

FROM DAY TO DAY

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

A WIDE AREA IS COVERED

Embracing a Condensation of Events In Which Readers Generally Are Interested.

Foreign.

The sentimental pilgrimage of Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his wife on which it had been the intention of the couple to retrace by easy stages their honeymoon trip from Spezia to Genoa, ended abruptly at Genoa, Switzerland, twenty-four hours ahead of the schedule that had been planned.

The Spanish cabinet dispatched to cabinet of Peru and Ecuador telegrams enjoining those governments to adopt a conciliatory attitude toward each other.

Fourteen battalions of Turkish troops at Constantinople have been ordered to North Albania, where a revolt has broken out. The trouble is attributed to resentment against the new taxes imposed and is causing the government much anxiety.

The French government gets comfort out of the Roosevelt incident at the Vatican.

Mr. Roosevelt will meet Gifford Pinchot at Genoa on April 11. "After our interview I shall have nothing to say," said Mr. Pinchot, "and I shall be surprised if Pinchot has." Roosevelt said he had not heard from Mr. Pinchot since he had been in Africa, when he received a telegram from Mr. Pinchot at Copenhagen announcing his coming visit to Genoa.

General.

"I have no intention of retiring from President Taft's cabinet," declared Secretary MacVeagh.

The Detroit United railway refused the demands of its conductors and motormen to have their wages increased.

Congress wants to know all about the explosion which occurred a few days ago on the cruiser Charleston, resulting in the death and injury of several sailors.

At Ponce, Porto Rico, William Jennings Bryan made an address in which he warmly approved the course of the United States toward the island of Porto Rico.

Courtenay W. Bennett, British counsel general at New York in his annual report cautions immigrants against assuming New York is an "El Dorado for the working man." It is not, he says.

Conscience-stricken after twenty-three years because he cheated Governor Stubbs of Kansas out of eighteen bushels of corn, an Osage county man is preparing to make restitution.

Two battleships were authorized by the naval bill passed by the house.

The Scott bill to prohibit transactions in cotton recently acted upon favorably by the house committee on agriculture, was reported to the house.

The average condition of winter wheat on April 1 was 80.8 per cent., against 82.2 April 1.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill to limit cold storage products.

Senator Perkins introduced a bill providing for the creation of a naval reserve.

A special grand jury brought in an indictment against the Imperial Window Glass company.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit company has asked permission of the city to float a new loan of \$2,500,000.

The Borough bank of Brooklyn closed its doors and the superintendent of banks took possession of the institution's business.

Life terms in Sing Sing as habitual criminals, were given in Brooklyn to Harry S. Britton, fifty-nine years old, a civil engineer, and Philip Render, seventy years old.

President Taft has not yet replied to the telegrams from Indianapolis urging him to reconsider his decision not to visit that city on May 5.

President Taft has cancelled his visit to Indianapolis on his western trip.

A bill granting the franking privilege to ex-presidents and their widows passed the house.

It was nearly a neck-and-neck race between the wets and dries in Nebraska towns.

The socialist mayor-elect of Milwaukee says there will be no overturning of business.

The court of inquiry finds the negro soldiers were guilty in the Brownsville affair.

Reports from eastern railroads show that an increase in commodity rates is being considered.

The "socialist" landslide in Milwaukee is the result of the recreancy of the other parties due to the reductions of business interests.

A number of Ohio districts have signed the miners' wage scale.

The Erie railroad has settled on a new schedule of wages with its engineers.

The conditions of Thomas B. Bard, former United States senator, is very grave. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

Nebraska towns, by the late election, are "wet" or "dry" to about the same extent as heretofore.

The Vienna newspapers are publishing lengthy details of the vatican incident, but they make few comments. The situation between Peru and Ecuador is becoming more and more critical.

The Panama Canal company will have to pay the expense of its own fortification. This appears to be the opinion of the vanguard of the army experts.

Nine hundred coal mines in Illinois closed down until the wage question is settled.

The late fire loss in Omaha will figure nearly a million dollars.

The French chamber of deputies voted to lay down two battleships in the present year, designed to equal the latest type added to the navies of Great Britain and Germany.

More than 3,000 white and negro women and children employed in the American Tobacco company's stemmeries at Louisville went on a strike.

The New York state Methodist conference sent Mr. Roosevelt a congratulatory telegram.

Dates for terms of federal court in Nebraska have been changed by congressional enactment.

The supreme court at Washington declared the Nebraska elevator switch law to be unconstitutional.

Mrs. Cornelia Woolman of Helena, Mont., was fined \$150 in the United States court at Trenton, N. J., for failure to declare certain clothing which she had brought with her from a trip abroad.

Havelock, Lincoln's "wet" suburb, went "dry" at the late election.

Two hundred drivers of taxicabs suddenly went on strike in Chicago. The strike was called just before theater time and as a result many of the vehicle companies were in a quandary.

