

CONDENSATIONS

NEWS AND NOTES HERE AND THERE.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

Other Matters of Interest Condensed From the More Important Telegrams.

Washington.

Rear Admiral Thomas H. Looker, a veteran of the civil war and for many years paymaster general of the navy, died at his home here at the age of eighty.

An outbreak of typhoid fever on three Japanese battleships in Oriental waters has been reported to the public health and marine hospital service.

A safety device which had been tested and found true, but failed in one particular instance, was the cause of the gun explosion in Battery De Russy at Fort Monroe, July 21, when eleven artillerymen were killed.

Just to show the doubting Thomases that they can withstand any physical test for army officers, General Robert S. Oliver, assistant secretary of war, is to spend most of his months' vacation in the saddle. General Oliver is sixty-three years of age. His first task will be a fifty mile horseback ride. Miss Oliver, his daughter, will accompany him.

Lieutenant Ellery Farmer of the Twenty-sixth United States infantry, has been detailed as professor of military science at the University of Missouri. He will report at the university about August 15. Major Frederick S. Foltz of the Fifteenth cavalry has been detailed as assistant commandant of the mounted service school at Fort Riley, Kas. He will relieve Major George H. Cameron, Fourteenth cavalry, who will join his regiment.

Foreign.

France appears to be on the eve of one of the most colossal strikes that the country has witnessed in recent years. The engineers and firemen affiliated with the national railroads' union are to meet to reach a final decision on the action of the central committee of the union, which has already decided on a general strike. The workers demand an increase in wages.

Lydie Lopoukhova, her brother, Feodor, and Alexander Volinine, the famous Russian dancers who have been engaged by Charles Frohman for an American tour, sailed for New York on the Oceanic. Their first performances will be given at the Empire theater in New York. Lydie Lopoukhova, although she is but eighteen years old, has established a reputation throughout Europe and in St. Petersburg she is looked upon as the only rival of the famous Pavlova.

The supreme court has decided that Governor General Forbes of the Philippine Islands has the power to deport obnoxious aliens from the archipelago and has granted a writ of prohibition against the lower court which assumed jurisdiction in the cases of a dozen Chinese who were deported last August and returned to Manila in March and began suit against Governor General Forbes and others connected with their deportation. It is possible now that the case will go to Washington.

General.

President Taft is pleased with the result of the Ohio convention. Gifford Pinchot was suggested as a likely candidate for the New York governorship.

Nebraska republicans in state convention strongly endorsed the Taft administration.

Democrats of Minnesota nominated John Lind for governor, but it is said he will not accept.

The strike situation at Columbus, Ohio, is so serious that troops have been called to quell rioting.

John G. Carlisle, secretary of treasury under the Cleveland administration, died in New York.

President Taft is back at Beverly and will make no more jaunts until he goes to Panama in November.

The government intends to break up the practice of railroads selling foodstuffs spoiled in transportation.

Prof. Samuel Rosewin, dean of Princeton university from 1899 to 1903, died at his home in Princeton.

The president has a busy week before him, engagements having been made for a large number of callers.

Reports reached Douglas, Arizona, of a massacre of Chinese and of their families at Yaquia, a town on the Yaquia river in Mexico.

Wm. S. Moore, sixty-seven years old, a wealthy planter and brother-in-law of the late Eckstein Norton, former president of the Louisville & Nashville railway, shot and killed himself.

The report of the state board of agriculture up to July 25, estimated the damage to the corn crop in Oklahoma during the past month at 21.3 per cent. This is against a damage of 25.6 per cent.

Theodore Roosevelt has no desire to pose as a political dictator.

Senator Bristow says Kansas is not taking Speaker Cannon seriously.

Congressman Campbell of Kansas, standpatter, calls insurgents iconoclasts.

Roosevelt will address the national conservation congress in St. Paul, September 6.

Ohio republicans selected Mr. Harding for governor, the Taft following thus winning out.

The mayor of Columbus, O., made an appeal to the governor for troops to cope with strikers.

The Rusk party of mountain climbers failed to reach the summit of Mt. McKinley, in Alaska.

A Chicago newspaper charges that a bribe fund was raised to return A. J. Hopkins to the senate.

The supreme court of Oklahoma says the capital must remain for a time, at least, at Guthrie.

Chairman Yoakum, of the Frisco railroad, discussed good roads at the Niagara Falls convention.

Twenty-five persons perished in a flood that followed a cloudburst at the town of Dees, Hungary.

