

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMON WEALTH.

A BILL THAT AFFECTS NEBRASKA

Certain Townships in the State Are to Be Resurveyed—Standard Beet Sugar Company's Factory to Be Run This Year as Usual.

Resurveys for Nebraska. WASHINGTON—The house has passed a bill for the resurvey of certain townships for the state of Nebraska. The bill follows:

"That the secretary of the interior be and is hereby authorized to cause to be made a resurvey of the lands in township 23 north of range 12, township 23 north of range 13, township 28 north of range 14, township 32 north of range 47, townships 25 and 26 north of range 32, township 29 north of range 35, all west of the sixth principal meridian, in the state of Nebraska; townships 17, 18, 19, and 20 north of ranges 30, 31, 32, 34 and 35 west of the sixth principal meridian, in Nebraska; and all rules and regulations of the interior department requiring petitions from all settlers of said counties asking for resurvey and agreement to abide by the result of the same, so far as these lands are concerned, are hereby abrogated: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair the present bona fide claim of any actual occupant of said lands so occupied: Provided further, that before any survey is ordered it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the secretary of the interior that the former official survey of said lands is so generally inaccurate or obliterated as to make it necessary to survey the land, and only such parts of the land where the survey is so inaccurate or obliterated shall be surveyed."

Ames Factory Wants Beets.

FREMONT—Manager Scilley of the Standard Beet Sugar company says the Ames factory will be run the coming season and that the receivership insures that. All claims for last season's beets will be paid in full and there will be money to pay for this season's beets. The company, he says, has made money every year until 1905, and the present situation is due to the poor quality of last year's crop. With a good season, he says, they will more than pay off all the floating indebtedness besides the running expenses. The most of the crop of last year came from the western part of the state, the largest acreage being at North Platte, and if the farmers out there do not raise beets this season the company may be short of beets.

Killed by Headache Tablets.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Elsie M. Pearson, wife of A. F. Pearson of Altoona, Kas., died on a Missouri Pacific train on the way from Kansas City to Lincoln, where she was coming to visit her mother, Mrs. W. J. Hamilton. Mrs. Pearson was very ill with heart trouble when she took the train at Kansas City. During the night she called the porter, complained of a very severe headache and asked him to bring her grip to her. From this she took a box of headache tablets and swallowed a number of them. Before long the passengers on the car were alarmed by agonized cries coming from Mrs. Pearson's berth, and the conductor and porter hastened to her assistance, but could give her little relief, except water to drink. She died when the train was a few miles west of Weeping Water.

Drawn Into a Crusher.

TABLE ROCK—One of the most shocking accidents which ever occurred in Table Rock happened here at the yards of the Table Rock Clay company, resulting in the instantaneous death of Frank W. Bately, an employe of the company, who had the supervision of the machinery department. The sleeve of his left arm caught in the cog wheel of the crusher, and drew him into the machinery. He was dead before the machinery could be stopped.

Will Fight Trusts.

WYMORE—The lumber trust in Wymore will have fierce competition. At a meeting at the open house, the Farmers' Lumber and Coal company was organized. This company is composed of over a hundred of the prominent farmers and business men of Wymore and vicinity.

Wants Son Pardoned.

LINCOLN—William Atkinson of South Omaha called on Governor Mickey and asked for the pardon of his son, Albert. The latter was sentenced to three years for highway robbery.

Schoolmates Honor Victor.

SIDNEY—The depot platform was crowded with the faculty and members of the Sidney High school, who extended a cordial welcome home to Arthur Oberfelder, the successful contestant at the oratorical contest at Lexington.

Nail Lodged in Throat.

GRAND ISLAND—W. B. Billis, a carpenter of Cairo, was brought to the St. Francis hospital in this city with a single nail lodged in his throat. While at work on a barn Billis went to get a drink of water. When about to climb the ladder to proceed again to his work, he placed a few nails in his mouth, and one of them accidentally lodged in his throat. An operation became necessary to remove the obstruction. The outcome is yet in doubt.

OVER THE STATE.

Evangelist Lyon is holding tabernacle meetings at Columbus.

The Grand Island board of education re-elected all old teachers.

The new band at Beatrice will soon be ready to make engagements.

Valley has voted to enlarge its school building in time for fall term.

A ferocious dog at Fremont bit several children before being despatched.

The state dental society held its annual meeting in Omaha last week.

