

# NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMON WEALTH.

## IN FAVOR OF CHINESE STUDENTS

Congressman Pollard Sees Officials in Relation Thereto—Assessment of Railroad Property in Nebraska—Other Matters Here and There.

**Congressman Pollard's Efforts.**  
WASHINGTON—Congressman Pollard had an interview with the president and Secretary Root in relation to the suggestion made by the chancellor and faculty of the University of Nebraska that a commission be sent to China for the purpose of studying the situation and directing the current of Chinese thought so as to bring to the United States a much larger number of their students than now come to this country. Both the president and Secretary Root expressed themselves in favor of a more liberal interpretation of the Chinese exclusion act, but did not look upon the commission idea with any great favor. Later Mr. Pollard interviewed the chairman of the foreign relations committee and learned that a bill is now in preparation, and which would shortly be reported out of committee, removing many of the obnoxious features of the exclusion act as relates to students, merchants and travelers, but keeping rigidly to the exclusion of coolie labor.

**Wife May Be Allowed to Come In.**  
FREMONT—Mrs. H. Truchtenberg, the wife of a Fremont shoemaker, who was detained at Ellis Island on account of a disease of the eyes, which the inspectors asserted would bar her from admission to this country, it is now expected will be permitted to land and will soon join her husband. Senator Burkett took the matter up with the immigration officials and Truchtenberg forwarded his citizenship papers. Truchtenberg came to Nebraska from Russian Poland five years ago.

**At the Soldiers' Home.**  
MILFORD—Commander Presson was presented with a \$25 violin by his friends at the home. He made them a happy little talk and told of his parents, how they protested against the violin being brought into the house when he was a boy, "it was possessed of the devil." Mr. Presson and wife are accomplished musicians and they are not afraid to entertain the old boys, either.

**Child Saved From Hogs.**  
PLAINVIEW—The little daughter of John Alexander, while playing on the stock chute fence near the depot, fell from it into the yard among a number of hogs, breaking both bones of her leg. The child is small and was unable to escape, but was found before she was attacked.

**Death of Famous Nebraskan.**  
NEBRASKA CITY—Thomas Thomas, one of the oldest and best known residents of this city, died at his home here, aged 76. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, and was married in 1861, and came to Nebraska in 1858. He settled in what was then known as the town of Otoe, situated southeast of this city and long since abandoned. He moved from there to this city and made it his home ever since. He was for many years provost marshal and afterwards chief of police.

**Died From Grief.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Mrs. M. J. Miller, aged 63, mother of William Miller of Schuyler, Neb., is dead of a complication of diseases, resulting, it is said, from grief for a recently deceased daughter.

**Dogs Are Assessed.**  
UTICA—The assessor for this township has completed his work and among the articles that he assessed were two thoroughbred bird dogs that belong to Dayton Ragan and Earnest Hurburt that were valued at \$100 apiece. These dogs could not be bought for that price from their owners.

**Farmer Commits Suicide.**  
HAYES CENTER—Elis Davis, an old resident of Hayes county, committed suicide last night by shooting at his home in High Ridge precinct. He sent the coroner word by telephone before committing the act.

**Call Special Election.**  
OXFORD—The city council, in session called a special municipal election for June 26 to vote upon the duel proposition to issue bonds for water works and an electric light plant—\$15,000 for water and \$3,700 for light.

**Amos Teft Dead.**  
AVOCA—Amos Teft, father of Orlando Teft, died aged 81 years. He came to Nebraska in 1856. He homesteaded the land upon which this town is located.

**Dog Stops Runaway.**  
FREMONT—A dog owned by Milo Cheney stopped a runaway and thereby increased his value ten times in the eyes of his master. Mr. Cheney had left his horse and buggy near the depot while he inspected a car load of chickens. An approaching train frightened the horse and it ran away. The dog ran in pursuit, jumping up at the frightened horse's nose and barking. Finally it jumped into the buggy and caught hold of one of the lines which became entangled in the wheel and stopped the runaway team.

## OVER THE STATE

Hill fell in the vicinity of Juniata, covering the ground to the depth of six inches in places.

The state association of the Young Men's Christian association filed articles of incorporation in the office of County Clerk Boe at Fremont.

