

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMON WEALTH.

ABSTRACTS OF THE ASSESSMENT

Eleven Counties Have Thus Far Made Returns—A Packing House for Beatrice—Other Nebraska Matters Here and There.

LINCOLN—Though the state board of equalization does not meet until the third Monday in July, eleven counties have already returned abstracts of assessment and by the latter part of June it is believed nearly all of the counties will be in. Of those received by the secretary of the state board, Furnas county shows the largest increase, \$258,585, over the assessment of last year. So far not enough counties have reported to make any kind of an accurate estimate of what the total assessment will be. The increase in most cases will be in new personal property dug up and in the improvements on real estate, as the assessment of real estate made in 1904 stands for four years. The railroad property, with the exception of the increase of \$96,000 on the Union Pacific, will not increase the grand assessment roll, as the board returned this class of property at the same value as last year. The addition of the Great Northern cut-off adds some \$300,000 to the grand total. This has not heretofore been assessed.

Reports from out in the state indicate that few protests are being made by taxpayers over the assessment, and this is taken as an indication that few objections will be made before the state board of assessment. Some remarks may be made to the board to secure an increase in the assessment of some of the counties, but it is hardly probable that any county will ask for a reduction. Lancaster county will probably try to get Douglas county business men increased, as the Commercial club of this city is of the opinion, after an investigation of the Omaha assessment, that the county board there failed to properly appreciate what Omaha merchandise is really worth.

Two New Buffalo.

DORCHESTER—The Gilbert park on Turkey Creek, south of town, has two recent additions of rare interest; two young full blood buffalo calves. They are this year's product of a herd of four old individuals owned for many years by Mr. John Gilbert, who keeps a free park where he has a dozen red deer and thirteen splendid American wapiti, or generally termed elk, some Angora goats and wild aquatic fowls. This park covers a good sized tract of native prairie and forest where the animals are very much at home, and show up as in the wild state. The deer are quite interesting just now from the fact that they are shedding their antlers, the new ones on several of the wapiti are just in the velvet.

Church Howe's Art Purchase.

Church Howe of Nebraska, American consul general at Antwerp, was the purchaser of the largest and most valuable painting of the seventy-three left by the celebrated artist, Andre Pluot, at a recent sale in Antwerp. The picture was known as "Crossing the Bridge" (in the Ardennes) and will be brought to Nebraska by Mr. Howe when he returns. The information was contained in the European Express, a paper published in English at Antwerp.

J. G. Lang Goes to Manila Again.

MADISON—J. G. Lang, who served with the First Nebraska in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and has been in the mail service at this place the past four years, received notice from Washington of his appointment to a position in the Philippine department service. He has decided to accept and will sail for the islands about August 1. The position pays \$1,200 per year.

Woman Saved Against Her Will.

NORFOLK—Mrs. Charles Eble, a widow of three weeks and mother of fifteen children, tried to end her life by drowning in the North Fork river, but was rescued, though resisting, by John King, a colored man, who chanced to be fishing a few feet from the place where Mrs. Eble went into the river.

Struck by Cars.

PLATTSBOURNE—John Bajack, an old resident of this city, was struck by a Missouri Pacific passenger train and instantly killed. At the time of the accident the unfortunate man was crossing the track with a wheel barrow and failed to hear the approach of the train.

Fifty Dollars a Month and Extras.

I will give for a man of good character as my agent. Either salesman, farmer, merchant or banker may apply. Write Lock Box 1525, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lincoln Is After Omaha.

LINCOLN—The business men of Lincoln, so it is reported, are very much exercised over the assessment of Omaha property and they will, it is asserted, go before the state board and see that the assessment is increased. The business men sent a man to Omaha to look over the assessment, and he reported Omaha was not near high enough as compared with the Lincoln merchants. Lancaster county will soon have its report filed with the state board of equalization, showing a substantial increase.

OVER THE STATE.

The date for holding the Sheridan county fair at Gordon has been fixed for September 25, 26 and 27.

