

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

ASSESSORS' RETURNS COMPARED

Notable Increase in Some Lines of Industry—What is Shown by Figures of the Nebraska State Board of Equalization.

Assessors' Figures Compared.

LINCOLN.—Following are some comparisons of the returns made by assessors last year and this year, as compiled by the state board of equalization. Noticeable increases are made in the poultry valuation and in the property of telegraph and telephone companies. In the matter of the low value of alfalfa it is said the crop on hand about April 1 is small and therefore the assessment is small:

	1905.	1906.
Improvements less-land	\$1,056,425	\$1,027,875
Interest in state lands	774,048	682,207
Franchises	110,875	139,308
Stocks in any company	319,716	212,326
Stocks in national banks	2,276,518	2,276,805
Stocks in state banks	1,378,832	1,802,919
Property of express, telegraph and telephone companies	366,398	408,702
Property of franchised corporations	3,076,063	3,341,977
Property of pipe lines	35,500	26,889
Property of express, telephone, telegraph companies	768,341	989,107
Capital invested by elevator men	182,512	207,154
Cooperage material	52,155	26,872
Nursery stock	5,834	11,496
Slaughtered animals	1,728	6,428
Brick, stone, building material	188,702	55,922
Lumber, logs, wood	106,959	128,801
Poultry	299,816	345,742
Cattle	26,441	32,129
Coal	31,533	31,182
Lime	1,728	6,428
Hay and alfalfa	182,135	181,478

The compilation of the reports of the county assessors made by the state fair bureau shows a sufficiency of miscellaneous crops, including speltz, millet, hungarian, sorghum cane and sugar beets. This latter crop is considerably less than in former years, there being only 11,378 acres planted. Speltz is said to be a coming crop, this year the acreage being 64,538 acres. At the state farm a number of hogs have been fed on speltz and nothing else and the result is very gratifying.

More Money in Nebraska.

LINCOLN.—Investigation of the work of the state board of equalization shows the people of Nebraska have more money on hand than last year; have more money loaned and secured by mortgages, and more notes not secured. Money in corporations has also increased and so have book accounts. The following table shows a comparison of some of these items:

	1905.	1906.
Annuites	\$ 10,809	\$ 10,190
Bonds	112,852	101,554
Notes secured by mortgages	4,722,112	5,054,812
Other notes	1,929,636	2,224,224
Book accounts	761,934	820,381
Money loaned	125,708	118,019
Judgments	17,280	18,594
Money invested in tax sales	35,928	42,333
Money paid in building and loan associations	196,013	132,243
Stocks in corporations	144,476	241,157
Bills	3,566,486	4,486,895

Exhibits for Fair.

Reports coming into the office of Secretary Mellor of the state board indicate the agricultural exhibit this fall will be the best in the history of the fair. Corn, potatoes, grain, pumpkins and other farm products are said to be of better quality than ever before in the history of the state.

Land Fever Rages at Rulo.

RULO.—Seventy people left this county last week seeking investments and homes in Dakota, western Nebraska and Kansas and other places. Many of them are wealthy and have all the comforts of life here. Such a feeling of unrest and moving spirit has never before attacked the people of this county. The high price of land has much to do with the matter, however. Many have sought cheap land and made investments, while the land that has been sold here has been for enlarging farms.

Adjudged a Dipsoniac.

ORD.—Dell Chapman has been sent to the dypsonian institute of the hospital for the insane at Lincoln. A hard fight was put up before the insanity board for a day and a half to show that Chapman was not a fit candidate. The evidence of his wife, children, neighbors and baskets of empty bottles overbalanced the testimony of the saloon men who said they had not sold Chapman enough liquor to make a drunkard of him and he was sent up.

A Good Opening for Young Men.

WANTED: Students to learn dentistry. One thousand to eighteen hundred a year as soon as competent. Cannot supply the demand. For particulars address Dr. Clyde Davis, Lincoln, Neb.

Special Fair Trains.

The usual one fare rate, plus 50 cents for a ticket of admission to the state fair, has been offered by all railroads and every line entering Lincoln is preparing to handle a large crowd. The reception to be given to W. J. Bryan will be Wednesday, September 5, one of the best days of the fair. This will add greatly to the crowd of visitors in Lincoln during fair week. Railroad tickets will be sold September 3 to 8, inclusive. Return is limited to September 8.

OVER THE STATE.

Bert Taylor, a carpenter from Lincoln, was killed by lightning at Crawford.