Wayne's building improvements this year will be on a large scale, among them being \$40,000 for an addition to the Nebraska normal college.

Amos Davis, one of the most prominent citizens of Beaver City died after a lingering illness at the advanced age of 76 years. He was father of T. M. Davis, president of the First State bank.

August Kleine, one of the oldest and best known merchants of West Point, has closed out his business. A meeting of his creditors was held and matters were amicably arranged without resort to legal procedure.

The Kansas City and Omaha train No. 164, which goes past there at 7 o'clock in the morning, was wrecked four miles east of Nalman. Thirty-three cars of stock and one of grain went into the ditch. No one was hurt. It happened at Sand Creek bridge. Most all of the hogs were killed.

The assessor for this precinct, says a Utica dispatch, has completed his work and among the articles that he assessed were two thoroughbred bird dogs that belong to Dayton Ragan and Earnest Hurburt, which were valued at \$100 apiece. These dogs could not be bought for that price from their owners.

When a man's farm lies in two counties and his stock yards are not in the same county as his residence, which county assessor has the right to assess the live stock? This is the problem which has been sent in to Attorney General Norris Brown, who has handed it over to Secretary George Bennett of the state board of equalization.

The business men of Shelton met and decided to hold their third harvest festival and race meet beginning on August 21 for four days. The facilities which Shelton possesses for making them attractive and enjoyable have made the carnivals heretofore held immense successes and the people thereabouts now anticipate them as a permanent annual institution.

The fine residence of William Sperry, one mile from Weeping Water, was destroyed by fire. The house was a new one, only finished last summer, and was entirely consumed. There was no one at home at the time, all having gone to church in town. Mr. Sperry was fortunate enough to have \$1,500 insurance on the house and \$500 on the contents, but this will not cover the loss.

P. S. Jones and C. H. Dennis of Tecumseh were made defendants in a \$20,000 damage suit for false imprisonment, brought by A. Staples Cody of Midland, Mich., and the case came up in the United States court in Omaha and Judge Munger took it out of the hands of the jury and dismissed the defendants. It all grew out of the failure of the Chamberlain banking house of Tecumseh.

The little 2-year-old daughter of James Jacobson, a farmer living six miles northwest of Tekamah, was drowned in a water tank containing less than eleven inches of water. The father, with his two sons, were shelling corn within fifty feet of where the little one was drowned. They had been working but a few minutes when they noticed the little girl had gone and went immediately in search of her, finding her dead in the tank.

On the 29th day of May, 1856, Columbus was staked out and the first house built. It was of logs, covered with grass. It was right and proper that Columbus should celebrate the event, though it was not on a very elaborate scale. There were no long-winded speeches, but heart to heart talks of those the oldest there, and those who knew whereof they spoke. Business houses were decorated, flags thrown to breezes and a royal time enjoyed.

State Auditor Searle has been shown. For some months the auditor and Deputy Auditor Cook have doubted the existence of grey wolves in Nebraska, especially in the thickly inhabited portions of the state. Last week the auditor received by express from the county clerk of Johnson county a real live grey wolf a few months old. With the wolf came a message that the county clerk had the scalp of another, much older, and that he sent this one on alive to show the auditor that it was really a grey wolf.

Applications for water rights have been granted to J. A. Saunders of Madison county, and to John W. Harper of Sidney, by Secretary Adna Dobson of the state irrigation board. Mr. Harper's application has been pending since 1902, as the most of the water rights along Harper Spring branch had been taken before his application was filed. He is granted the overflow water of the branch. The application of William Byfield of Red Willow county was dismissed because it covered a previous application.

During a heavy hail and rain storm which visited near Nebraska City, the barn of Henry Heosch was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with its contents. Loss, \$2,000, with no insurance.

M. Trotschenberg, a shoemaker of Fremont, was stricken with grief when he received a telegram from New York city informing him that his wife and family would not be permitted to enter America but would be sent back to Russia on the first east-bound steamer. The woman has an infectious disease.

## NOT ONLY USEFUL, BUT NECESSARY.



## FINDS EASY ROAD TO RICHES

COAL COMPANIES JUST FORCE CLERK TO TAKE MONEY.

Donate from Three to Five Cents on Every Ton Purchased to Agent of Railroad.