Burt county will have a special election to vote on the question of issuing bonds to build a court house.

The dwelling house of J. T. Peters, Beatrice, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, together with its contents.

Miss Hattie Little, elected state president of the P. E. O. at Blue Hill received an ovation on her return home to Geneva.

Sheriff Gillan of Seward county arrested a presumed horse thief but found out later that the supposed horse thief was a lunatic.

The total assessed valuation of the personal property of Sarpy county, exclusive of railroads, telephone and telegraph, this year is \$468,899. Last year it was \$439,359.

An abstract of the assessor's returns of Cedar county shows the actual value of personal property as being \$5,644,685 as compared with \$4,843,800 in 1905 and \$4,193,400 in 1904.

Mr. Nicholson, head bookkeeper of the American Beet Sugar company in Grand Island, will leave in a few days for Madison, Wis., to join the sugar company of that city in a like capacity.

Coroner Armstrong was called to Bellevue to take charge of a dead body floating in the Missouri river. The body could not be identified, having the clothing all stripped off and being so long in the water.

Mike Morris, a resident of Cass county, reported to the police in South Omaha that he had been slugged by unknown parties and robbed of \$65 and a gold watch by a couple of newly-found friends there.

At Fairfield funds have been subscribed and organization completed for a farmers' elevator and grain company, with H. E. McDowell as president; B. W. Campbell, vice president; E. T. Cowen, secretary and F. T. Swanson, treasurer.

At Seward William Wilcox, thirty-five years old, applied to the county judge for a license to marry Grace Seaman, a girl of fifteen years of age. Judge Leavens refused to issue the license on the grounds that the girl was too young to marry.

While he and an employe at the Taylor ranch in Hall county were trying to teach a broncho how to wear a bridle, a halter rope broke with a snap and flew with great force into Mr. Fagan's face, badly burning the flesh and injuring one eye.

William Bitting, a Gage county boy, was badly cut and bruised about the body while leading a cow. He had tied the rope around his waist and when the animal started to run he was unable to release himself. He was dragged about 100 yards.

Within the past two years Friend has expended in churches alone upward of \$35,000, as follows: Catholics, \$18,000; Congregationalists, \$5,000; Baptists, \$5,000; Methodists, \$6,200; German Methodists, \$1,000. The Methodist church was dedicated June 17.

Surveyors who are working on a railroad line west of Fremont are now in Colfax county about ten miles north of the line of the Union Pacific, the line being a straight one from where it leaves the northwestern corner of the town, are about ten miles north-east of North Bend, and an equal distance southwest of Scribner. Leavitt is passed about a mile to the north.

At Fremont, Judge Hollenbeck decided the divorce case of Cora G. Kell against Rev. J. L. Kell in favor of the plaintiff, awarding her the custody of their children. The court reviewed the evidence at some length. He held that the evidence sustained the plaintiff's charges of cruelty. Rev. Kell is in good standing in the United Brethren church.

At the mass meeting held by the citizens of Seward at the court house, last Thursday night in regard to the Burlington leaving Seward four or five miles away from the main line of the railroad, speeches were made and a committee of nine on conferring with the railroad officials was appointed. The Denver & Omaha railroad, which is supposed to be the Rock Island, is likely to come through Seward soon.

