soon be doing business. The postoffice has been established, though owing to the irregular train service, as yet mail is brought from Fremont by rural delivery.
Fears are entertained by his relatives and friends in Humboldt and vicinity, that Dr. George Tucker, who recently left there for California, to locate permanently, may have been a victim of the San Francisco horror. Up to this writing they have been unable to hear from him.
There is a great demand for mechanics throughout this section, says a Humboldt dispatch, extensive improvements going on both in the city and surrounding country. All carpenters and stone masons have their hands full.



REVOLT FAILS TO DEVELOP NAMES SUCCESSOR TO WITTE

Former Minister of the Interior Is Selected to Fill Position of Premier.

St. Petersburg.—The official announcement that Premier Witte's resignation had been accepted, coupled with the statement that former Minister of the Interior Goremykin would succeed him, was made Wednesday.



COUNT WITTE.
(Emperor Nicholas of Russia Has Accepted His Resignation as Premier.)

In view of the publications of the last few days, the former statement did not come as a surprise, but M. Goremykin's elevation to the premiership created amazement. He is not only regarded as a reactionary, but the general opinion is that he is not equal to the task of facing the coming crisis.

OPERATORS OUTLINE VIEWS

Issue Statement Regarding Causes with Led to Calling of Miners' Convention.

New York.—Anticipating the convention of miners at Scranton, Pa., the anthracite coal operators issued a statement outlining their view of the negotiations in the anthracite field up to date. The object of the statement, according to its introductory paragraph, is "to prevent misunderstanding of the situation which has led to the convention of miners at Scranton."

TWO BANKS HAVE TROUBLE

National and State Institutions, Controlled by Pittsburg Man Are Closed.

Pittsburg, Pa.—National Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham Wednesday closed the Delmont National bank at Delmont, Pa., of which James McQuaide, of this city, is president, and almost at the same time the attorney general's department at Harrisburg made application to the Dauphin county court for a receiver for the Monongahela Valley bank of Duquesne, which is alleged to be insolvent. Mr. McQuaide is vice president of the Monongahela bank and also has been conducting a chain of amusement enterprises about the country, which consists mainly of merry-go-rounds.

Fire Nearly Ruins Town.

Harrisville, W. Va.—Fire early Sunday morning threatened to wipe out the entire town, but was subdued after causing a loss of about \$25,000. The blaze started in the National hotel, destroyed that building, licked up the First National bank building and then burned the post office with all its contents. Every available man in the town was called upon to fight the flames. The only fire fighting apparatus to be obtained was two hand fire engines with which, supplemented by a bucket brigade the fire was controlled.

Building Strike in Oshkosh.

Oshkosh, Wis.—All building operations where union men were employed have ceased, all union carpenters of the city, about 150 in all, going on strike. The demand is for a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour.

Wells May Be Going Dry.

Elgin, Ill.—Fears are felt that the artesian wells installed in 1904 are going dry. It is asserted that at times the flow is not great enough to supply the city and that water has to be pumped directly from Fox river.

IO FEAR OF HARD TIMES

FRISCO HAS CAPITAL IN SIGHT FOR ALL NEEDS.

Work of Clearing Up Burned Section Progressing—New Yorkers Ready to Advance Money.

San Francisco.—An investigation made Wednesday demonstrated that the fear that San Francisco will suffer a period of hard times as an aftermath of the disastrous fire is unfounded. Careful estimate made by authorities competent to speak, show that within the next year there will be over \$200,000,000 available for the rehabilitation of San Francisco.

The following figures made clear where this sum is to originate: Investment of new Geary street municipal road, \$340,000; Home Telephone company expenditures, \$1,000,000; insurance losses now due and payable (approximately), \$175,000,000; United railroads new constructions, \$9,000,000; city bonds of 1904, sum still available, \$17,000,000; Ocean Shore railway, approximated expenditures here, \$1,000,000; restoration of Pacific States Telephone company, \$1,000,000; restoration of government buildings, \$770,000; building of sea wall, \$2,000,000. Total, \$207,110,000.

It is expected that a large part of this money will come from eastern and foreign capitalists. In figuring the two hundred and odd million which will be available, the investigators did not take into consideration the sums that may be raised for the beautification and improvement of the city.

Signs of renewal of industrial activity were apparent in many parts of the burned districts, and the work of clearing away debris preparatory to rebuilding was in progress in a score of places. It was said that plans for over 30 large buildings have been drawn, and will be submitted to the authorities after the new building laws are promulgated.

San Francisco.—The first definite proposition for furnishing money on a large scale to San Francisco for the purpose of rebuilding some of the burned sections was made public Tuesday, when it was announced that a syndicate of New York capitalists had agreed to advance \$100,000,000. The news came in a telegram received by W. F. Herrin, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, from United States Senator Newlands, of Nevada, who had a large interest in the burned Palace hotel. Senator Newlands stated that he had submitted the plan to New York financiers and that they had virtually consented to supply the money on a bond and mortgage basis. The names of the New York people are not given. The offer is under discussion by the local finance committee.

CONSTABLES FIRE ON MOB

Foreign Mineworkers Attack State Police with Stones and Receive Shower of Bullets.

Mount Carmel, Pa.—The first serious collision in the anthracite coal regions since mining was suspended on April 1, occurred here Monday between a mob of idle mine workers and a platoon of the new state constabulary force, and resulted in the injuring of probably 20 men, three of them will likely die.