Edgar proposes to celebrate on the glorious Fourth in a becoming manner.

The graduating exercises of the Nebraska City high school will be held on Friday, June 1.

David Goering, a young farmer living near Barmeston, has been adjudged insane and taken to the asylum.

York county farmers who have tried the home made split log drag are loud in praising the wonderful good work done by it.

Daniel Freeman of Gage county, the first man to take a homestead in Nebraska, is home from the south, where he spent the winter.

At a meeting of the citizens of Adams they voted to hold a street carnival July 27 and 28. J. A. Miller, chairman; W. C. Gray, secretary; F. B. Fisher, treasurer.

Governor Mickey and Dr. Edward A. Ross of the University of Nebraska will address the class of eighteen graduates from the state normal school at Kearney May 29.

C. W. Pullen of Litchfield, Ill., has leased the coal prospects on the B. D. Tait farm, southeast of Nebraska City, and will put a force of men at work and prospect the deposit.

The accountants who have been examining the treasurer's books of the city of Falls City and the Falls City school board finished their work last week and reported that they found Treasurer Irving Bod short in the city fund \$6,065 and in the school fund \$5,760.

A member of the demi-monde living on the outskirts of Grand Island appropriated a rig standing in front of one of the places, drove to the city and picked up the little child of Mrs. Bernth, driving away with it. She was overtaken and the child restored.

The supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the Rohrbough Business college of Omaha to the effect that the college is a school and is therefore permitted to deduct from its value for assessment purposes that part used exclusively for school purposes.

The \$25,000 stock for the new Commercial Stock company of Nebraska City has been subscribed, and the stockholders will meet for the purpose of electing officers and directors. The company has been promoted to foster all good things for the best interests of the town and induce new industries to locate there.

Mrs. G. H. Westgate and son, Raymond, were both seriously injured in a runaway accident that occurred at the Burlington passenger depot in York, when a passenger train arrived, scaring the horse that ran into the Westgate horse, causing it to become frightened and turning over the buggy, throwing both on the ground.

The officers of the United States land office at North Platte have begun the publication of a notice notifying the public that on August 20, 1906, the e½ of township 15 and also the e½ of township 16 in range 33 in Lincoln county, will be restored to homestead entry, the same having been withdrawn for irrigation purposes prior to the time when the Kinkaid act took effect. This land is situated near the Birdwood creek and there is vacant in the land to be restored about 5,000 acres.

The next encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Fremont. This was decided at the business meeting of the veterans almost unanimously. A big fight on the part of Lincoln has been anticipated, but failed to materialize, as nearly all of the veterans resent what they think scant attention paid to them by the citizens and business men of Lincoln and the opposition to the capital was almost unanimous. Because of this when the motion was made to hold the next encampment in Fremont it went through with a whoop.

A supreme court decision which will be of interest to every real estate broker in the state is that of the case of Jane E. Barney against George B. Lasbury, in which the verdict of the district court was reversed and the cause remanded. Lasbury sought to collect a commission for the sale of real estate on a contract not in writing as the statute provides. The court decided that he cannot recover on a quantum meruit for services rendered in accordance with the contract, or for the value of his time expended in that behalf. Only when he has a written contract on the specific parcel of land can a real estate broker collect his commission.

At a recent conference in McCook of Burlington officials it was decided to make some quite extensive improvements at that place in the near future, \$25,000 to be spent in enlarging the great yard there.

The shortage of ex-City Treasurer Irving Bode of Falls City will be made good by the bondsmen of the treasurer some time, but there is likely to be considerable quibbling among the bondsmen for the different years as to the amount of shortage that occurred in any one year that they may be liable for.

THE PRODIGAL SON: "I WONDER, WHETHER THE FOLKS WILL RECOGNIZE ME."



ALASKA TOWN IS DESTROYED

ONE WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH AT FAIRBANKS.

Meager Report Leaves It to Be Inferred That Main Business Houses Are in Ashes.

Alameda, Cal.—The Northern Commercial company Wednesday received the following from its agents at Fairbanks: The entire town from Turner to Lacey street and back to Third, except the Fairbanks Banking company's building and warehouse, has been destroyed. One woman, Lotta Talbot, was burned to death.

Fairbanks is situated on the Chena river, a tributary of the Tanana, and, although but three years old, is now the largest and most important city on the Pacific coast north of Vancouver, B. C., having a population of about 7,000.