Senator Crane will make a trip through the west to size up the political situation for President Taft.

The coroner's jury found that Ira G. Rawn died by his own hand, but does not say he committed suicide.

Secretaries Wickersham and Nagel are keeping out of the Alaska quarrel while visiting the territory.

There is some hope of compromise in the differences between the British house of commons and lords.

Mrs. Margaret Barcha, a bride of less than a year, was found shot to death in her home at Chicago Heights.

Nonconformists were successful in the British commons in having expunged an obnoxious clause in the pending king's accession bill.

The French government has accepted a bronze copy of Houdon's statue of George Washington, which was presented by the state of Virginia.

That the one-quarter mill tax levied on all property in Oklahoma for school taxes is valid in the opinion of District Judge Huston in a decision.

At Hamburg Thirty-five thousand ship yard workers united in a demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages and a fifty-three-hour week.

Co-operation between the federal and state governments in the good roads movement was advocated by speakers at the Niagara Falls convention.

Copious rains which fell over the Central and Southern sections of Iowa, those portions of the state which needed it most, saved the corn crops.

Major General Frederick Dent Grant has left Chicago to assume command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governors Island, N. Y.

The report of the national ginners' association at Memphis, indicates a condition of 72.7 per cent for cotton up to July 25.

In a pitched battle between police officers and a band of negroes at Bradford, Ohio, one of the negroes was fatally shot.

The pope has appointed the Rev. Joseph Chartrand as coadjutor bishop to Bishop Chatard, of the diocese of Indianapolis.

The famous Crocker's Iowa Brigade will hold its Fifteenth Biennial Reunion at Washington, Ia., Wednesday and Thursday, September 14 and 15, 1910. All soldiers who served in the brigade composed of the 11th, 13th, 15th and 16th regiments of Iowa volunteers are entitled to membership and are earnestly urged to attend.

Thirty cotton mills at Fall River, owned by twelve corporations and employing 8,000 operators, were shut down until August 8, for the purpose of curtailing production.

Laura Jeanne Libbey the author of "When His Love Grew Cold," "Lovers Once, but Strangers Now," and more than fifty other similar novels, will make her debut on the stage.

A new party has been born in Pennsylvania and a state ticket nominated.

For the protection of deer and walrus in Alaska, the Department of Agriculture has issued regulations limiting to eight the number of deer which may be killed by one person.

The Missouri supreme court refused a writ of mandamus to compel Secretary of State Roach to place a constitutional amendment on the official ballot to redistrict the state as proposed by the republican state committee.

Lieutenant Commander Henry T. Baker, on duty at the Bremerton navy yard, Washington, was reduced fifty-five numbers and a public reprimand sent to him by the Navy department as the outcome of a "by court-martial on a charge of uttering a falsehood."

Personal.

Arthur Gogelin, night marshal of Telluride, Col., was shot and killed by Jesse Munn, a miner.

Theodore Roosevelt's first speech of a political nature since his return to America, may be delivered in St. Louis, October 11.

Republicans and populists of Nebraska declare for county option.

Dr. Crippen and his companion were identified and arrested on the steamer Montrose at Father Point.

Attorney General Wickersham says there is no law to warrant the removal of the statue of Robert E. Lee.

Erwin Wilder is being sought by the police in connection with the disappearance of bonds from the Russo-Chinese bank.

Prof. A. Harry Thurston Peck of Columbia university is being sued to breach of promise by Miss Esch Quinn of Cambridge, Mass.

LET'S FILINGS STAND

DEMURRER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS SUSTAINED.

A RULING BY JUDGE FROST

Courts Will Not Go So Far as to Interfere With Political Party Rulings.

Because the attorney general had ruled that the payment of only one filing fee is necessary for a candidate for office to have his name placed on one or more primary ballots, Judge Lincoln Frost of the district court sustained the demurrer of the attorney general in the primary ballot suit instituted by Victor Rosewater, republican national committeeman. Mr. Rosewater sought an injunction to prevent Secretary of State Junkin from certifying to the various county clerks the names of those candidates who had filed on more than one ballot and paid only one filing fee. Assistant Attorney General Ayres and John J. Sullivan and T. J. Doyle, democratic attorneys, who appeared for Mr. Junkin, filed a demurrer to the petition filed by John O. Yeiser for Mr. Rosewater.