The democrats of Brown county have nominated Miss E. Mae Davison for county attorney.

Heavy rains, high winds and hail recently done a good deal of damage to crops in Sioux county.

The Nye-Schneider-Fowler company of Fremont is building a 1,200 bushel addition to its elevator, making it one of the largest on that branch.

Congressman G. W. Norris was renominated by acclamation for a third term by the republicans of the Fifth district, assembled in convention in McCook.

Over 200 cattle stalls are already reserved at the coming state fair to be held at Lincoln the first week in September and very few stalls are unoccupied in the horse barns.

A horse and buggy were stolen from J. R. McCasland west of Geneva. Steps were taken at once to catch the thief and recover the property, a liberal reward being offered.

Many farmers in Gage county have commenced plowing and will soon begin putting in the winter wheat crop. The ground is in excellent condition and a larger acreage than usual will be sown this fall.

Henry Bahr, teacher at the Hanover school house, northeast of Beatrice, was pleasantly surprised by the patrons of the school, who presented him with \$75 in silver to show their appreciation for his faithful service as a teacher.

On account of the low rates, to be restored August 10, shipping grain out of Omaha grew to enormous proportions. Railroads figure during the first week in August they handled out of Omaha about 700 cars of wheat and 300 cars of corn.

Dr. McElwee of Cheyenne, Wyo., who came to Nebraska City last week and going to the river, either fell or jumped in, and was picked up five miles below there in a drowning condition, was taken to Pacific Junction by his brother-in-law.

Word was received in Beatrice announcing the death of Horace Scudder, at one time private secretary to the late Senator Paddock and formerly secretary of the Paddock Hotel company of that city, which occurred in Denver of typhoid fever.

A man giving his name as F. W. Wilson and registering from Crawfordville, Ind., after staying at the Watson hotel in Nebraska City, induced Landlord C. M. Derr to cash a draft for \$85 on New York. The draft turns out to be fraudulent.

Sunday afternoon about 1 o'clock at Long Pine Zora Bennett attempted to catch an outgoing fast stock train, but got a poor hold and, seeing that he could not succeed in getting on, he let go and fell, getting a part of his arm smashed under the car wheels.

A. Walls, a young man who has resided in the community for more than twenty years, in a fit of jealous rage shot Maggie Bylstra, a dining room girl in the Central hotel at Gordon, with evident intent to kill. The bullet entered the left breast, striking a rib and glancing, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound.

The estate of the Lloyd girls of Otoe county, one of whom was killed by the other, who died in the asylum ten days afterwards, is being settled up and will go to distant relatives. The estate is valued at something like \$20,000. The property was left them by their mother and grandfather and they lived on the farm for over twenty years.

Richardson county, according to the statement of County Superintendent Oliver, is short fifty teachers and this result has been brought about by the enactment by the last session of the legislature of house bill No. 48 by Mr. Warner. There is an abundance of teachers in the county such as they are, but they have not been able to qualify under this law.

An even 100 divorces were granted by the three equity judges of the district court of Douglas county during the May term according to figures compiled in the district clerk's office. The period covered by the figures includes a part of May, June and July, less than three months. This means that more than one divorce a day was granted. This is said to be about the average of other terms.

There is great excitement in Republican City, Alma and Orleans over the outlook for a new railroad in Harlan county. For a number of years the Rock Island has long sought a shorter route from Chicago via Omaha and Lincoln to Denver. It is now making the preliminary survey for this route and the surveyors have already surveyed the eastern portion, from near Lincoln to the Republican.

While at camp three miles southwest of Bloomfield, where a number of prominent families of that city are spending the summer camping, Mrs. George Ballantine, one of the party, was struck by lightning and rendered unconscious. She regained consciousness in about an hour and with the exception of a severe nervous attack it is thought the shock left no bad results.

Facilities for fire extinguishing are under discussion in Sutherland, and a meeting of the citizens is to be held for the purpose of ascertaining if some definite action in the matter cannot be taken.

Through the efforts of the Humane society, Ivory M. Hult of South Omaha was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$5,000 on the charge of debauching his 10-year-old daughter, who is blind. Three complaints involving relations with another daughter have been filed against him in Sarpy county.

PROBING.



ROOT TELLS ARGENTINA WE WILL DEFEND ALL AMERICA

SECRETARY OF STATE ASSURES SISTER REPUBLIC OF OUR FRIENDSHIP—NO OLD SCORES TO SETTLE.

