

# NEBRASKA NOTES

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMON WEALTH.

### FARMERS PREPARING TO STRIKE

Formation of a State Branch of the American Society of Equity—Losses of Nebraska People at San Francisco—Miscellaneous Matters.

#### Farmers Prepare to Strike.

HASTINGS—Farmers representing ten central Nebraska counties met here and formed a state branch of the American Society of Equity. Resolutions were adopted vigorously endorsing the farmers' strike which was called by the society's officers in Indianapolis two months ago.

The purpose of the association is to control through united action the prices of all farm products, the general plan being to withhold products until market prices have advanced to the minimum standard fixed by the national officers. The standard for the strike called in February fixed the price of wheat at \$1 per bushel, with a corresponding increase in the price of other grains and agricultural products. The society proposes to maintain its own system of crop reporting and to base the price standards, which are published in the official organ each month, upon the crop figures thus obtained.

National Organizer Sherman has been at work in this section of Nebraska since February 12 and thus far has enrolled 4,000 members. The counties represented in the meeting here are Adams, Kearney, Howard, Buffalo, Hall, Webster, Clay, Hamilton, Phelps and York.

The following officers were elected: President, O. B. Schafer, Hastings; vice president, J. S. Canady, Minden; secretary, C. C. Williams, Hastings; corresponding secretary, William D. McGaffey, Glenview; treasurer, A. G. Bloomfield, Minden.

#### Former Tecumseh People Lose.

TECUMSEH—Charles Stewart, brother of Dr. M. Stewart of Tecumseh, was a San Francisco financial sufferer. He was erecting a \$200,000 hotel across the street from the St. Francis hotel and the building was nearing completion. It was completely wrecked, and as Mr. Stewart was unable to have insurance on a building which was in course of construction his loss will be great. Mr. Stewart escaped from the city with his family. Dr. Stewart's sister, Mrs. Lillie Purdie, was one of the more fortunate ones, her residence not being destroyed. Miss Nellie Morse, a sister of Mrs. L. M. Davis of this city, was a teacher in the San Francisco schools. Fortunately she happened to be visiting at Healdsburg when the earthquake and fire occurred. She lost her personal effects, however.

#### Nebraska Companies Lose Little.

None of the Nebraska insurance companies were hard hit by reason of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Insurance Deputy Pierce received a report from the following companies showing how much they were liable for by reason of the calamity. Farmers and Merchants, net liability \$1,000. The Nebraska Underwriters had a liability of \$750 of reinsurance. The State Insurance company of Omaha carried two risks, amounting to \$2,250. This company has not yet been informed whether its risks were destroyed.

#### Money Sent to Frisco.

Governor Mickey sent to James D. Phelan, head of the relief committee of San Francisco, a draft for \$2,416.73, the balance in his hands for the relief of the California sufferers. There has been sent in all through Governor Mickey \$5,437.08, of which sum \$3,020.35 was spent for provisions. Friday the governor received a telegram that the sufferers needed money rather than provisions.

#### Champion Cow of the World.

LINCOLN—Florence Aldrie VI., a splendid red shorthorn cow at the Nebraska experiment station at the state farm, has produced 10,487 pounds of milk during the last year, which made 482.84 pounds of butter. This makes her the champion shorthorn cow of the world, according to statistics compiled on the subject by Prof. A. L. Haacker.

#### Peach Crop Partly Saved.

TECUMSEH—Early in the spring it was presumed the peach crop had been lost in this section owing to late frosts. However, the fruit raisers now agree that there will be at least two-thirds of a crop of the fruit.

#### Smallpox Almost Eradicated.

COLUMBUS—All danger from smallpox here has passed and there is but one case in the city. The board of health and city have done all in their power to wipe out the disease.

#### Brother Sought Revenge.

KEARNEY—Everett Edwards, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Anna Grosh, was released from the county jail, his bond in the amount of \$2,000 being signed by A. U. Dann. Somers Grosh, brother of the dead girl, attempted to kill Edwards by shooting. Edwards was on his way to the train when he was met by Grosh, who pulled a revolver and shot. The shot hit him on the left side, but an account of a heavy overcoat the ball did not penetrate his clothing.

## OVER THE STATE.

Ogallala will have two saloons this year.