The gold output in 1905 was \$7,000,000, and during the present year it will reach \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

The burned district covers three and a half square blocks. The First National bank, the Washington Banking company, and the court house, located in the burned district, probably were destroyed, as were many of the retail stores and saloons and possibly one or two hotels. The most important of the financial institutions in the city, the Fairbanks Banking company, is intact.

An unofficial estimate places the loss at about \$1,000,000.

There is no danger of famine, as the warehouses of the Northern Commercial company, containing nearly a half million dollars' worth of foodstuffs, are unharmed and there is positive information that four steamers are en route with additional supplies.

ENDS BOOK OF FORM FIGHT

Presbyterians Will Publish Work, with Understanding That Its Use Is Not Obligatory.

Des Moines, Ia.—The famous controversy and debate over the proposed Presbyterian book of forms, ended in the general assembly Wednesday afternoon in a compromise in which all words that might indicate that the book is authorized were stricken from the resolution and the text and title pages of the book itself and in which the resolution of opposition was also incorporated, declaring specifically that the assembly made no recommendations with reference to it.

Sign Rio Grande Treaty.

Washington.—Ambassador Casasus, for the Mexican government, and Secretary Root Monday signed a treaty regulating the use of the waters of the Rio Grande, which, if approved by the senate, will remove what has been for 20 years past a source of friction in the relations of the two countries.

No Receiver for Zion.

Chicago.—The first decisive legal victory between the warring factions of Zion went to the adherents of John Alexander Dowle Tuesday in the district court. Judge Landis declared his investigators found no evidence of misappropriation of funds, that the assets exceed all liabilities, and that no receiver will be appointed.

Wreck Illinois Post Office.

Bloomington, Ill.—The post office at Lexington was wrecked Wednesday by safe blowers, who blew up the entire building with nitroglycerin. The thieves escaped, taking the entire supply of stamps in the office and a large sum of money, it is reported.

Death Over Card Game.

Decatur, Ill.—V. M. Di Vances, an Italian railroad laborer, was stabbed through the heart in a boarding car here early Wednesday. The murderer is supposed to be one of four men who were playing cards with him.

Three Murderers Hanged.

Honolulu.—Three of the five Koreans who recently were convicted of the brutal murder of two of their countrymen, were hanged Wednesday. The sentences of the other two were commuted to life imprisonment.

RATE BILL PASSES SENATE

Measure Goes Through After Long Deliberation—Only Three Votes in Opposition.

Washington.—After 70 days of almost continuous deliberation the senate Friday at 4:53 passed the railroad rate bill by the practically unanimous vote of 71 to 3. The three negative votes were cast by Senators Foraker, Republican, of Ohio, and Morgan and Pettus, Democrats, Alabama. The principal purpose of the bill is to permit the interstate commerce commission to fix rates.

The bill was amended by the senate so as to give the United States circuit courts jurisdiction to entertain suits brought to annul or change the orders of the commission and to provide against the granting of interlocutory decrees without hearings and making appeals from such orders direct to the supreme court.

Other senate modifications prohibit the issuance of passes or the granting of special favors to one class of passengers over another, prohibiting railroad companies from transporting commodities produced by themselves; require such companies to put in switches at the reasonable request of shippers, prohibits the granting or acceptance of rebates and reinstates the imprisonment penalty for violation of the law.

The commission is given access to the accounts of the companies affected by the act, but examiners are forbidden under penalty of heavy fine and long imprisonment from divulging the facts ascertained. Fines of \$500 for each failure to keep proper accounts is provided.

SIX SQUARES ARE RUINED

Stanley, Wis., Is Nearly Wiped Out by Fire That Destroys Residence Section.

Stanley, Wis.—Fire, which started from a spark from the Northwestern mill, destroyed 100 residences and a dozen business buildings. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The fire broke out in the stables of the Northwestern Lumber company, and spread rapidly. A high wind from the west carried the flames away from the Northwestern mill and saved that structure, but six blocks to the east were completely burned out.

The large department store of the Northwestern Lumber company was among the business places wiped out, and the loss to the building and stock will total \$40,000.

Among the other losers were: J. N. Olson, furniture, \$4,000; Long & Ness, meat market, \$4,000; Christian & Kossella, farm implements, \$3,000; Norwegian church and Young Peoples' reading room, \$6,000.

The damage in the residence section is estimated at over \$100,000, every house being destroyed between the Northwestern store and Franklin street.