Buenos Ayres.—At the official banquet at the government house by President Alcoria in honor of Secretary Root, to which only the diplomatic corps and high officers of state were invited, the secretary made what was considered the most important speech he has delivered while on his tour.

Rising to tender the secretary an official welcome, and proposing the health of Mr. Root, the president traced the similarity in the constitutions, progress, and success in overcoming obstacles, of North and South America. He dwelt especially on the mutual advantages of closer friendship between the races.

Mr. Root, in replying to the official welcome, thanked the president in behalf of President Roosevelt and the "millions of citizens in the United States." Then he said:

"We inherit the right to be interested in the Argentine Republic, and to be proud of the Argentine people.

Stands for Monroe Doctrine.

"From the time when Benjamin Rush was fighting, from the day when James Monroe threw down the gauntlet of a weak republic, we were then in defense of its independence and rights, and from that day to this the interest and the friendship of the people of the United States for the Argentine Republic have never changed. We rejoice in your prosperity. We are proud of your achievements. We feel that you are justifying our faith in free government and self-government; that you are maintaining our great thesis which demands the possession of the earth to the people who inhabit it. So how can the people of the United States help feeling a friendship and sympathy for the people of Argentina?"

"I deemed it a duty to come in response to your kind invitation to say this and to say that there is not a cloud in the sky of good understanding. There are no political questions at issue between Argentina and the United States. There is no thought of grievance by one against the other. There are no old grudges or scores to settle.

Each Nation to Study Other.

"We can rejoice in each other's prosperity. We can assist in each other's development. We can be proud of each other's successes without hindrance or drawback and for the development of this sentiment in both countries, nothing is needed but more knowledge; that we shall know each other better and that not only the most educated and thoughtful readers of our countries shall become familiar with the history of the other, but that the entire body of the people shall know what are the relations and what are the feelings of the other country.

"I should be glad that the people of the Argentine Republic, not merely you, Mr. President; not merely my friend, the minister of foreign relations, not merely the gentlemen connected with the government, but the people of Argentina, might know the feeling with which the people of the United States are their friends, as I know the people of the Argentine Republic are friends of the United States.

CONCERTED PLAN TO MURDER

Bombs and Revolvers Cause Terror to Russian Officials.

St. Petersburg.—Acting apparently with a definite plan, and at a signal, the terrorists and revolutionists Wednesday inaugurated a carnival of murderous attacks with bombs and revolvers on the police and troops in various cities in Poland, echoes of which are heard from Samara, Ufa, Yalta, Kiev and even far away Chita, where Acting Chief of Police Copinchenko was slain almost on his own doorstep. The revolutionist campaign flamed out with especial virulence at Warsaw, where over a score were slain in the streets and many more were wounded.

Three Badly Hurt in Wreck.

Chagrin Falls, O.—A special car on the Cleveland & Eastern electric road, carrying 55 passengers, collided with a milk car while running at high speed near here Wednesday, resulting in the injury of three persons.

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Favors Alliance with Sisters.

"I have come to South America with no more specific object than I have stated. Our traditional policy in the United States of America is to make no alliances. It has been adhered to by Washington. It has been adhered to by his successors ever since. But, Mr. President, the alliance that comes from unwritten and unsealed instruments, as that from the convention signed and ratified with all formalities, is of vital consequence.

"We make no alliances, but we make an alliance with all our sisters in sentiment and feeling in the pursuit of liberty and justice, in mutual helpfulness, and in that spirit I beg to return to you, sir, and to your government and the people of this splendid and wonderful country my sincere thanks for the welcome you have given me and my country, in my person."

Mr. Root's speech was received with vociferous applause and the greatest possible satisfaction.

Forest Fires in Minnesota.

Blwabik, Minn.—Several large forest fires are burning fiercely west-south of this place. Hundreds of acres of second growth and thicket have been burned over and still the flames sweep on unresisted. Much damage has already been done aside from the burning of wood. Many settlers have been forced to abandon their homes and have lost most of their property. Wild animals are invading the limits of the villages. Unless rain falls within 24 hours valuable tracts of pine will be destroyed.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS REPORTER

Man Who Took Noted Trials and Speeches Dead at Washington.

Washington.—Francis H. Smith, one of the first official reporters of congressional debates, died Tuesday at Washington, Conn., where he was born March 11, 1829. For many years he had been a prominent banker here. Daniel Webster was one of the first men Mr. Smith reported in congress, and later Mr. Smith reported for the Associated Press the court-martial of the Lincoln conspirators and the subsequent trial of John H. Surratt. Another famous trial he covered was that of Gen. Daniel Sickles for the killing of District Attorney Key.