In sustaining the demurrer Judge Frost discussed the points raised in the case briefly, holding that a court in equity would take jurisdiction in matters involving political rights, but that the courts would not go so far as to interfere with rules of political parties such as were formerly in vogue. But in cases where the matter is controlled by statute, as in this case, the court rules do not apply, he said. The secretary of state has certain specific duties to perform and if he does not perform them, then there should be some way to make him.

Continuing, Judge Frost said he would not rest a decision on the demurrer, but without going into the case any farther he would sustain the demurrer. He did this, he said, because the attorney general had given two decisions to the effect that only one fee was required of candidates who desired to file on more than one ticket, and that the secretary of state had been acting in accordance with those decisions. Therefore, he would not overrule them. In reading the statute, however, the judge said it could be interpreted two ways and there was a question whether the opinion of the attorney general was correct, but he preferred not to overrule him unless he was absolutely sure that he was wrong.

The members of the supreme court, except Judge Rose, are out of the city, so Mr. Yeiser cannot appeal the case in time to have the ruling passed on before the primary election.

Autos Double in Number.

The number of automobiles returned by county assessors to the State Board of Equalization will be double the number returned in the year 1909. In that year there were returned 3,611, while, with six counties not yet reported, there has been returned a total of 6,481. April 1, when the assessment is made, there were registered in the office of the secretary of state a total of 9,286 machines and the year before a total of 4,877. This number, however, does not represent the total number of machines in the state.

New Postal Cards.

Blue postal cards have gone on sale at the Lincoln postoffice, in place of the old white ones. A shipment of the new skytinted cards, numbering 200,000, was received from Washington. They contain McKinley's picture, like those they supersede.

Valuation of Live Stock.

The state board of equalization listened to a dozen or more county assessors in regard to proposed changes in the valuation of live stock. The changes made from the returns of the assessors as finally divided are as follows: Horses, Dodge, Douglas, Hayes, Kearney, Morrill, Perkins and Wayne, 10 per cent. increase; Butler, 5 per cent. increase; Boyd and Valley, 10 per cent. decrease. Mules, Fillmore, Kearney and Morrill, 10 per cent. increase; Douglas and Wayne, 20 per cent. increase; Banner, 25 per cent. increase; Hooker, 100 per cent. increase; Boyd, Perkins and Valley, 10 per cent. decrease; Grant, 20 per cent. decrease. Cattle, Perkins, increased 10 per cent.; Thomas, 30 per cent. increase; Cass, Nance, Nuckolls and Valley, 10 per cent. decrease; Hamilton and Boyd, 5 per cent. decrease. Hogs, Garfield, 20 per cent. increase; Holt, 20 per cent. increase; Valley, 10 per cent. decrease; Kearney, Hayes and Gasper, 15 per cent. decrease; Phelps, 20 per cent. increase; Wheeler and Hitchcock, 30 per cent. decrease; Boyd, 40 per cent. decrease.

Assessment of Hogs.

The assessment of hogs and pigs came up before the state board of assessment. In some places a sow is assessed as much and no account is taken of the little pigs. In other places a certain value is placed on a sow and eleven pigs. As a result, the average value of pigs in the various counties shows great variation and the state board of equalization is in danger, according to the assessors protesting, of making unwarranted changes in an attempt to equalize widely disproportionate values.

TO OUST OFFICIALS.

Governor Takes Action Against Omaha Officers.

Governor Shallenberger has directed the attorney general to bring quo warranto proceedings to oust from office Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha, Fred Hoye, William J. Hunter and William F. Wappich, members of the Omaha Fire and Police board, for failing to enforce the liquor laws in Omaha. The governor acted upon a complaint filed with him by Charles J. Karch, member of the Omaha Fire and Police board. In the complaint it is charged that houses of prostitution to the number of 263 have taken out government licenses to sell intoxicating liquors and have no city license, and that they sell beer at all hours of the day and night and on Sundays. Karch alleges that he personally visited the red light district and was solicited to enter the houses by girls, and that he informed Chief Donahue of what he saw. The reply the chief made to the complaint, he says, was this: "Your a liar and don't know anything about it."

Karch calls attention to the fact that Mayor Dahlman, in a speech on June 22, said that the 8 o'clock law was being violated all over the state. He said that the mayor, as ex-officio member of this board, has knowledge of the conditions in Omaha.