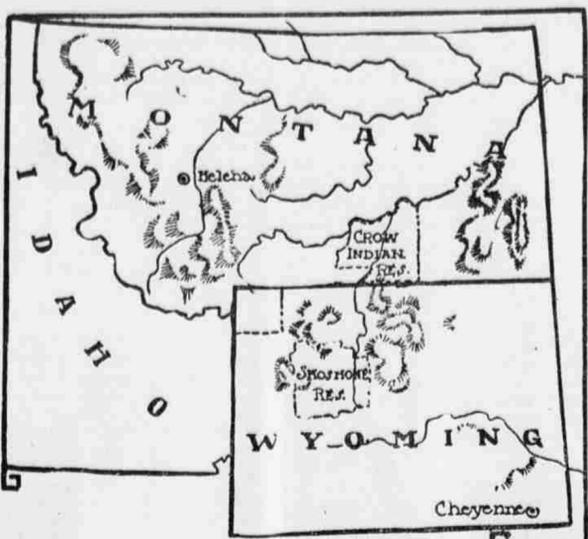
Ord has a candidate for a Carnegie medal. A 3-year-old son of Nels Johnson fell in an old well nearly sixty feet deep. He was caught by a platform before reaching the water and held thereby till Daw Harris, who is working for Mr. Johnson, lowered a rope and climbed down. He put the child on his shoulders and climbed to the top, using the rope and getting an occasional foothold on the rough sides of the well.

A gang of workmen were put to work last week on the changes to be made in the Burlington yards at Ashland. The first work to be done is the removal of a large hill south of the station and the extension of the yards to a distance of a mile with added track-ace. This will be followed by a complete change in all the service buildings, the moving of the present station to be used as a freight house, the creation of a new passenger depot, and the building of a subway.

Sterling Kay, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kay, was drowned in the Elkhorn river while fishing for minnows with a dip net. The boy lost his balance and went into twenty feet of water.

James Wiltse of Rulo was kicked by a vicious horse and perhaps fatally injured. Joseph McDonald, who lives two miles south of that place, was kicked directly over the heart also while attempting to lead a vicious horse from the barn. It is thought that three or four ribs are broken and his injuries may terminate fatally.

MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS TO BE OPENED TO SETTLEMENT.



The Shoshone or Wind river reservation is in Wyoming and contains about 6,500 homesteads of 160 acres each; while the Crow lands are in Montana and will accommodate about the same number.

Registration officers for the Crow

lands were open from June 14 to June 28, while the Shoshone reservation registration will be from July 16 until July 31. The Shoshone drawing will take place at Lander, Wyo., August 4, while the Crow drawing occurred at Billings, Mont., July 2.

CHOLERA PEST BREAKS OUT IN PHILIPPINES

DISEASE IN MOST DEADLY FORM REPORTED FROM ISLANDS—FORTY-ONE VICTIMS THUS FAR.

Manila.—Cholera of a virulent type has broken out among the natives of Manila and surrounding provinces. Four Americans in Manila have been stricken to date, and there has been one death of an American, that of Charles Sheehan. Twenty-one cases and 16 deaths were reported Tuesday. The provinces report 26 cases and 25 deaths. The disease is one of the most deadly type.

The suburbs near Fort McKinley have been quarantined. There has been one death from cholera among the soldiers, that of a cook, Christian G. Dwight, of company C, Sixteenth infantry. The health bureau is taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

A circular has been distributed among citizens, warning them of the danger and requiring that precautions be taken. While the situation is serious, the health officials do not look for an epidemic of great proportions. The greatest difficulty is experienced in getting natives to report cases of sickness. The Filipinos fear the health officials and conceal cases from them. To this cause is assigned the spread of the disease.

Former Outbreaks.

The last outbreak of cholera in the Philippine islands occurred in August, 1905, when from August 23 to October 14, 713 cases and 553 deaths were reported. But the outbreak of 1905 was insignificant when compared with that of 1902, when a total of 130,363 cases were reported and 82,955 deaths were known to have occurred. But, it was stated at the time, that the actual number of deaths was probably 20 per cent greater. During the epidemic of 1902 the populations of many of the towns were heavily reduced through deaths and the flight of the panic-stricken people. Many of the dead were left unburied for days, in spite

SAYS THAW MUST WAIT.

District Attorney Jerome Will Show No Favoritism in Matter of Trial.

