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FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

Foreign.

The Russian foreign office has taken no action on the memorandum presented by the United States government relative to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroad, which has been submitted for a careful examination jointly by the ministers of finance and war. The ultimate attitude of Russia will depend largely upon the reception of the proposals by the other powers, and the developments in this matter will necessarily consume a great deal of time.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook's original note books have arrived at Copenhagen and will be examined by the committee immediately. Hector Salmonson says, however, that the investigation will not alter the committee's judgment. He has seen the notebooks and is still convinced that the explorer's claim to the discovery of the Pole is not bonafide.

Maurice Henry Hewlett, the novelist, has entered the election fight with a two column manifesto addressed to "workmen of England," in which, describing himself as one of yourselves, gaining my livelihood by the work of my head and hands," he reminds the workers that they form the overwhelming majority of the electorate, and can gain everything they want by two strokes of the pencil in the polling booth.

The first fatality in England to result from a suffragette disturbance occurred when Alfred Hudson, a policeman, died from injuries received during a riot outside the Coliseum on August 10, last. Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, was addressing a mass meeting inside the building. An attempt on the part of a large body of suffragettes to enter precipitated a riot, in which Hudson was injured internally.

General.

Omaha's persistence and determined effort to establish a wool market has again won recognition in the resolutions of the Natural Wool Growers' association adopted in Salt Lake.

The house adopted a resolution providing for an investigation of the interior and forestry departments.

An investigation into the alleged domination of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company by the Pennsylvania system so far as it affects freight shippers in West Virginia is to be made.

J. C. Mabray and other alleged members of the "big store" swindling syndicate will have to stand trial under the indictment returned against them last September by the federal grand jury in Council Bluffs on the charge of conspiracy to use the mails fraudulently.

The names of ten successful architects who have submitted comparative designs for a \$2,500,000 monument in New York to Robert Fulton, were made public by the jury of the Robert Fulton Memorial association.

Rev. E. Burt Methodist bishop of Rome, officiated at the laying of the corner stone for the Methodist Episcopal Institute.

After thirty-five years in the government service Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Philpott, within six years of being a centenarian, is dead at her home in Washington.

Honoring the memory of Albert Pike, the great exponent of Scottish Rite masonry, exercises celebrating the hundredth anniversary of his birth were held in Washington.

Low will send fifty-two delegates to the world's Sunday school convention which will be held in Washington, D. C., on the dates of May 19-24.

The opinion at Washington is that the president will soon break with Speaker Cannon over legislation.

Five war vessels of the United States will take part in the celebration of the first centennial of the independence of the Argentine republic at Buenos Ayres about May next.

Walter Lonsdale, Dr. Frederick A. Cook's secretary, announced that he had received a letter from Dr. Cook, but he declined to give the explorer's address.

At Bordeaux, France, Leon De La Grange, the noted French aviator, was killed while making a flight. He fell with his machine from a height of about sixty-five feet and was crushed under wreckage.

In far from good health and grief stricken at the recent sudden death of his daughter, Jean, Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, sailed for Bermuda.

On account of floods Los Angeles was isolated forty-eight hours.

A bill is pending in congress looking to the promoting of rifle practice.

An Alaskan prospector denies Cook's story in which he is alleged to have been rescued from a bear by the explorer.

The United States government is dissatisfied with President Madriz in Nicaragua.

Omaha Indians voted against proposed merger in a council held at Walthill.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Captain Charles E. Vreeland of the navy to be a rear admiral.

The Scott expedition in search of the south pole is now assured, the English government having promised \$100,000 towards the \$200,000 which is the estimated expense.

President Taft is still looking forward to a trip to Alaska late in the coming spring. He proposes to go to the far northwestern territory immediately after the adjournment of congress.

The first of the automatic sugar-weighting scales which the treasury department contemplates introducing at New York is now ready for a test at Boston, where the factory is located.

The shortage of freight cars for the United States now totals 24,054, according to the latest fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway association.

C. H. Ackert, vice president and general manager of the Southern railway, has resigned and it is announced by President Finley that he will retire from the Southern on January 15.

In its search at New York for information about men "higher up" in the sugar underweighting frauds the federal grand jury had before it Secretary Charles R. Helke of the American Sugar Refining company.

Charles Schmidt, alias Mike Jordan, who murdered Mrs. Teresa Barnhart, with whom he boarded, gave that crime a sensational climax next morning, when he returned to Akron, O., and killed himself in front of the Barnhart home.