Mr. Roosevelt announced that on account of conditions imposed he will not visit the pope.

Taft, it is declared, is soon to assume the aggressive and turn on the men who criticize him.

The Nye-Schneider-Fowler elevator and adjoining property in Omaha burned, entailing a loss of half a million dollars. Much grain in cars was burned.

Washington.

Senator Brown introduced an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill calling for an appropriation of \$75,000 to be used between Omaha and the mouth of the Platte on the Missouri river.

A bill prohibiting a rate of interest greater than 2 per cent. per month on sums less than \$300 in the District of Columbia, was passed by the senate. The bill is intended to curtail the operation of "loan sharks."

Two American negroes on March 26, last, were assaulted and wounded by the commandant at Panzosa, Guatemala, and later they were thrown into prison and their friends refused permission to dress their wounds. The United States minister at Guatemala city, who reported the matter to the state department, has been instructed to insist upon prompt and adequate redress.

It will be entirely practicable to provide adequate defenses for the Panama canal at comparatively moderate cost. This is the conclusion of the Panama fortification board, some members of which have just returned from Panama. Tentative plans had been prepared for the probable amounts, and numbers of troops required for such defenses.

The military court of inquiry which during the last year has been investigating the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex., finds that the evidence clearly sustains the charge that the shooting was done by the Twenty-fifth infantry, colored. The court is also of the opinion that if the officers of the regiment had performed their duties immediately prior to the shooting the affray could not have occurred.

Personal.

Speaker Cannon's automobile is to be cared for by the government.

A nineteen-year-old boy was killed in a prize fight at Passaic, N. J.

President Taft is declared to be ready to declare war on insurgents.

Too noisy a demonstration spoiled the honeymoon trip of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt in Italy.

A San Francisco burglar made a deathbed confession exonerating alleged innocent men.

Charge is made that rotten meat is fed to old soldiers at the state home at Grand Island, Nebraska.

Col. William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill"), declared in New York that a dispatch from Cody, Wyo., saying he had denied the reported reconciliation between himself and Mrs. Cody was without foundation.

Congressman Martin says there is a big scandal in the disposition of Philipines friar lands.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was stated on excellent authority, has not the least intention of repudiating Taft.

Bishop McIntyre and Archbishop Ireland bitterly arraigned each other Milwaukee elected a social democrat mayor by a majority of 8,000.

Twice the guest of the King, Theodore Roosevelt, was for a time the prominent figure of Rome.

State Senator Conger of New York tendered his resignation.

J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, had an audience with President Taft.

Mrs. W. J. Bryan has hurried back from foreign lands to be present when the stork descends upon the home of her son, W. J., Jr.

Tae expedition endeavoring to climb Mt. McKinley, are said to be making good headway.

CORN GROWING BOYS

SECRETARY MELLOR OFFERS THEM LIBERAL PRIZES.

MANNER OF MAKING AWARDS

The Right of Women to Hold Office Vindicated by the Courts—Miscellaneous Matters.

Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture, following the example set by that board which was the first to offer prizes for the growing of corn by boys in Nebraska, has again offered \$150 for the best acre grown this year. The prizes are as follows: First, \$50; second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10; and \$5 each for sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh winners.

Last year ninety boys entered the contest and eleven made final reports of their work. The yield was from sixty to 113 bushels per acre. Boys under eighteen years are eligible to enter the contest.

The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn to be performed by the contestant who enters contest by recording his name in the office of W. R. Mellor, secretary, not later than May 20, 1909.

Said acre to be measured, husked and weighed in the presence of two disinterested free-holders, residents of said county in which the acre of corn is located. Said committee to forward affidavit as to weight and requirements of specifications in this contest to the secretary of the state board of agriculture, not later than November 15, 1909. The contestant shall file with the secretary a full and detailed account of his method of performing the work, fertilizers used, if any, and character of the soil on which the crop was grown. On request of secretary a sample of ten ears must be exhibited by prize winners at the office of this board in Lincoln.

Woman Can Hold Office. The right of a woman to hold office of county treasurer has been vindicated in fact as well as in law. The supreme court recently decided that Miss Gertrude Jordan, having been elected county treasurer over County Treasurer Jubilee of Cherry county, was entitled to the office, holding that a woman could properly hold such an elective ministerial office. Even after the decision it appeared that Quibble did not want to give up the job. F. M. Tyrrell, who was looking after Miss Jordan's interests, began an ouster suit in supreme court. This has not come up for hearing, however, and probably will not, as receipts from the office of the Cherry county treasurer, signed by Miss Jordan, were received by the land commissioner's office. Miss Jordan has evidently won her fight.