New York.—With the return of District Attorney Jerome from his vacation in the country the investigation into the Thaw-White tragedy was given renewed impetus Monday. Attaches of the district attorney's office had been engaged in whipping into shape the information concerning the case already at hand and everything was in preparation to be submitted to the chief upon his arrival. District Attorney Jerome said that there would be no speedy trial of Thaw. During the summer vacation there were only two parts in the general sessions court in session and Mr. Jerome believes that to put a murder trial, which would probably last two or three weeks, in the calendar would be unfair to at least 50 or 60 per cent of the other prisoners who have a prior claim to have their cases settled.

Canadians Beat Britons.

Henley, England.—The Argonauts (Canada) beat First Trinity, Cambridge, Monday, in the first heat for the grand challenge cup. Argonauts won after a magnificent race by a bare length. Time, 7 minutes 20 seconds.

Ate Poisoned Chicken.

Columbus, O.—Thirty-two people, who ate pressed chicken sandwiches at the Ladies' Aid society picnic at Jerome were poisoned. The chickens were allowed to stand two days in tin receptacles before it was consumed.

of the energetic steps taken by the government to combat the spread of the disease and to care for the sick and the dead. Surgeons and medicines were sent to all parts of the islands, and natives were compelled to adopt sanitary precautions.

Cholera, in a slight form, is epidemic in the Philippines almost every year, but the sanitary education of the natives by the American authorities is gradually alleviating the conditions, and the precautions taken by the medical authorities, based on past experiences, are regarded as being equal to any strain which may be placed upon them.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED BY CARS

Loosened Brakes Permits Coal Carrier to Speed Down Inclined Track and Spread Death.

Altoona, Pa., July 4.—A runaway mine car, flying like the wind down a mine branch track that runs from Puritan to Portage, just before midnight Tuesday, reaped a frightful harvest of eleven men killed and several injured.

The car had been left standing near Puritan when the mines closed, and some malicious person loosened the brakes and permitted the car to speed down the sharp incline.

The disaster happened on what is known as Martin's branch, a stretch of track four miles long that acts as a feeder for several mines that are located between Portage and Puritan.

The car was stopped one mile west of Portage, but in the short space of three miles eleven men were instant killed.

The car crashed into a number of cars standing on the track and was wrecked.

The accident is one of the most peculiar that ever occurred in the history of railroading in this section. More lives have been snuffed out at one time upon the railroad, but never have the deaths been so evenly distributed. Like a juggernaut, the wildly moving car exacted its toll of death every few hundred feet.

FIRE RAZES NOTED CHURCH.

Great Tower of St. Michael, at Hamburg, Germany, Falls—Four Men Killed.

Hamburg.—The great church of St. Michael, with its tower and spire 426 feet high, was destroyed by fire Tuesday. The tower in falling crushed several neighboring houses and they caught fire. Four workmen who were repairing the church were killed.

When the tower fell the many thousands of spectators uttered involuntary cries that, together, sounded like a vast sigh. The flames then blew up fiercely and began to spread to adjoining houses. The fire department finally succeeded in obtaining control of the flames.

The church was one of the city's object of pride. It was largely of brick and was erected on the site of the ancient church which was burned in 1750 as the result of being struck by lightning.

Army Officer Ends Life.

Manila.—Lieut. Tallmadge H. Brereton, of the Second Infantry, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head at the Army and Navy club. It is believed that act was committed while he was temporarily insane.

Trolley Car Demolished.

New Albany, Ind.—An electric car of the Highland electric line plunged over an embankment 20 feet high Monday and five passengers were injured. None of the passengers are fatally hurt. The car was demolished.

GOVERNMENT RUN CHEAPLY

TAWNEY TELLS WHAT MONEY IS USED FOR.

Statement Regarding Congressional Appropriations Is Made Public.

Washington.—Representative Tawney, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, has prepared a detailed statement concerning the appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1906, made by congress during the session just closed, in which he claims that the per capita cost of the government of the United States, including federal and state, is less than in any European state.