Two Killed by Boiler Blast.

Three Rivers, Mich.—The boiler of a mint distillery on the farm of William Mohny, three miles from this city, exploded Wednesday, instantly killing Mr. Mohny and his son Roy, and wounding two of Roy's children.

Clark's Assessment Raised.

Butte, Mont.—The board of equalization assessed W. A. Clark \$1,000,000 on his San Pedro railroad stock, \$2,440,000 on his United Verde mine, and raised his bank assessment \$649,000, an increase of nearly \$4,000,000.

TO BUILD NEW RAILROAD

AIR LINE BETWEEN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK PLANNED.

New Road to Be Equipped with Electric Locomotives—Project Will Cost About \$150,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Papers of consolidation of three railroads in different parts of Pennsylvania will be filed at Harrisburg this week, and will constitute the formal announcement of a project of prominent foreign bankers, associated with Joseph Ramsey, Jr., former president of the Wash-bash railroad, to build a low-grade double-track railroad from New York to Chicago by way of Pittsburg, which will cost about \$150,000,000.

Complete surveys have been made, and it is expected that work preliminary to actual grading and construction next spring will begin this fall. It is expected that the road will require three years to construct. It is contemplated to operate with electric locomotives from the beginning.

It will be known as the New York, Pittsburg and Chicago Air Line, and will be 65 miles shorter from Pittsburg to New York than is the Pennsylvania, and 108 miles shorter than the shortest line between New York and Chicago.

The new air line will traverse the important bituminous coal fields of central Pennsylvania, now controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, and also will pierce the anthracite region throughout its length. It not only will be the shortest line through Pennsylvania, but it will cross the summit of the Allegheny mountains 400 feet lower than does the Pennsylvania, and will have easy curves and remarkably low grades for a mountain line.

Mr. Ramsey confirms these statements in a telegram from New York. The cost of the line between Pittsburg and New York, Mr. Ramsey says is estimated to be between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, all of which has been pledged, the bulk of it by foreign capitalists.

KING AND KAISER KISS.

Cordial Meeting of Monarchs at Kronberg.

Kronberg, Hesse-Nassau, Prussia.—King Edward arrived here on a special train from Frankfurt at 8:45 Wednesday. Emperor William and Prince and Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse-Nassau met him at the station.

The emperor assisted the king in alighting, and they kissed each other on both cheeks. The meeting was very cordial. The king wore a black Prince Albert coat and a silk hat. The emperor had on the uniform of the Posen Jaeger regiment, with a steel helmet.

King Edward was accompanied by Sir Charles Hardinge, permanent under secretary of the foreign office; Maj. Gen. Sir Stanley Clarke, chief equerry, and Maj. Frederick E. G. Ponsonby, equerry to his majesty. Sir Frank Lascelles, British ambassador to Germany, and the British consul general, Francis Oppenheimer, joined the royal party at Frankfurt.

After introductions had been exchanged the party and their following proceeded to Friederichshof in automobiles.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS PARADE

Two Grand Army Men Drop in Ranks and Third is Killed.

Minneapolis, Minn.—For the fortieth time since its work in war was finished and its glory won, the Grand Army of the Republic was in line Wednesday. There had been many parades more gorgeous, many spectacles more dazzling and bewildering, but never was there in this country one more appealing and impressive than that which passed through the streets of Minneapolis during the morning.

Col. Charles T. Keeting, of New Orleans, was overcome by the heat and exhaustion and died an hour after reaching the hospital.

Thomas A. Martin dropped while marching in the parade and died on his way to the emergency hospital.

George A. Penny, of Logan, Ia., was seriously injured by an automobile, which ran him down.

FOUR LIVES ARE LOST IN VAIN

Each Plunges Into Undercurrent in Effort to Rescue Others.

Davenport, Wash.—Five persons prominent in social life of Davenport, who had been enjoying an outing on the banks of the Spokane river about 12 miles northeast of here, were drowned Sunday.

The dead: Miss Winnie Jones, A. L. Bergett, Mrs. A. L. Gergett, Roy Howard, A. L. Inlian.

Four of the drowned heroically sacrificed their lives in an attempt to save others. One after another they plunged into the river, only to be seized by the whirlpool and drawn down either by the whirlpool or the under current.

Paper Mills Burned.