Darius Ogden Mills, one of the most widely known financiers and philanthropists in the United States, a pioneer of California and father of Mrs. Reid, wife of the ambassador to Great Britain, died at his winter home near San Francisco.

Nine persons are dead and two others are not expected to survive as the result of eating canned peaches containing ptomaine poison on Sunday night at Sawtelle, Cal.

War on high prices has begun at Washington by the institution of a boycott against combinations.

W. A. Gorman, traffic manager of the St. Louis, Rock, Mountain & Pacific railroad, died after being ill three days at Raton, N. M.

Mrs. Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati has bought the ball park of the Philadelphia National league, for about \$250,000. She gives the ball club a ninety-nine year lease on the park with the privilege of buying it at the end of twenty years.

Darius Ogden Mills, the New York financier and philanthropist, died at his rural home, Milbrae, of heart failure.

In an opinion by Justice Day the supreme court of the United States held to be invalid the ordinance adopted by the city council of the city of Minneapolis, Minn., in 1907, requiring the Minneapolis Street Railway company to sell six tickets for 25 cents.

Washington.

Representative Hitchcock of Omaha issued a statement in which he virtually admitted that he is considering becoming a candidate at the primaries for United States senator to succeed Senator Burkett. Mr. Hitchcock declined to make a formal announcement of his candidacy, but his friends in the house declare that he will do so at a later day.

Efforts are to be made at the present session of congress to have that body pass a law permitting the compulsory retirement of superannuated government employees and providing for pensions for such employees. Secretary MacVeagh has instructed Herbert D. Brown of his department to draw up a plan.

Officials of the public health and marine hospital service in this city are congratulating themselves on the fact that during the last calendar year there was a general and marked improvement in the public health conditions throughout the United States.

December's fiscal operations of the national government showed a balance on the credit side—the first time during the fiscal year 1909-10, and the first time since the Payne-Aldrich tariff law went into effect. The receipts aggregated \$59,827,536 and the disbursements \$57,713,790, leaving a balance of \$2,113,741.

The first and probably the most brilliant of the formal state receptions planned for the present White House season was given by the president and Mrs. Taft in honor of the diplomatic corps. Some 1,500 guests in all were invited. Mrs. Taft was present throughout the evening.

Senator Crawford of South Dakota introduced a resolution calling upon the department of commerce and labor to make an investigation to ascertain the reasons for the exceedingly high cost of living. Crawford has been in consultation with officials of the department and they have assured him that they can furnish the desired information if congress authorizes the investigation.

A fortune of \$60,000 in gift-edged securities awaits the heirs of Jeremiah Moynihan, an aged miscreant who died in St. Louis last week.

Personal.

Finkelstein, the would-be robber of New York, was found dead in a tunnel leading to the vaults.

Representative Norris has an article in La Follette's magazine on the rule of Speaker Cannon.

General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation army, was granted a new trial in his effort to oust the American Salvation army.

ROAD MAKES A PLEA

APPLIES TO STATE BOARD FOR LOWER ASSESSMENT.

BRIDGES OLD AND RAILS LIGHT

Claims That the Line is Purely Local and in no Sense the Part of Any Big System.

In its application to the state board of assessment to reduce its valuation in Nebraska the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad in Nebraska says that for the year ended June 30, 1908, it had paid in taxes an amount equal to 5 per cent of its gross earnings, while other roads, it says, have paid no more than 3 1/2 per cent.

In discussing the physical valuation of the road the report says last year the company constructed in Kansas 6.79 miles of road through a hilly country for a total of \$18,790 a mile, exclusive of equipment.

Were the bridges now on this road twenty-five years old, instead of new, and had they not been replaced during the period, which is the condition of the bridges on the Nebraska part of the road, the report says, the depreciation would have been 50 per cent, or approximately \$26,000. The Kansas line traverses a hilly country, so more than twice as much grading had to be done on it than would be done or had been done on the Nebraska line, therefore half the cost of grading, or \$23,185, should be deducted from the value of the Nebraska line on that account. This, the report says, would leave the present value of the line, if built under the same conditions as in Nebraska, \$77,854.58, or \$11,000 a mile, without equipment.

The equipment, the report says, if twenty-five years old, would be valued at approximately \$2,830 a mile, making a total valuation per mile of \$13,830, including equipment. The average cost of constructing a similar railroad in Nebraska, the report says, is as follows: Eighty-five-pound steel, \$10,897.80; seventy-five-pound steel, \$9,577.80; sixty-pound steel, \$8,926.