The citizens of Arlington are moving for a curfew law.

The Burlington will build a hand some depot at Alliance.

The city gas works of Kearney has been sold to H. D. Watson.

The mother of ex-Congressman Mercer died in Omaha last week.

Walter Arends of Syracuse died suddenly in Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

John Gabrinsky of Dodge county died from injuries received in a run away.

Liquor dealers of the state will have their annual gathering in Columbus next month.

Hon. J. H. McCall of Lexington died last week. He was a thirty-second degree Mason.

The new Springdale Methodist church in Valley county is about ready for dedication.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the forming of the Farmers' Elevator company of Bee.

John Rickett, a grocer in West Beatrice, was severely cut and bruised about the head and body in a runaway accident.

Ida Terrill, an Omaha girl, held up an insurance man at the end of a six shooter and took from him \$323. She is under arrest.

Copy for the docket for the May term of district court will contain 1,210 civil cases, a decrease of 109 from the number in the February docket.

Elmer Fisher of Fillmore county, who was in San Francisco the night of the earthquake, has written his father that he was in the midst of it, but escaped unhurt.

The relatives and friends of Roy W. Hinsdale at Beatrice were very much relieved last week when they received a telegram from him at San Francisco saying he was all right.

The state oratorical contest will be held in Lexington May 11. There are twelve schools to take part, four in the oratorical, four in the dramatic and four in the humorist class.

Dr. and Mrs. Halderman, who had been visiting at Ord, had started home but did not reach San Francisco in time for the earthquake. Most of their baggage was lost, but they are safe.

The registered live stock breeders of Johnson county have organized the Johnson County Breeders' Association, a society which will be maintained for the mutual interests of its membership.

One of the biggest land deals consummated in Gage county in years was the sale last week of the Emery Ellis section northwest of the city to Henry Damkroger and Henry Pohlman for \$49,000 cash.

Edward D. Snyder of Nemaha county has been adjudged insane and taken to the hospital at Lincoln for treatment. Mr. Snyder is one of the substantial farmers residing three miles east of Auburn.

Advices have been received at Platte mouth from Guthrie, Okla., reporting the tragic death of Ed Jardine, who, for many years, resided in Cass county. He was burned to death by gasoline explosion.

During a storm P. Hinkson, residing a few miles northwest of Alda, was struck by lightning. Mr. Hinkson had just finished feeding his stock when the bolt of lightning struck close, rendering him unconscious.

Mrs. S. R. Gist of Humboldt has received word from her parents, Judge and Mrs. E. A. Tucker of Los Angeles, to the effect that their son, Dr. George Tucker, who was thought to be a victim of the San Francisco disaster, had arrived home safely.

B. F. Warren, a wealthy citizen of Springfield, Kan., who has been at Alliance investigating land and brought several thousand dollars for investment, disappeared last week. No traces of him has yet been discovered. His personal property is at a local hotel. Foul play is feared.

Lieutenant Puller of Nebraska who was blown up by explosion of dynamite in helping to save San Francisco buildings, is now dead, as reported in press dispatches. E. B. Mather of Eldora, an old friend and comrade in the Third Nebraska regiment, has heard from him, and finds that he is all right.

Rollin Smith, formerly of Ord, had a thrilling experience at San Francisco. He escaped from a hotel that collapsed and through streets that were turning to furnaces of fire made his way to friends in Oakland. One policeman whom he saw looking up had his head severed from the body by a piece of falling plate glass.

Mrs. Sarah Young, for herself and her minor child commenced an action in the district court of Butler county against R. L. Beveridge, a saloon keeper of David City and the Metropolitan Bond and Surety company of Omaha for \$5,000 for the death of her husband whom she alleges became intoxicated from liquor sold in the saloon.

Sheriff Quinton of Cass county has received word from Sheriff Ehlers of Polk county offering a reward of \$75 for the return of a valuable team, harness and buggy and the person who stole them from A. O. Tolboy of that county.

Henry Finley, who recently moved from Tecumseh to Highland, Kan., underwent the amputation of a limb one day recently. He was suffering with necrosis of the ankle bones and gangrene set in. To save his life it was necessary to amputate his leg just below the knee.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT!



### GORMAN IS CRITICALLY ILL.

LIFE OF MARYLAND SENATOR DESPAIRED OF.