Philadelphia.—That he accepted gifts of stock amounting to \$46,000 from coal mining companies during a period of about three years was admitted Wednesday by Joseph Boyer, chief clerk in the office of A. W. Gibbs, superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Mr. Boyer purchases the fuel coal used in the locomotives of the company and the donors of the gifts were the coal companies which furnished the fuel to the railroad. Mr. Boyer named five companies which allowed him from three to five cents on each ton sold to the railroad company. He declared that he never asked for the allowance, but accepted it because he believed he was following a custom of the department. In fact, one of the coal company officials told him that he had paid it before and wanted to continue paying it to the witness.

A. W. Gibbs, Mr. Boyer's superior officer on the stand, said he was unaware that such conditions existed in his department.

Mr. Boyer said he was at first disinclined to accept the money, but after thinking it over decided that he was doing nothing unusual.

M. K. Reeves, assistant to Vice President Pugh admitted that he had accepted stock from Col. George S. Huff and David E. Williams. Col. Huff, he said, purchased some of his holdings in the Keystone Coal and Coke company, paying him \$30,000 for it. Mr. Reeves stated that he has known Col. Huff since boyhood and declared the latter knew he was not in a position to favor him when the stock was presented.

## PACKING CHARGES DENIED

Agent for Chicago Meat Men Invites Congressmen to Investigate for Themselves.

Washington.—The house committee on agriculture Wednesday decided to comply with the request of the Chicago packers to be heard on the Neill-Reynolds' report regarding conditions in the Chicago packing houses. The request was made by Thomas E. Wilson, manager for the Nelson Morris company, but in this instance was authorized to speak for all the Chicago packers.

Mr. Wilson made a general denial of the existence of conditions in the packing houses of Chicago as set forth in the Neill-Reynolds' report. He began by inviting the committee to come to Chicago and spend a week in personal investigation of conditions. Some of the suggestions made in the report, he said, had already been complied with by the packers, such as additional sanitary facilities.

As to the charge that canned meats were boiled in water to "freshen them up," Mr. Wilson said there was absolutely nothing in this. Canned meat, he said, was as good five years after it had been put up as it was five minutes afterwards, providing no air had got to it.

## Guatemala Rebels Elated.

Mexico City.—News received early Wednesday from Gen. Toledo, in command of the revolutionary party, says that he has, in two engagements, badly routed Cabrera's troops and as his forces are being reinforced by the arrival of large bodies of men he has no doubt of his success and triumphant advance to Guatemala City.

## Wisconsin Elevator Burned.

Superior, Wis.—Elevator "R," a private concern, worth, including its contents, probably \$150,000, is a total loss. By the time the fire department reached Eighteenth street, where the structure stands, the whole building was a mass of flames.

## Lightning Kills Little Girl.

Bertram, Tex.—A tragedy occurred on the farm of N. A. Crawford. Six children were sitting on the farm gate when they were struck by lightning. His little daughter was killed.

## WIPES OUT DEBTS BY DEATH

Congressman Adams, of Pennsylvania, Ends Life by Shooting Bullet Into Mouth.

Washington.—Representative Robert Adams, of Philadelphia, died at the emergency hospital Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock from the effects of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

A letter received by Speaker Cannon from Mr. Adams in the morning explained the cause of the suicide. Mr. Adams said in the letter that his debts exceeded his resources and forced him



CONGRESSMAN ADAMS.

to abandon his official position. While he did not indicate an intention to take his life, he spoke of the form of his burial, indicating that he had then made up his mind to commit the rash act.

## MINNESOTA HAS A TORNADO

Farmhouses Near North Branch Destroyed and Lives May Have Been Wiped Out.

North Branch, Minn.—A tornado passed about one-half mile east of here at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon doing heavy damage.

The storm is known to have destroyed at least three farmhouses near town. Mrs. Mygran and Benjamin Lago were badly injured. Physicians have followed up the path of the storm and indications are that several persons have been killed and many injured.

The village of Wyoming was also in the path of the storm. The home of Mr. Funk at that place was completely destroyed and some members of the family hurt.

La Crosse, Wis.—Six persons were seriously injured and ten buildings were leveled by a tornado near Stoddard, Wis., Wednesday.