Mr. Tawney enters upon an analysis to show the various channels into which the total appropriation of \$880,183,301 will be diverted. He begins by deducting \$139,456,415 provided for the sinking fund, the Panama canal, etc., showing that the real appropriation for the conduct of the government for the fiscal year is \$740,726,886. To meet this demand he estimates that the total revenues (customs, internal and postal) will be \$781,573,364.

The appropriations as made in the various supply bills are as follows:

Agriculture, \$9,932,940; army, \$71,517,165; diplomatic and consular, \$3,391,094; District of Columbia, \$10,138,492; fortifications, \$5,053,993; Indian, \$9,260,400; legislative, etc., \$29,741,019; military academy, \$1,664,708; navy, \$102,071,650; pension, \$140,245,500; post office, \$191,695,999; sundry civil, \$98,974,574. Total, \$672,987,734.

Isthmian canal deficiency bill, \$11,900,000; urgent deficiency, 1906 and prior years, \$16,270,332; urgent deficiency, additional, 1906 and prior years, \$274,925; deficiency 1906 and prior years, \$11,573,989.

Total regular annual appropriations, \$140,076,320. Grand total regular and permanent annual appropriations, \$880,183,301.

The aggregate appropriation is \$60,000,000 in excess of that for last year.

Of the various increases, that of \$3,050,250 is made on account of meat inspection; \$1,420,533 on account of the army; \$968,046, to carry the new consular law into effect; \$1,734,970 on account of the navy; \$1,995,400 on account of pensions; \$10,673,905 on account of the post office department, of which \$3,030,000 was for rural free delivery. Of the appropriations made, about \$31,000,000 was unestimated for. Included in this list were the following: \$10,250,000 carried in the statehood act; \$1,000,000 for arming and equipping the militia, \$2,500,000 on account of the earthquake and fire at San Francisco, \$500,000 on account of the new quarantine law, \$10,231,600 on account of public buildings.

THREE KILLED BY BLAST.

Explosion of Gas in Mine at Keystone, W. Va., Causes Death—Several Men Missing.

Keystone, W. Va.—As the result of a premature explosion in a mine here three men were killed outright and a number are still missing. Bud Meadows, Edward Howard and William Mahon were passing through an entry, which had been abandoned for some time, when the gas ignited from their lamps and all three were killed. A number of men in other parts of the mine were injured, probably fatally.

The force of the explosion was terrific, and several of the parties formed for the rescue of the few miners imprisoned were overcome by gas. This is the fourth explosion within a year in the Pocahontas fields.

Panic Under Circus Tent.

Aurora, Ill.—Ten thousand people were thrown into a wild panic Friday afternoon during the performance of Ringling Bros.' circus in this city when a violent and sudden wind storm partly wrecked the main tent.

Swinging quarter poles, lifted from the ground by the swaying canvas, mowed down people in scores from their seats. One man was instantly killed—a cripple, who was unable to save himself—another man died of fright as he hurried from the scene of terror with his family, and seven persons were injured.

Match Head Ignites Powder.

Corry, Pa.—While cleaning a toy cannon in his doryward with his two children about him, Irvin Manley was burned by a powder explosion Monday and the two boys, ten and eight years old, are in a critical condition. A can of powder was standing near the trio and the head of a match flew off when it was struck, falling into the powder. Mr. Manley had his hair burned off, the boys' faces were filled with powder and they sustained severe burns.

Bank Is Closed.

Homestead, Pa.—The foreign bank of M. Kascmar & Co. failed to open its doors Monday and nearly 20 excited foreigners gathered in front of the bank clamoring for their money. The alleged disappearance of the cashier and a reported shortage of from \$7,000 to \$12,000 are given as the causes for the suspension.

Freight Trains Collide.

Mobile, Ala.—A regular and an extra freight train on the Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City railroad met, collided head-on Monday two miles south of Newton, Miss., smashing both engines and killing the two firemen.

Houses Tumble Into River.

Imperial, Cal.—At Mexicali, a total of 26 houses, mainly adobe, have tumbled into the New river to date. The river is steadily rising, reaching on toward Calexico. Merchants are beginning to leave.