The disturbance was caused by an attack on a detail of the state police by several hundred foreigners, who threw stones at the policemen and otherwise endangered their lives to such an extent that they were forced to fire on the crowd.

While it is believed that a score of persons were injured during the day only ten are accounted for. Three, it is thought, will die.

Set Date for Vote.

Washington.—The senate will begin voting on the amendments to the railroad rate bill on Friday, May 4. An amendment to that effect was reached Monday, but it proved impossible to so extend the understanding as to provide to have it include the fixing of a date for taking a final vote on the bill as a whole. Senator Tillman first proposed a final vote on May 9, but Senator Morgan objected.

Rockefeller's Aid Is Dead.

Cleveland, O.—Henry C. Rouse, chairman of the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway company and president of a number of other western railways, died here Monday of pneumonia. Mr. Rouse represented Mr. Rockefeller on the boards of a number of railway companies. At the time of his death he was a director in at least 25 transportation companies.

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Receiver for Bond Company.

Chicago.—Judge Bethea in the federal court Wednesday granted an application for the appointment of a receiver for the American Reserve Bond company. The Western Trust and Savings bank was named.

Fire in Illinois Town.

Peoria, Ill.—Peoria was appealed to for help Wednesday morning as the result of a fire which destroyed the Verry elevator, the Methodist church and several residences at Arlington, in Tazewell county.

GOLL FOUND GUILTY.

Former Assistant Cashier of First National of Milwaukee Is Convicted on Thirty-Four Counts.

Milwaukee.—Henry G. Goll former assistant cashier of the First National bank of this city was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court Sunday on 19 counts out of 34. The counts in the indictments against the defendant on which he was found guilty relate to false entries and the misapplication of funds in the bank, those relating to embezzlement and telegrams being thrown out.

The verdict was reached by the jury after a session lasting eight hours. The amount of money which Goll was alleged to have misapplied was about \$250,000. Mr. Goll was unmoved by the verdict and referred all interviewers to his attorneys. He was remanded to the custody of the United States marshal.

Attorney William B. Rubin, for the defendant, at once made a motion for a new trial.

The trial of Henry G. Goll lasted exactly three weeks, during which time a large volume of evidence was submitted to the jury. The most interesting part of the testimony was that offered by the former president of the bank, Frank G. Bigelow, who is now serving a ten years' sentence at the Fort Leavenworth prison, he having pleaded guilty to looting the bank, without undergoing a trial. Bigelow testified that many of the acts with which Goll was charged were committed under his direction, but stated that he had no knowledge of some of them. Aside from Bigelow's testimony, bank officials were subpoenaed from several outside cities and testified as to various accounts with the Milwaukee bank. Several bookkeepers and tellers of the bank gave testimony on most of the charges, the basis for which having been unearthed by the government's expert accountant.

Goll was Monday denied his freedom on a bail bond pending argument for a new trial before United States District Judge Quarles on Saturday next.

APOSTLE IS NEAR TO DEATH

Dowie's Followers Are Offering Prayers for the Healing of Zion's Deposed Leader.

Chicago.—John Alexander Dowie, deposed leader of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church, is said to be near death. In his room at Shiloh house, Zion City, he is surrounded by a few of "the faithful." Special prayers for the healing of the "first apostle" have been substituted for the usual daily business programme in some quarters. Friends and attendants of Dowie deny that his mental or physical condition has caused them to halt in their fight for control of Zion City, but it is known by those who are in close touch with the deposed prophet that his health is a matter of only a short time.

Chicago.—Zion's revolt withstood the test of John Alexander Dowie's magnetic presence Sunday. Dowie ruled supreme over the hosts of enthusiasts recreant to the trust imposed in them by the renounced "first apostle."

While the enfeebled founder of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church pleaded with tears and sobs to a mere handful of the faithful in Shiloh tabernacle, the thousands who had renounced him assembled in the open air on the college campus and there again renounced their former leader and spurned him as though he were the leader of an invasion by the devil's angels.

RECEIVER FOR BOND CO.

Application of Investors in American Reserve Concern Is Granted.

Chicago.—Judge Bethea in the federal court Wednesday granted an application for the appointment of a receiver for the American Reserve Bond company. The Western Trust and Savings bank was named and the bonds fixed at \$20,000. The complainants in the bill are Wirt E. Humphrey, who invested \$1,011, and Jake Filkowitz, who invested \$416. The defendants besides the American Reserve Bond company are alleged subsidiary companies: The Southern Mutual Investment company, Lexington, Ky.; the North American Investment company of the United States, St. Louis, and the Colonial Security company, of St. Louis.

Mine Swallows a Village.

Quinnsee, Mich.—Over an acre of ground went down with a great roar, carrying a number of buildings with it. It was thought for a time that the entire town would go. The ground fell 100 feet, and it was found to be a cave in over the workings of an abandoned mine. Considerable damage was done, the city water system being badly crippled. There is fear that the other parts of the town may fall. The mine workings extend under a good part of it.

Confess to Eight Murders.

Dresden, Saxony.—Max Dittrich, a leather worker, who was arrested recently on the suspicion of murder confessed to the police that he had killed eight persons in the course of seven years.

Swedish Lutheran Conference.

Joliet, Ill.—The annual district conference of the Swedish Lutheran church convened Wednesday evening, with 230 delegates and 115 pastors, representing Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.