The City Again Dry. At the recent election the dries were successful in one of the most hotly contested elections ever held by a majority of 936 votes. The wets cast 4,271 votes and the dries 5,207, making a total of 9,478 votes, or 90 per cent. of the registration. For several weeks the fight has been waged and each day it became more intense, culminating in a great struggle in which scores of automobiles and carriages were used by both sides to get the voters to the polls and in which each side had hundreds of workers busy. The second largest vote in the history of Lincoln was cast.

Requisition for Two. Governor Shallenberger has honored a requisition issued by the governor of Missouri for the return to Jackson county of Horace Wilkins, alias John Adams and Early Brown, under arrest in Omaha. The men are wanted for highway robbery.

Present from Mr. Bryan. A parrot which does not talk and which is named Rio Rodrigues Brazil has been received in Lincoln as a present to the city park zoo from W. J. Bryan. The parrot is a magnificent bird, with many colored plumage, a huge beak and a fifteen-inch tail.

Lighting Up State House. A large cluster of lights has been placed in the top of the state house dome, where it can be viewed by spectators from the corridors on any of the floors on the interior. The lighting and the metallic wreaths and the imitation marble on the interior of the dome and is considered a great improvement. Prismatic glass has also been placed in sky lights which throw light in great quantities on the interior of the state house near the center of the building.

Ruling by Excise Board. The excise board, at a recent meeting, repealed rule 12, which has become famous since the city has been without saloons. This rule provides that no common carrier may bring liquor into the city and deliver it at the home of any citizen. The rule made it necessary for the common carrier to deliver the liquor at its place of business and the man to whom it had been consigned had to go there and sign for it himself. The decision made it unlawful for a man to send an agent for the goods.

REVENUES INCREASE.

Railroads Report to Board of Assessment.

The report of the Union Pacific, filed with the State Board of Assessment, giving the financial operation of the roads for the year ending December, 1908, and the value of its property in this state, show the net earnings have increased approximately \$2,700,000. This applies to the entire system. The financial statement of the Burlington shows that its earnings in Nebraska for the year ending December, 1908, was \$8,868,337, against a net earnings of \$8,251,950 for the year ending December, 1909. The Union Pacific filed a statement of its earnings for Nebraska and the Burlington has not yet filed a report on its property in this state. Following is the financial report of the Union Pacific system for the two years, 1908 and 1909:

Gross earnings \$44,999,926.66 Net earnings 21,272,478.37 Expended in maintenance 23,727,448.19 Dividends declared 23,533,444.50 Improvements (including equipment) 10,481,395.10

Following is the financial statement of the Burlington in Nebraska for the years, 1908 and 1909:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1908, 1909. Rows include Mileage in Nebraska, Earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Taxes paid in Nebraska.

Values of Depots. The following shows the value of the depot station-houses, machine shops, stock yards, scales, platforms, fuel and water stations, machinery and tanks connected therewith and all other buildings wholly or in part on the right-of-way of the Union Pacific:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1908, 1909. Rows include Main line, Old line, O. & R. V., Kearney branch, Central City branch, North Platte branch.

The road has used in and out of Nebraska locomotives of all classes, 700, valued at \$6,278,807; 437 passenger cars, all classes, valued at \$2,456,342; roadway and freight cars, 17,266, valued at \$8,271,174. Of this rolling stock there is credited to Nebraska, according to miles traveled: Locomotives, 21.86 per cent.; passenger cars, 30.14 per cent.; freight and roadway cars, 18.28 per cent., which equal for the different classes the following mileage: Locomotives, 2,000,428; passenger cars, 740,341; freight and roadway cars, 1,511,971.

Check Up the Treasurer. At the instance of the eleven surety companies upon the million-dollar bond of State Treasurer Brian, an exhaustive and complete examination of the state treasurer's office has just been made. The period covered by the examination extends from January 7, 1909, up to and including March 21, 1910. During that time the receipts and disbursements have been as follows: e Balance on hand January 7, 1909, \$473,259.95; receipts, \$7,177,466.02; total, \$7,650,725.95. Disbursements, \$6,873,292.76; balance on hand March 21, 1910, \$777,433.19.

Clearing House Figures. Lincoln clearing house figures indicate an unusual growth of business between this year and last year for the same period. Total clearings for March, 1910, foot up \$9,073,379 as opposed to \$7,646,377 for this month in 1909. This growth of business in the sum of 29 per cent. was largely due to the extensive land transfers, both in the state and outside. In the selling and buying of Texas land during the past winter. These sales were unusually settled for early in March, and such transactions in all parts of the state are in a measure reflected in Lincoln clearing house totals.

Discrimination at Decatur. Attorney General Thompson has been instructed by the State Railway commission to start proceedings against the Nebraska Telephone company for discriminating in rates at Beatrice. It is charged that the company there gives rebates to customers who are about to discontinue their telephones in the nature of pay for soliciting business. Affidavits to this effect were filed. Superintendent Pratt said the company had employed men at Beatrice to solicit, and that such action could not be construed as rebating.