To this should be added the cost of the right-of-way, which in Nebraska should not exceed \$75 an acre or \$900 per mile.

The report says this road is purely a local road and is not a part of any big system and does not act as a feeder for a system. The average amount of freight handled per train during 1908 was 228 tons. The traffic handled in Nebraska was 25 per cent less than on other parts of the road or 170 tons.

The gross earnings per mile of passenger train, according to the report, was 70 cents. The road has paid no dividend on its capital stock since 1901.

Lincoln Has a Complaint.

Lincoln is complaining because Omaha is receiving extra consideration at the hands of the railroads in the way of new buildings and no preparations are made for the Capitol City. It is pointed out that Omaha is to have two new headquarters buildings and two new freight houses and improvements to the Union station, while nothing is to be done for Lincoln. In the complaint Lincoln avers that it has given and received larger tonnage from the railroads "in proportion" than the city of Omaha.

Railroads to Have Inning.

Permission has not yet been given by the supreme court to docket the case filed by the attorney general against the Union Pacific and the Burlington railroads for permitting the sale of liquors on trains. Instead the court instructed the attorney general to notify the railroads of his action and give them an opportunity to be heard if there is objection to the case being brought in the supreme court rather than in the regular order of business.

Disciplining a Fraternity.

The first fraternity of the State university to feel the effect of the new restrictions imposed upon the Greek letter chapters is Alpha Tau Omega. By refusing to have a chaplain at its recent party the Alpha Tau Omega violated one of the university regulations governing social affairs, and the penalty imposed for its misconduct is that it shall not be allowed to entertain any young women at its chapter house until after the Easter recess in April.

Installation of Telephone.

The railway commission has issued an order against the Missouri Pacific railroad company to install a telephone of the Plattsmouth Telephone company in its offices at Murray and Nehawka before January 21 or by January 25 show cause why this has not been done.

New Light Company.

The Orleans Light & Power company of Orleans has received permission from the railway commission to issue stock to the amount of \$10,000. This is a new company just organized.

Cherry County Case.

The supreme court gave leave to docket the case of Jordan against Quibbler from Cherry county to settle whether a woman elected treasurer of Cherry county may hold the office. The answer day is set for January 24.

Last is First.

York county's treasurer is the first county treasurer in the state to make his annual settlement with the state treasurer. He remitted \$2,939, which is the balance in taxes due the state from York county for the year 1909.

SOILS OF NEBRASKA.

Changes Effected by Cultivation of the Same.

The Nebraska Experiment Station has just issued Bulletin No. 111, entitled, "Changes in the Composition of the Loess Soils of Nebraska Caused by Cultivation."

The bulletin is issued as a preliminary answer to the often asked question: "To what extent has the fertility of the soil of Nebraska been depleted and what will be the result of the continuance of the present methods of farming?" The analyses reported in the bulletin indicate wherein the chief changes in composition have taken place during the past thirty to fifty years of cultivation and also wherein the most rapid changes of the future are to be expected.

The term "loess," while still more or less unfamiliar to the farmers, will gradually become well known to them, as it is the name of the deep, uniform, stone-free, heavy loam soil which covers nearly all the southeastern half of the state.

The bulletin gives the results of the analyses of many samples of soil taken at different depths from the surface inch to the sixth foot. It also shows the composition of the surface soil of prairie fields compared with that of adjacent long cultivated fields the history of which is known.

It would appear from the analyses that the only form of plant food that has as yet shown a diminution sufficient to be detected by chemical analysis is nitrogen. The only important soil constituents, whether used as plant food or not, that have declined appreciably after thirty to fifty years of cultivation, are the nitrogen and the organic matter. These two constituents fall and rise together. They decrease rapidly in amount from the surface downward. Accordingly the washing away or blowing away of the surface soil will make the soil poorer in these constituents. The greatest losses in the past have been caused by washing or blowing. The content of the other forms of plant food is rather higher in the subsoil than in the surface soil and, accordingly, is not injuriously affected by the removal of surface soil.

To maintain the supply of nitrogen and organic matter, it will be necessary to prevent the removal of surface soil by wind or water in so far as possible. Further, the burning of straw and stalks should be avoided and all barnyard manure should be returned to the land. Even if these precautions be observed there will be a steady decline in the cultivated fields unless legumes (clover or alfalfa) be grown or the produce of other fields be fed and the manure applied. By growing clover or alfalfa the nitrogen and organic matter may be increased at the same time that a profitable crop is obtained.