WAR FOR BRITAIN

ENGLAND MUST PREPARE FOR CONFLICT SOON.

THE SITUATION NOW IN EGYPT

Sensational Speech in Parliament by Sir Edward Grey—Attack on British Officers at Tantab Was Not Accidental.

LONDON.—Parliament and the country were given a surprise by a sensational speech by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, on the situation in Egypt. An interesting debate on foreign affairs had been anticipated when the house of commons took up the foreign estimates, but on account of Russia and the Congo rather than Egypt. Other subjects, however, were temporarily shelved when the house realized the momentous character of Sir Edward Grey's deliverance with regard to Egypt.

Speaking in a solemn tone and amid a tense silence, the minister declared that the recent attacks on British officers at Tantab were not accidental, but a deliberate manifestation of the fanatical spirit which had necessitated the strengthening of the garrison in Egypt, and declared that unless the authority of Lord Cromer and the Egyptian government was strongly upheld it might lead to a situation requiring the adoption of stern measures.

With regard to the proposed visit of a British fleet to Cronstadt, the foreign secretary said he felt assured that the central government of Russia was neither aware of nor had connived at the recent unfortunate occurrences. No interference from the outside would strengthen a reform party, but rather reactionaries or revolutionists.

As a British fleet was in the Baltic last year and had not visited Russian ports it would be remarkable if a fleet should not do so this year. He hoped the usual civilities would be observed. The fleet would go entirely without reference to Russian internal affairs. It would be impossible to make a change now without giving rise to the suspicion that Great Britain was taking sides. The visit would be in a friendly spirit, to pay compliments to Emperor Nicholas and the Russian nation.

Sir Edward said he could not imagine the Russian parliament interpreting the visit as taking sides.

Roosevelt and Bryan Invited.

DENVER—Invitations were extended to Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, and William J. Bryan to attend the sixteenth annual convention of the International League of Precs Clubs, which will meet in this city from August 27 to September 1. Mr. Roosevelt is being urged to attend not as president, but as an author, and Mr. Bryan as an editor and publisher.

Peace for Little States.

WASHINGTON—Again the United States will probably figure as a peace-maker. Guatemala and Salvador are making overtures for the arbitration of their troubles, resulting from the alleged activity of Salvador in support of the revolutionary movement against President Cabrera of Guatemala, and it is likely that the United States will be selected as the country in which the board of arbitration will meet.

Travelers Want President.

NEW YORK—William Hoge, president of the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust league, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt asking Mr. Roosevelt to preside at the reception to be tendered William J. Bryan in this city upon his arrival from Europe early in September.

CHOLERA IN ITS WORST FORM

Twenty-three Deaths Reported, with Twenty-nine Cases in Manila.

WASHINGTON—The War department was advised of the virulent outbreak of cholera in Manila. For the week ending July 4 there were 116 cases and 99 deaths. For the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock on the morning of July 5 there were twelve cases and five deaths in the provinces. During the same period in Manila there were twenty-nine cases and twenty-three deaths.

Corporal Commits Suicide.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan.—Corporal T. Redder of Troop A, Thirtieth cavalry, stationed at Fort Riley, committed suicide in this city. With a party of soldiers he came to town from the post to hear the band concert in the city park, and during the last selection played by the band exposed himself from his comrades, walked up to the light near the bandstand in front of the large crowd, drew a revolver and blew his brains out. He died immediately. He was twelve years with the English army.

New Star in Flag Next Year.

WASHINGTON—After consultation between Quartermaster General Humphreys and Admiral Cowles, chief of the equipment bureau of the Navy department, the two officers who are charged with the making and issuing of the national flags to the army and navy, respectively, it has been decided that the admission into the union of states of Oklahoma shall be recorded by the addition of a star in the blue field of the flag placed at the lower right-hand corner. It will first appear July 1, 1907.