The hurricane centered, apparently, one and one-half miles east of Stoddard, Vernon county. It passed up Coon valley and Mormon Coulee, striking Stoddard and Brinkman most heavily.

Washouts are reported on the railroads in this vicinity.

A windstorm also did damage at Leon, Wis.

Many farms are reported to be completely devastated.

## Kaiser and Emperor Meet.

Vienna.—Emperor William arrived here Wednesday morning and was greeted at the northern railroad station by Emperor Francis Joseph in person. The meeting was marked by extreme heartiness and cordiality.

## Eleven Killed on Curve.

Providence, R. I.—Eleven persons are dead, a score seriously and many others slightly injured as the result of the overturning of a crowded electric car at Moore's Corner in East Providence early Sunday morning.

## Business Houses Burned.

Ashley, O.—Fire in the Knights of Pythias hall in the Dugan block Wednesday, was not extinguished until three business houses had been destroyed and three badly damaged, causing a total loss of \$30,000.

## Milk Poisons Coads.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Fifteen coads of Hamline university were poisoned by impure milk Monday night. The coads had milk served to them as usual for supper and then became deathly sick. All but three have recovered.

## ARTHUR PUE GORMAN DEAD

NOTED DEMOCRATIC LEADER EXPIRES SUDDENLY.

Senator from Maryland Had Been Ill for Months, But Was Thought to Be Improving.

Washington.—Arthur Pue Gorman, United States senator from Maryland died suddenly at his residence in this city at 9:05 o'clock Monday morning. While Senator Gorman had been ill for many months, he had shown some improvement lately. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death. He leaves a widow and six children.

The senate adjourned immediately upon receiving the announcement of Senator Gorman's death.



SENATOR ARTHUR P. GORMAN.

announcement of the death of Senator Gorman was made.

Senator Gorman long had been a notable figure in the national congress. He first took his seat in 1881, and served continuously for 18 years, and nearly all of that time he was the leader of the Democratic party in the senate.

Winning early a reputation for sagacity, and the keenest judgment in congressional affairs, he attained prominence not only as a leader in the senate but in the country at large, and by many men was considered the most available man in his party for the presidency. He was chairman of the executive committee, and managed the campaign that resulted in the election of Cleveland in 1884.

## TROUBLE OVER AT CANANEA

Reports Say Three Americans and Sixteen Mexicans Were Killed in Riots Friday and Saturday.

Douglas, Ariz.—No trouble is anticipated, as Col. Kosterlitzky is greatly feared by the Mexicans. On his arrival on Saturday, over the head of Gov. Ysabel, he ordered the American volunteers returned to the boundary. He also ordered all persons to keep of the streets under penalty of instant death. In carrying out this order a number were shot. All stores are closed and many people went hungry.

Gov. Ysabel remains in his private car, heavily guarded. There are persistent rumors that he is under arrest but they are denied by the authorities. There is said to be a bitter feeling against him in Cananea because he called on Americans for help.

Persons who arrived Monday from Cananea say that at least ten Americans were killed, but no verification of this statement is possible at present.

So far as known only three Americans and 16 Mexicans were killed during the disturbance. In addition to the Metcalfe Burt-Bush, of Bisbee was killed.

A telephone message direct from the office of Col. Greene, in Cananea, denies the reports that the ringleader in the riot were executed by Col. Kosterlitzky.

## NEW SENATOR FROM KANSAS

Gov. Hoch Names Foster Dwight Coburn to Succeed J. Ralph Burton, Who Resigned.

Topeka, Kan.—Foster Dwight Coburn, the widely known agriculturist was appointed United States senator by Gov. E. W. Hoch late Monday afternoon to succeed J. Ralph Burton who resigned Monday morning. Mr. Coburn has not definitely accepted the appointment. Mr. Coburn was not a candidate for the appointment, no has been a candidate for the election to the senate next to be filled by the legislature next year. Mr. Coburn was born in Jefferson county Wisconsin, in 1846. He served in two Illinois regiments during the civil war and settled in Kansas in 1867. He has served for the past 16 years as secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture, and is well known all over the world for his agricultural reports. Mr. Coburn's home is in Kansas City, Mo. He was a commissioner of livestock exhibits at the St. Louis exposition in 1904.