Residents of Nebraska whose names are not on the Station mailing list may obtain this bulletin free of cost by applying to

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County Option Fight.

State Superintendent Poulson of the Anti-Saloon league and Rev. Samuel Zanerz Batten of Lincoln have issued an appeal for money to help them secure the enactment of a county option law. In their appeal for financial help these officers of the league set out that they do not intend to insist that any party shall provide a pledge for county option in its platform, but that candidates for the legislature will be asked to make definite statements of their stand on the question.

Prof. Wilson Strikes a Warning Note.

In a talk before the freshman law class of the state university Prof. H. H. Wilson of the University of Nebraska Law college faculty declared that large cities in which universities are located are a menace to the education of the young Americans who attend those institutions; that they offer too many sources of amusement and entertainment which enervate and enfeeble the young blood. The large city offers too many pleasures for consistent study by the college students who live in it; the small town gives the best college atmosphere, and as a result produces the best college graduates.

Big Day for Treasury.

More money was paid into the state treasury recently than on any one day so far as the office force remembers. According to Mr. Forbes, bookkeeper, it was the banner day in the history of the treasury. The total amount collected was \$101,483.86.

Object to Grain Rates.

The Omaha grain exchange has filed a complaint against the Union Pacific and the Burlington railroads, with the State Railway commission, alleging discrimination in grain rates in favor of Kansas City.

The ice crop is fine everywhere in the state and much of it is being gathered.

Pardons by Governor.

During the past year Governor Shallenberger has issued pardons or commutations to seven convicts in the state penitentiary. This is the smallest number of convicts that has been let out in one year by any executive of the state within ten years at least. The governor has adopted the policy of insisting upon the county attorney and district judge who tried the convict endorsing the application for pardon or commutation, and also that there shall be some new condition arising which would justify clemency.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln closed the year 1909 with \$2,000,000 of insurance in force, all written in Nebraska.

The work of making the preliminary survey for the Kearney & Beloit, Kan., railway is rapidly nearing completion.

Governor Shallenberger has received an invitation to attend a celebration of Jefferson's birthday, to be held at Washington, D. C., April 13.

The county officials of Buffalo county have asked for an increase in salaries under the theory that the population of the county exceeds 25,000.

R. R. Copsey of York county was the first county treasurer to settle up with the state treasurer's office on the business of the past year.

Mrs. J. N. Grant, a former resident of Beatrice and mother of R. W. Grant of that city, died at the home of a daughter in Seattle, Wash.

Henry Gentry, a farmer two miles south of Stella, sold a span of mules last week to a horse buyer for \$490. At J. M. Stanley's sale a span of mules brought \$575.

The Midwest Life has good openings for active, progressive men to represent it locally. Write the company at Lincoln for particulars.

A walk through the snow with both shoes off, and one foot even bare, was the act of a drunken man from Central City at Grand Island. It is feared that he will lose one foot.

Mons N. Nelson last week bought the John Carlson farm east of Oakland for \$22,000, or at a price of \$137.50 per acre. This is the highest price ever paid for land in that vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Koontzman, who lived near Albion, while on the road to town with one of her sons, was taken ill. They turned around and drove home where she died on reaching the house.

While Night Clerk Frank Grace of the Evans hotel, Holdrege, was temporarily absent early in the morning, a burglar entered the hotel office, and by working quickly made his getaway with about \$200 in cash.

Jacob Branton, who lives four miles northwest of Blair, has the distinction of growing an ear of corn with an uneven number of rows of grains. It was a leading feature at an agricultural exhibit held in Blair.

Mrs. George Stutheit, postmistress at Smyrna, five miles east of Superior, has sent in her resignation and a successor has not yet been named. It is quite probable that the postoffice at that place will be discontinued.

Ed Smith, a young farmer living near Fullerton, appeared upon the streets armed with a double barreled shotgun and a 38 revolver, threatening anyone to approach him. He was overpowered and placed in custody.

James F. Ferrier, who came to Ashland from Louisville several months ago and embarked in the livery business, later selling out and engaging in the restaurant business, was the victim of a burglar, who entered his room and secured \$120.

John Gington, a foreigner from Great Falls, Mont., was found wandering around the farm of John McNulty, two miles from Alliance, in a badly frozen condition. He was taken to the Alliance hospital where he is in quite a serious way.

The Farmers' Grain & Live Stock company elevator was burned at Oakland. There were about thirteen thousand bushels of grain in the elevator and all of it is practically a total loss. The building was valued at about \$5,000 and the grain destroyed was valued fully as high.