Suffering from Ailment from Which It Is Feared He Cannot Recover.

Washington.—Senator Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland, is critically ill at his home in this city. He has not been in his seat in the senate for many months. Within the last few days he had a severe sinking spell and his life was despaired of.

His sickness began several months ago with an attack of the grip, with



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every indication that it would culminate in pneumonia, but this was averted, and now, it is learned, he is suffering from a complication of ailments which give no promise of his recovery.

It was stated at Senator Gorman's house that he was somewhat better and had spent some time in reading, although, of course, too ill to leave his room. Despite his very serious condition, he has expressed a desire to go to his farm near Laurel, Md., if his condition should improve sufficiently to permit his removal there.

#### Big Lake Strike Ends.

Cleveland, O.—Following conferences between President Keefe, of the Longshoremen's union and allied labor interests and representatives of the dock managers, it was announced Wednesday night that the strike of the longshoremen on the lakes has been settled. The men will go back to work on the basis of last season's wages, pending another conference.

#### Masonic Temple Burned.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Fire Wednesday damaged the Masonic Temple at Washington street and Capitol avenue, to the extent of \$15,000 and caused a total loss of \$25,000. Raper commandery and several blue lodges lost their paraphernalia.

#### Decide Against Crapsey.

Batavia, N. Y.—The court in session here Wednesday in the Crapsey case has considered both charges and specifications of the presentment, and the vote throughout has been 4 to 1 against Dr. Crapsey.

#### Captain and Crew Drowned.

Cleveland, O.—The schooner Algeria sank about two miles off the harbor of Cleveland Wednesday morning, and Capt. Martin Eller and three of his men lost their lives.

#### Heads American Tract Society.

New York.—The eighty-first annual meeting of the American Tract society was held Wednesday. William Phillips Hall was elected president to succeed Gen. O. O. Howard, who retires amid regrets.

#### Fanatics Loot Town.

Manila.—May 7, a band of Salvadoran, long-haired religious fanatics known as "Fuzzy Wuzzies," looted the town of Malasita, in the province of Pangasinan. A force of constabulary is on the trail.

### TO CONTINUE AWARD.

Miners Will Work for Three Years More Under Terms of Anthracite Agreement.

New York.—After carrying on negotiations for nearly three months, the subcommittee representing the anthracite mine workers and operators of eastern Pennsylvania Monday agreed to continue the award of the strike commission for another three years and the men will return to work as soon as practicable, probably Monday.

All miners who have not committed violence against persons or property will be reemployed and no one will be discriminated against because of any activity he may have taken in the strike movement.

The outcome of a dispute, which threatened to develop into a long, bitter struggle and paralyze a great industry, was looked upon with considerable satisfaction by the coal road presidents, as the agreement entered into is their first proposition made early in March in reply to the mine workers' original demands.

The miners had little to say regarding the agreement, except that it was the best they could do. They pointed out, however, that the agreement entered into is the first general agreement that has ever been signed between the operators and miners, and they look upon it as a step forward in their efforts to have regular agreements with their employers.

### JOE CANNON IS BORN AGAIN

Speaker Reaches Seventieth Mile Post and Starts to Fill Out Second Cycle.

Washington.—Speaker Cannon was the guest at a reception given him Monday night at the Arlington hotel by his colleagues in the house of representatives in honor of his seventieth birthday.

It was a notable occasion, made so by the presence of President Roosevelt and almost every official of note in Washington, and others from outside cities who called to extend their congratulations.

As Speaker Cannon knew every one who called to congratulate him introductions were unnecessary. He gave a cordial welcome to all his friends and heartily responded to the good wishes. The reception lasted from nine to 12 o'clock and was attended by probably 1,200 persons. There were no ladies present.

#### Road Must Pay Taxes.

Springfield, Ill.—According to an opinion rendered Monday by Attorney General Stead to the auditor of public accounts, in answer to an inquiry from the auditor as to how he should value the property of the Illinois Central railway for taxation, the Illinois Central must pay taxes on some \$80,000,000 in stock and \$25,000,000 of bonds on which the railway company has claimed exemption on the ground that the stocks are debits and should be deducted from the credits of the road.