Road Must Stand Trial.

Kansas City, Mo.—Judge Smith McPherson, of Iowa, sitting in place of Judge John F. Phillips, Tuesday overruled the demurrer of the Burlington railway indictments against that company, and it must now go to trial. The defendant contended that congress was without power to enact legislation regulating export rates, in the giving of alleged rebates on which the Burlington was charged with having violated the interstate commerce act.

Cousins Is Renominated.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Congressman Robert G. Cousins was renominated by acclamation Wednesday by the Fifth Iowa Republican convention.

Earthquake at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O.—An earth-shock lasting 48 seconds was recorded here Wednesday upon the seismograph at St. Ignatius college. The initial movement came from the east and the return shock from the west.

Find Corpse of Minister.

Rock Island, Ill.—The corpse of Rev. Frank W. Hoover, a Congregational minister of Sherrard, was found floating in a pond near his home Wednesday. It is supposed that he was drowned while bathing.

AFFIRMS BURTON DECISION

Kansas Senator Must Serve Six Months in Jail and Pay Fine, Besides Losing Office.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday rendered a decision in the case of United States Senator Ralph Burton, of Kansas. The decision was against Burton, affirming the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, by which Burton was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the jail of Iron county, Mo., required to pay a fine of \$2,500 and deprived of the right to hereafter hold office under the government. The opinion was by Justice Harlan. All of the points made in Burton's interest were overruled.

Senator Burton was prosecuted on the charge of violating Section 1782 of the revised statutes, which prohibits its senators and representatives from receiving compensation for services rendered before any of the government departments in any matter in which the government may be interested. He was specifically charged with accepting a fee of \$500 per month for five months from the Rialto Grain & Securities company, of St. Louis, for services rendered that company in an effort to prevent the issuance of an order by the post office department prohibiting the use of the mails by the company.

Immediately after promulgating its decision in the Burton case the supreme court of the United States Monday granted a motion to give 60 days to Senator Burton in which to prepare a petition for a rehearing. The action will have the effect of taking the case over until the next term of court beginning in October, as the present term will expire next Monday.

NOTED PLAYWRIGHT DEAD.

Henrik Ibsen Dies at his Home in Norwegian Capital After Long Illness.

Christiania, Norway.—Henrik Ibsen, Norway's greatest poet and dramatist, died peacefully at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Ibsen was 78 years of age.

Although Ibsen's literary activity ceased some years ago, when an apoplectic seizure forced him to refrain from mental effort, he had continued to be a familiar figure in the life of Christiania and was frequently seen driving in the streets with a companion.

From time to time lately as fresh apoplectic attacks came upon him it became obvious, especially in view of his advanced years, that his death could not be far distant. Tuesday night another seizure left him completely unconscious, and his physician announced that he had only a few hours to live.

King Haakon, immediately upon receipt of the news of Ibsen's death, transmitted to the widow his own and Queen Maud's sympathy and condolences.

The stirring and other public bodies are formally recording the national grief at the loss of this foremost figure in the literary life of the nation. It is understood that the funeral will be a state function.

VICE CONSUL MURDERED.

W. H. Stuart, American Official at Batum, Russia, Slain from Ambush.

Batum.—W. H. Stuart, the American vice consul, was shot and killed near his country place Sunday night. The assassins escaped. Mr. Stuart was a British subject and one of the largest ship brokers and exporters of Batum. During the revolutionary troubles of last fall his life was many times threatened by longshoremen, and at Christmas a deputation visited his office and practically compelled him to give them \$1,500 under the guise of a holiday gratuity for dock laborers.

Aside from the troubles during the revolutionary disturbances last fall, Mr. Stuart had had no friction with the native population. He was so generally respected that he was on several occasions called upon to act as intermediary during the racial war between the Tartars and the Armenians, saving the lives of several of the latter.

Mr. Stuart, who was 49 years of age, had spent the greater part of his life in Russia, the last 12 years in Batum. Besides his official connections he had extensive business relations throughout the entire Caucasus. He spoke several native dialects and was considered an authority on land.

Veterans in Collision.

Lafayette, Ind.—One man was killed and nearly 70 old soldiers were injured in a collision on the Lafayette battle ground electric road Wednesday. Both cars were crowded with veterans attending the annual encampment of the G. A. R.

Friend of Grant Dead.