Judge A. A. Welch of Wayne, announces that the first term of court in the Ninth district will be held at Pierce on February 7. At this term will come up the case of the State vs. Harry Joyce, who is now in the county jail charged with robbing the Farmers' State bank at Hadar last January.

E. R. Kuble, county treasurer of Cherry county, has refused to turn over the office to Miss Gertrude Jordan, who was elected treasurer at the fall election, on the grounds that Miss Jordan is not eligible to hold a county office. The case will be carried to the supreme court.

A Cleveland (O.) dispatch: Mrs. Effie Iddings of North Platte, Neb., secured her husband, Charles E. Iddings, on a habeas corpus writ and started west with him. She charged that his brothers and sister in Warren, O., had held him in their home without her consent. Iddings is said to be suffering from nervous trouble.

In buying life insurance it is a sound business proposition to buy it in a Nebraska company. The Midwest Life of Lincoln issues all the standard forms of policies. Write the company, giving age nearest birthday, and it will send you a sample policy.

Edward Brouhard, son of H. Brouhard, president of the Bank of Beaver City, committed suicide by shooting himself, with a target rifle, in the breast. He had just celebrated his 21st year of age.

Mrs. B. F. Kroeger is dead and nine members of the families of B. F. Kroeger and C. Dake, farmers near Fairbury, are ill from trichina poisoning. The two families ate a quantity of raw pork sausage. The illness was supposed to be grippe. Mr. Kroeger died, and two others, it is said, cannot recover. Physicians say the illness is due to trichina.

"QUANTITY, QUALITY AND PRICE"

THE THREE ESSENTIALS THAT ARE GIVING WESTERN CANADA Greater Impulse Than Ever This Year.

The reports from the grain fields of Central Canada, (which comprises the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) are to hand. The year 1909 has not only kept pace with previous years in proving that this portion of the Continent is capable of producing a splendid yield of all the smaller grains, but it has thoroughly outstripped previous seasons. There is quantity, quality and price and from all parts of an area of about 320,000 square miles there comes the strong refrain of contentment and satisfaction. In the distribution of the conditions causing it no district has been overlooked.

Various estimates of the total yield of wheat for the country have been made, but it is not the vast total that influences the general reader so much as what has been done individually. The grand total—say 130 million bushels—may have its effect on the grain price of the world; it may be interesting to know that in the world's markets the wheat crop of Canada has suddenly broken upon the trading boards, and with the Argentine, and with Russia and India, is now a factor in the making of prices. If so today, what will be its effect five or ten years from now, when, instead of there being seven million acres under crop with a total yield of 125 or 130 million bushels, there will be from 17 to 30 million acres in wheat with a yield of from 325 to 600 million bushels. When it is considered that the largest yield in the United States but slightly exceeded 700 million bushels, the greatness of these figures may be understood. Well, such is a safe forecast, for Canada has the land and it has the soil. Even today the Province of Saskatchewan, one of the three great wheat growing provinces of Canada, with 400,000 acres under wheat, produces nearly 90 million bushels, or upwards of one-tenth of the greatest yield of the United States. And Saskatchewan is yet only in the beginning of its development. As Lord Grey recently pointed out in speaking on this very subject, this year's crop does not represent one-tenth of the soil equally fertile that is yet to be brought under the plough.

Individually, reports are to hand of yields of twenty-five, thirty and thirty-five bushels to the acre. Scores of yields are reported of forty and some as high as sixty bushels. The farmer, who takes care of his soil, who gets his seed-bed ready early, is certain of a splendid crop. The news of the magnificent crop yield throughout the Canadian West will be pleasing to the friends of the thousands of Americans who are residents in that country and who are vastly instrumental in the assistance they are rendering to let the world know its capabilities.

Harvard Scored.

It was the morning of the Yale-Harvard game at Cambridge, and two of the New Haven collegians were wandering through the Harvard yard, looking at the university buildings. Down a walk toward them came a youth of serious aspect, but palpably an undergraduate.

"I beg your pardon," said the Yale man, who is a bit of a wag, to the stranger, "can you tell me where I can find Harvard university?" "I'm very sorry," said the serious one, with never a smile. "They've locked it up. You see, there are so many Yale men in town."

"Off His Feed."

Diner (to his neighbor after having three helpings of fish and meat)—I've got no appetite to-night.

Neighbor—You hide it very well, then.

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