#### Tornado in Michigan.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—A tornado accompanied by an electrical storm did \$10,000 damage here Tuesday. The Methodist church steeple was struck by lightning and burned. Most of the wind damage was in the valley of Allen's creek, the Cornwell coal sheds suffering the most.

#### Pistol Shots in Cuban House.

Havana.—During the session of the house of representatives Wednesday two revolver shots were fired. Several members feared it was an attempt to cause a riot. The man who fired the shots was arrested.

#### Lumber Manufacturers Adjourn.

St. Louis.—After deciding on Norfolk, Va., as the place for the next annual convention, the National Lumber Manufacturers' association adjourned without naming a date for the 1907 gathering.

## FOUR SLAIN BY ASSASSIN

ATTACK MADE ON GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF MOSCOW.

Official Is Badly Wounded—Murderer Is Victim of His Own Missile.

Moscow.—Vice Admiral Doubassoff, governor general of Moscow, was frightfully wounded by the explosion of a bomb thrown at his carriage Sunday afternoon. One foot was blown off and he was seriously injured in the back and head. It is feared his injuries will terminate fatally.

News comes also that the governor general of Elizabethpol, in the Caucasus, was assassinated Sunday and that the governor general of Ekaterinoslav was shot and killed Saturday night by six men who escaped.

The man who threw the bomb was killed by the explosion. Col. Kokonetzoff, the governor general's adjutant, was killed, as was a policeman and a boy who happened to be near at hand. A number of bystanders were injured and the coachman's skull was fractured. The carriage was demolished.

Gov. Gen. Doubassoff was returning in an open carriage from the Uspenski cathedral, and the outrage took place outside the carriage entrance to his palace. Several bystanders were injured.

According to the route decided upon in advance, the governor general, should have returned to the palace by the side entrance, but during the drive he changed his route and thereby ran into the peril he was seeking to avoid.

Vice Admiral Doubassoff's life was saved by the poor aim of his would-be assassin. The bomb exploded on the pavement several paces to the rear of his carriage, hurling the mutilated corpse of the terrorist several yards backward, and tearing off one arm and the face of an aid who was descending from the carriage. Gov. Gen. Doubassoff was thrown from his carriage and under the horse's heels. His back was burned and his legs bruised, but he was able to walk unassisted into the palace.

The coachman's skull was fractured and he was taken to a hospital.

It is thought the assassin was the student in whose rooms a bomb exploded Saturday killing three accomplices, but who at the time was watching the palace from a room in the hotel opposite.

### AGREE ON RATE BILL.

Differences Regarding Power of Courts Harmonized—Speedy Passage Predicted.

Washington.—What amounts practically to an agreement on the existing differences concerning court features of the railroad rate bill has been reached by the senate conference extending over the last week, and Senator Allison will offer an amendment conferring jurisdiction upon the circuit courts to hear and determine suits brought against the interstate commerce commission. The amendment will not suggest to the court whether their judicial review shall be confined to constitutional questions or whether it shall be an inquiry into the justness or reasonableness of the rates fixed by the commission.

Senator Long, who made the principal legal argument for the house bill, and Senators Aldrich and Crane, the leaders in the movement seeking an amendment providing for a broad court review, expressed themselves as favoring the amendment, and both factions are agreed that the compromise is satisfactory to President Roosevelt. Undoubtedly this means that obstacles to the speedy passage of the measure have been removed.

### CHINESE BOYCOTT WANING

Surprise at Peking Over Apprehension in America Arent Trade with the Orient.

Peking.—The statements to the effect that there is apprehension in the United States that the boycott of American goods is growing have caused surprise here. All the information obtainable shows that the movement is waning.

The Chinese customs report for 1906 just issued, shows that the American imports were 77,000,000 taels, compared with 29,000,000 in 1905.

It appears that the importers made enormous speculative purchases early in the year, chiefly in anticipation of war demands and a decrease in imports would be natural under any circumstances until these stocks are distributed.

#### Whitecappers Fined.

Jackson, Miss.—Over 300 citizens of Franklin county charged with being members of a white capper organization, pleaded guilty Tuesday to the charge of intimidating government homesteaders and were each assessed \$25 and three months' imprisonment. The imprisonment was held up pending good behavior.