News Notes. The Norris Brown guards of Kearney are planning an elaborate reception for Senator Norris Brown upon his return from Washington. On the evening of that date a ball will be given in his honor and the plans are to have as many outside militia officers present as it is possible to secure.

A little child of Charles H. Smith, of Belgrade, was seriously scalded by overturning a boiler of hot water.

There was no contest in the election at Stockville. The town remains dry, as it has been for years, the "wets" being to few to contest.

Paint Boxes White. The postoffice department requests that patrons of all rural delivery routes paint their boxes and posts to which they are attached a pure white color. This course, if pursued, will not only result in benefit to the patron in serving to protect his box and post from damage by the weather, but will give all boxes a uniform color and serve to fix their identity in all parts of the country as United States mail boxes. It is desired that patrons imprint their names and box numbers on boxes in black letters two inches high.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

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

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

Ex-Senator Allen will make the address at the soldiers' memorial exercise in Omaha, May 30th.

At the recent election in Lincoln the anti-saloon forces were successful, and thus the town will remain dry.

O. Petterson of Humboldt is in jail at Beatrice awaiting trial on the charge of voting illegally at the city election at Humboldt.

Sheriff John L. Schiek arrived in Beatrice from Marysville, Kas., having in custody Albert Craig, wanted there for alleged bootlegging.

The fireman on Missouri Pacific freight train No. 164 in coming down Freeling hill just above Beatrice was taking a drink of water out of the hose, when the rolling motion of the engine caused him to lose his footing and he fell off the engine. His injuries were not serious.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the district court of Douglas county in favor of Maria Gugler against the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. The plaintiff was injured by a fall from a street car which was caused, she alleged, by the car starting as she attempted to alight.

The state board of agriculture will hold another boys' acre corn contest this year, offering prizes for those who grow the most corn on a single acre of ground. A similar contest was held last year. There were over ninety entries and there were eighteen returns.

The dwelling house occupied by William Losey in the eastern part of Burchard was burned to the ground with most of its contents. The fire originated from a lamp in the hands of two small children, who were looking for some clothing in a closet, in the upper story of the building.

A Serbian named Jacob Ureck made complaint in the county court at Hastings that he had been robbed of \$1,500 in gold at Kenasaw. He had about \$4,000 in gold coin sewed in his garments and claimed that some one or more persons in Kenasaw helped themselves to part of it while searching through his effects for a watch which he was accused of having stolen. Deputy Sheriff Nellis recovered \$1,015 of the missing coin. The persons who delivered it to him said they found it where it had evidently fallen out of the Serbian's wagon.

Probably the highest price ever paid in Johnson county for an unpedigreed hog, bought for market, was one day last week when L. A. Hanks, buyer at Cook, paid Sam Wilson, farmer and stockman, \$69 for a single porker. The hog weighed 690 pounds. Mr. Wilson sold Mr. Hanks four hogs that day that brought him \$205.

Luke Kirk of Syracuse was brought to Nebraska City and taken before the commissioners of insanity and declared insane. He was ordered to be taken to the asylum.

Postmaster W. J. Cook of Blair is in receipt of a letter advising him that he had been recommended to the postmaster general for reappointment, Senator Burkett concurring in the recommendation.

Over 500 teachers were in attendance at the Southwestern Nebraska Teachers' association, in session at Alma three days. Governor Shallenberger, J. L. McBrien and other prominent men of the state were on the program.

At a meeting of members of Company F at Madison it was decided to make formal request of Adjutant General Hartigan to permit the company to disband, and in accordance with such decision Mayor Charles Fraser notified the department at Lincoln of the action.

The Mercy Sisters of Omaha formally opened the Alliance hospital at Alliance under the name of Mercy hospital. It will now be in full charge of these sisters with a competent staff of physicians and surgeons and will supply the hospital demand of western Nebraska and the eastern part of Wyoming and southern South Dakota.

In two weeks the fine new depot which the Union Pacific has built at Central City will be ready for occupancy. The new depot is of brick, with a large center structure fronted by four massive stone columns, and has an ample wing at either end.

All present indications point to the building of a new alfalfa meal mill in Plattsmouth.

Fire destroyed four stacks of wheat and part of the threshing outfit of Frank W. Barcal, near Linwood.

The Nebraska Stock Growers' association convention, which is held yearly in Alliance in June, has been deferred until July 5, 6 and 7, and the citizens' committee have secured \$3,000, with more promised, to make the three days a continuous celebration of such kind that it will be the main event in northwest Nebraska.

A fare of 1 1/2 cents a mile, or 3 cents the round trip, will be in effect from all points east of the Missouri river to Omaha during the Northwestern Saengerfest, which will be held there for four days, beginning July 20.

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