Ypsilanti, Mich.—The Superior mills of the Ypsilanti Paper company, located a short distance outside of the city limits, were practically destroyed by fire early Wednesday. The loss is about \$100,000.

Lightning Kills Iowa Banker.

Des Moines, Ia.—B. A. Lamason, a wealthy banker, cashier of the Bank of Ankeney, was struck by lightning and instantly killed Wednesday morning. He was in the barn when the bolt struck him.

BROWN IS CHOSEN

ELECTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE G. A. R.

ALL OPPOSITION IS WITHDRAWN

Other Candidate Retire and Choice is Made by Acclamation—A Nebraska Man at Head of the Medical Department.

Commander-in-Chief R. E. BROWN, Zanesville, O.

Senior Vice Commander WM. H. ARMSTRONG, Indianapolis

Junior Vice Commander E. B. FENTON, Detroit

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF ARCHBISHOP IRELAND, St. Paul

Surgeon General W. H. JOHNSON, Lincoln, Neb.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The above officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic. All other officers are staff appointments and will be announced later by the new commander-in-chief.

The strongest opponents of Mr. Brown for the honor of being commander-in-chief were C. G. Burton of Missouri and Captain P. H. Coney of Kansas. Both withdrew when it was seen that the election of Mr. Brown was a certainty. Several candidates were nominated for senior and junior vice commanders, but later all withdrew in favor of Armstrong and Fenton, and both were chosen unanimously.

Archbishop Ireland had no rivals for the position of chaplain-in-chief.

After the election the place of holding the next encampment was taken up, but an adjournment was taken before a vote was reached. The voting will be resumed tomorrow.

The new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, R. B. Brown, was born in 1845, and has always lived in Ohio. He enlisted in the Fifteenth Ohio infantry at the age of 16 and served in the Fourteenth army corps in the Army of the Cumberland until he was mustered out in 1864. He then enlisted and served until the end of the war. He was a private for three years and then became a non-commissioned officer. He has long been active in the work of the Grand Army. Mr. Brown is now editor of the Zanesville Courier.

The total membership of the Grand Army is declared in the report of Adjutant General Twedale to be 235,823, an increase of 3,368 during the last six months. The losses by death for the year ended December 31, 1905, were 9,205, or 3.90 per cent of the total membership. In the preceding year the losses by death reached exactly the same percentage.

The suggestion is made that the organization be incorporated with a provision requiring the annual reports of the organization to be submitted by congress.

The receipts from the per capita tax imposed on members are declared to be insufficient for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Grand Army. The suggestion is made that the tax be increased from 3 1/2 cents to 5 cents per annum, which will increase the revenue of the organization about \$3,500 yearly.

BRYAN COMING HOME.

Will Sail for America on 19th of August.

MADRID.—William J. Bryan is on the home stretch of his great world tour. Mr. Bryan and his party arrived here at Thursday and were received and heartily greeted by Vice Consul Maddin Summers in the absence of Ambassador William M. Collier. They remained in the city seven hours.

The party's brief stay was occupied in seeing a few of the principal points of interest. Mr. Summers expressed regret that the visit was to be cut so short, but in order to make up for lost time he was told it was imperative that the party leave on schedule time.

At 7 o'clock at night Mr. Bryan and his friends left for Cordoba, whence they will proceed to Grenada and Gibraltar, arriving at the latter point Friday night and sailing thence for New York on Saturday.

Does Not Get the \$25,000.

WASHINGTON — Mrs. Ida May Morse, a St. Louis actress, who came here for the alleged purpose of getting President Roosevelt to surrender to her the \$25,000 voted to him by congress for traveling purposes, was given in the custody of relatives, who promised to care for her in St. Louis.

Santo Domingo at It Again.

WASHINGTON.—Santo Domingo is again in a ferment, and according to dispatches received by the state department, more revolutionary troubles are expected there at any time. Unrest about Monte Christi and other northern ports of the island portend further movements against the government, and Commander Sutherland of the American fleet, guarding the island against revolutionary expeditions, has been warned to be on the lookout for parties expected to cross to the island.

Second Grand Jury Meets.

CHICAGO.—The special federal grand jury, which is to continue the investigation of the charge that the Standard Oil company received rebates from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad and other transportation lines, was impeached. The purpose of the second special grand jury's investigation of the case is to cover rebates alleged to have been received by the Standard Oil company since March 3, 1905, when the eastern division of the northern district of Illinois for the federal judiciary was created.