#### Great Flood in China.

Washington.—The state department Tuesday received the following cablegram from the American consul at Hankau, China: "Immense flood in Hunan province. Great loss of life and property. All foreigners safe."

#### Forged Joe Leiter's Name.

Vienna.—An Englishman named Frazer was sentenced Tuesday to two years' imprisonment at hard labor for representing himself to be the son of Joseph Leiter, of Chicago, and drawing checks in Mr. Leiter's name.

## SEEKS CHANGE IN RATES.

Postmaster General Cortelyou Urges Revision of Second-Class Postal Statutes.

Washington.—Postmaster General Cortelyou has recommended to congress the appointment of a commission to inquire into the subject of second-class matter with a view to ascertaining what modifications of the present second-class laws are necessary, the commission to render its report to congress not later than December 10, 1906.

In recommending this commission the postmaster general, in his communication to the committees on post offices and post roads of the senate says:

"The existing statute regulating the second-class of mail matter are out of date; they do not meet modern requirements of the publishing industry, and the administration of them unnecessarily and unreasonably hampers the publishers of bona fide newspapers and periodicals."

Postmaster General Cortelyou expresses the belief that such commission, if appointed, will be able to make recommendations to congress which will result in the passage of a law that will be equitable to publishers, relieve them from present annoyances and restrictions, and at the same time protect the interests of the government.

### MUST KEEP UP FRISCO AID

Secretary Metcalf Says Reports of Devastation in Stricken City Are Not Exaggerated.

Washington.—Secretary Metcalf explained to the president and cabinet that the reports of the devastation wrought by the earthquake and fire were not exaggerated, and that the work of relief necessarily must continue for some time. He praised the army for its efficient work and said that Dr. Devine, representing the Red Cross, and the citizens' relief committee, had done and were doing everything possible. He was emphatic in his commendation of E. H. Harriman, of the Southern Pacific, who, he said, personally was on the ground and in addition to affording the facilities of his road, had given largely of his personal funds and assisted otherwise in the work of relief.

### BOARD TO RULE ZION CITY

Dowie and Voliva to Select Representatives, with Court Holding Balance of Power.

Belvidere, Ill.—The Zion City affairs shall be ruled by a committee of three, one chosen by Voliva, one by Dowie, and one by the circuit court judges hearing the case, they to have charge until the injunction matter is finally disposed of, is the temporary settlement of the legal battle between the Zion City factions, provided Dowie agrees to the proposal. His attorneys will report his wishes to Judge Wright in Chicago.

It was announced that the attorneys in the case had agreed to a proposition of the court for a temporary settlement of the troubles.

### BEGIN WAR ON DRUG TRUST

Government Files Petition in Indiana Asking Injunction Against Alleged Combine.

Washington.—The attorney general Wednesday made public the following statement: "The government has to day filed in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Indiana a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the 'Drug Trust of the United States.' The parties defendant specifically named in the bill have voluntarily combined together to control the prices at which which proprietary medicines and drugs shall be sold to the consumer through the retail druggists in violation of the Sherman antitrust law."

#### Illinois Primary Bill.

Springfield, Ill.—The house Wednesday passed the senate primary bill as amended by the substitution of the Shurtleff measure, by a vote of 84 to 56. The senate refused to concur in the Shurtleff primary election bill, passed by the house. Conference committees will be appointed.

#### Orders Bank to Close.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Shortly before the time for the Columbia Savings and Trust company, of this city, to open its doors for business Wednesday word was received from the state commissioner of banking, J. C. Berkey, ordering the bank closed. The order was at once obeyed.

#### Editor Would Be Senator.

Omaha, Neb.—The candidacy of Edward Rosewater, proprietor of the Omaha Bee, for the Republican nomination for United States senator at the coming state convention, is announced in the Bee in a signed article by his son.

#### Germany to Tax Autos.

Berlin.—The reichstag Wednesday passed a bill taxing automobiles from two to ten marks per horse power. A motion to exempt from taxation all automobiles used for commercial and industrial uses was rejected.

#### Alleges Bribe Was Solicited.

New York.—H. Milton Kennedy, who had a contract for the removal of refuse and ashes from Brooklyn, testified Wednesday that State Senator Patrick H. McCarran asked Kennedy's financial backer for \$25,000.