Denver, Col.—Col. Robert S. Moore, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and a close friend of Gen. Grant and Gen. Sheridan, died at his home in this city Wednesday, aged 79 years.

Former Postmaster Drops Dead.

John, Mo.—Peter Schnur, former postmaster and founder of the John News-Herald, dropped dead of heart disease while marching in the parade of the Knights Templar. He was 64 years of age.

Soldiers Refuse Ball Cartridges

Kursk, Russia.—The soldiers of the Obayau regiment here, who were to be dispatched into the country districts in anticipation of agrarian troubles, have refused to take ball cartridges with them.

UNFAIR DEALING

DISCRIMINATION OF RAILROADS WITH OPERATORS.

BRIBES DEMANDED FOR CARS

Those Who Refused to Pay Were Not Supplied—One Company Forced to Sell Its Mine Because of This Discrimination.

PHILADELPHIA—Additional evidence of discrimination by the Pennsylvania railroad in the distribution of cars in the soft coal field was presented to the Interstate Commerce commission Thursday. John J. Lloyd, a banker and coal operator of Altoona, who is one of the members of the banking firm of Cassatt & Co., testified that the Columbia Coal company was forced to sell the Alexandria mine because of the shortage of cars, and George E. Scott of the Puritan and Crescent Coal companies declared that he paid for the use of railroad cars when he failed to secure his allotment and that during a period of twenty-three days the railroad had furnished him with only one car. He also asserted that Michael Trump, general superintendent of transportation, had told him the company intended to protect the Berwind-White company at all hazards.

During the time that Mr. Lloyd was on the stand counsel for the commission made persistent efforts to force an admission that he had been associated in a business way with President Cassatt. Mr. Lloyd, however, said that his only relations with Cassatt were with Cassatt & Co., with which Mr. Cassatt carried a personal bank account. The railroad company had for many years been a depositor with the First National bank of Altoona, of which Mr. Lloyd is president.

Mr. Lloyd gave testimony on the organization of various mining companies in which he is interested, saying he considered it good policy to have railroad men among the stockholders of the coal companies.

Frederick Vrooman, an assistant trainmaster, told the commission that he had received gifts of money in amounts from \$5 to \$20 from various coal companies for favors that he did not grant.

The commission received a telegram from a process server who went to Irwin, Pa., the home of Congressman George W. Huff, who, it has been repeatedly testified, made gifts of stock in various coal companies to railroad officials. The telegram stated that the officer was unable to serve the subpoena upon Colonel Huff, as the latter locked himself in his house and evaded the server by escaping by way of the cellar. It was learned that he had left town.

Cubans Amend the Treaty.

HAVANA—The senate committee on foreign relations on Thursday reported on the treaty between Great Britain and Cuba, which was signed twelve months ago, recommending its ratification with certain amendments. It is said that these amendments will be distasteful to Great Britain, and it is considered doubtful if the government of that country will accept the treaty as amended. The report of the committee will be discussed in the senate in a few days.

No More Feathers on Hats.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Commissioner Whipple of the state forest, fish and game department served notice through the press to the milliners of the state, retail and wholesale, that his department intends to use every legitimate means to enforce the law prohibiting the possession of bodies or feathers from wild birds, whether taken in this state or elsewhere.

Coal Laws for Alaska.

WASHINGTON—The coal land laws of the United States are made applicable to Alaska under a bill which has been ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on public lands. The provisions for the entry of coal lands by associations have been changed so often that they are not clear. The bill now reported authorizes four or more assignees of coal land locations to make entry and develop tracts of 640 acres, but still prohibits one person from locating more than 160 acres.

Bid Is Made for Fusion.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The prohibition convention nominated a mixed ticket for the state offices. William H. Berry, democrat, who was elected state treasurer as a fusionist last November, was named for governor; Homer L. Castle, prohibitionist of Pittsburg, was nominated for lieutenant governor; Representative William L. Creary, democrat of Catawassa, for auditor general, and ex-Representative E. A. Coray, Jr., republican of Wilkesbarre for secretary of state.

Wants Orderly Election.

PANAMA—Though no special instructions have been sent to the governors of the several provinces, Secretary Guardia said that the government will endeavor to guarantee complete freedom of action in the approaching election.

Illinois Bankers Indicted.

PEORIA, Ill.—The four principal owners in the failed Tels-Smith bank of Peoria, Ill., were indicted under 125 counts each by the Tazewell county grand jury.