## Fire Nearly Wipes Out Town.

New Orleans.—Duck Hill, Miss., a town of 1,000 inhabitants, was almost completely destroyed by fire Wednesday, according to a dispatch to the postmaster here. More than 800 inhabitants were made homeless.

## Wholesale Grocers to Organize.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Upwards of 30 wholesale grocers met here for the purpose of forming a national organization for the enforcement of pure food legislation and the advancement of their business generally.

# NEW LIGHT SHED

DISCUSSION OF REBATES AND PRIVATE CARS.

## MC CREA BEFORE COMMISSION

Favors Publicity of Rating the Rating of Mines and Distribution of Cars—Chief Clerk Boyer Walks the Plank for Transgressions.

PHILADELPHIA—New light was shed on the motives leading to the abolition of freight rebates by the railroad when James McCrea, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania company, appeared before the Interstate Commerce commission. Mr. McCrea favored publicity of the rates of mines and the distribution of cars. He surprised the commissioners by announcing that for nearly two years and up to the time of President Cassatt's recent departure for Europe the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, of which he is a member, had been considering means for eliminating the private car. He declared that the company has concluded that the use of these cars is unwise. Towards the conclusion of his testimony Attorney Glasgow asked Mr. McCrea when President Cassatt decided to stop rebating.

"Just as soon as he got control of the Pennsylvania railroad, that was in 1889," said Mr. McCrea.

He declared that the directors of other roads were pleased with the idea of abolishing it when the subject was brought to their attention. Mr. McCrea admitted finally that the rebating stopped when the community of interests plan started. He asserted that the shipper was never so fairly treated as now. He has stable rates and is placed in a fair position with his competitors.

There were other interesting developments during the session, which was protracted until 6 o'clock.

S. F. Potter, president of the Donohoe Coal and Coke company, charged that the Pennsylvania railroad had practiced gross discrimination in the distribution of cars to his company. One car a day was his allotment for seven months, he declared.

Joseph Boyer, the Pennsylvania railroad employe, who testified before the Interstate Commerce commission to having received large sums of money and other gratuities from producers of coal on the Pennsylvania lines, was dismissed from the service of the company.

When the matter was brought to the attention of President Cassatt he directed the immediate discharge of Boyer.

Boyer in his testimony said that he had accepted more than \$46,000 from coal mining companies during a period of three years. He was chief clerk in the office of A. W. Gibbs, superintendent of motive power of the Pennsylvania Railroad company and purchased the fuel coal used in the locomotives of the company. The donors he said were five different coal companies which furnish coal to the railroad.

## FUNERAL OF SENATOR GORMAN.

Complete Absence of Ostentation Marks Last Rites.

WASHINGTON—With simplicity and complete absence of ostentation, in accordance with his expressed wish, the funeral services of the late Senator Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland took place in this city Thursday, from his late residence. Before the services began many prominent men, including the vice-president and nearly all of Senator Gorman's closest political associates in Maryland, as well as colleagues from the senate and house, in addition to members of the congressional committees, were afforded an opportunity to view the body.

## Dunkards Change Name.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—After referring to a special committee the matter of a change of name of the church by omitting the word "German," with instructions to report at the conference two years hence, the German Baptist brethren adjourned their annual conference to meet next year at Long Beach, Cal. The conference adopted a report prohibiting members from engaging in the sale of diamonds, gold rings, gold watches, dominoes, dice, and other articles for games of chance.

## Heads Due to Fall.

WASHINGTON—A violent shakeup in the department of agriculture is expected as a result of the packing house exposures. The fact that the conditions of filth and disease have been allowed to grow for years right under the noses of the government inspectors, is in President Roosevelt's eyes, pretty good proof that the officials of the bureau of animal industry stationed at Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City are either wilfully incompetent or neglectful and should be put out of place.

## Sundry Civil Bill in House.

WASHINGTON—An attack and a spirited defense of the president were the features of a busy day in the house of representatives. Mr. Brundage (Ark.) assailing the items for the legislative department and the care of the White House grounds as grossly extravagant and in contrast "to past simplicity." Mr. Grosvenor (O.) championed the appropriations. The naval appropriation bill was sent to conference, the conferees being Mr. Foss (Ill.), Mr. Loudenslager (N. J.) and Mr. Meyer (La.).