Governor Shallenberger's letter to the attorney general directing the latter official to begin action against the three members of the fire and police board and Chief Donahue follows:

"Dear Sir: I am enclosing you herewith copy of a complaint filed in my office by Charles J. Karch against John J. Donahue, chief of police, and Fred Hoye, William J. Hunter and William F. Wappich, members of the board of fire and police commissioners, city of Omaha, Nebraska.

"This is the third complaint that has been filed against these officers, the charges all being similar, within the last year. The evidence adduced upon the former complaints showed that there were violations of the liquor laws in the city of Omaha, but upon the express promise of the chief of police that such violation would be discontinued if they were given an opportunity to enforce the laws, I withheld taking any steps to remove such officers at that time. During the past two months my attention has been called to repeated and continued violations of the liquor laws in the city of Omaha, and I am convinced beyond a doubt that there is no effort being made on the part of those whose duty it is to see that the laws are enforced in that city to in any way eradicate the evil or remedy the existing conditions.

"This last complaint having been filed by one who is a member of the board of fire and police commissioners, convinces me that the defendants named in this complaint are not acting in good faith with reference to doing their duty in this matter. I am not satisfied that these officers are unable to bring about an observance of the liquor laws in the city of Omaha, but on the contrary am thoroughly convinced that they have no desire so to do, and are in fact willfully neglecting and refusing to enforce the law.

"You are therefore directed to institute and prosecute quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court, as by law provided, against the defendants named herein, for the purpose of ousting said defendants from the official positions so held by them."

Attorney General Thompson will begin his suit at once. Although the supreme court will not be in session again until September the taking of testimony in the case will begin at once. A majority of the supreme court will be called together to appoint a referee to take testimony.

Isaac Pankhurst Killed.

Isaac Pankhurst, aged 19 years, residing at Belmont, this county, was instantly killed by the explosion of a traction engine. The traction engine, which belonged to Nick Kramer, was working on the farm of Mayor Love, five miles north of the city. The top of the young man's head was blown off.

State Not to Pay Building Permit.

Land Commissioner Cowles has advised Superintendent Stewart of the state school for deaf not to pay the city of Omaha \$28 for a permit to build a building on state land. He believes the state should not be required to pay any fee when it desires to erect buildings on its own lands. The institution is within the city limits of Omaha.

Withdraws His Name.

Smith Ketchum, democratic candidate for the state senate from the Twenty-third district, which comprises Thayer and Jefferson counties, filed a withdrawal of his name with the secretary of state. Ketchum gave no reason for the withdrawal of his name.

Supplies Are Rejected.

Recently canned goods delivered to the soldiers' home at Grand Island on contract were refused on the ground that they were not equal in quality to the sample bid on. A quarter of a ton of coffee furnished by the same contractor to the same institute has now been rejected as not being equal to the kind contracted for by the state. A sample from the home and some of the coffee delivered were sent to Land Commissioner Cowles, and after he compared the two he approved commandant's decision.

GORE TO GIVE NAMES

OKLAHOMA SENATOR WILL PRESENT FULL DETAILS.

IS TO TELL OF BRIBE OFFERED

Members Will Visit the Indians and Learn, if Possible, How the Contracts Were Obtained From Them.

Muskogee, Okla.—Investigation of charges made in the United States senate by Senator T. P. Gore, that he and a member of the house of representatives each had been offered a bribe of \$25,000 to foster a scheme whereby the Indians of Oklahoma were to be deprived of \$3,000,000 profits due them through the sale of asphalt lands in this state, is to be begun here at once.

On the eve of the investigation Senator Gore said:

"I will tell the full details of the scheme hatched at Washington to mulct these Indians of \$3,000,000 through the sale of their lands. I will give names, dates and other circumstances relative to the bribe of \$25,000 offered to me and to a member of the house of representatives to remove our opposition to the scheme which would throw that vast sum of money into the hands of private attorneys."

The committee was appointed by the house of representatives to investigate what are known as the McMurray contracts with the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes of Indians. It is headed by Congressman Charles H. Burke of South Dakota. Senator Gore probably will be the first witness.

Feature of Postal Banks.

Washington.—A central clearing house in each state for the purpose of settling all matters connected with the payment of interest and the care of accounts is a feature of the postal savings bank system adopted by the committee of officials that will make recommendations to the board of trustees.

For a long time the committee faced the necessity of providing some method for the settlement of the depositors so that it would avoid delay incident to the transmission of all such matters to this city.

Wireless Officers Indicted.

New York.—Seven officers of the United Wireless Telegraph company, most of whom had previously been arrested, were indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts—one charging conspiracy to defraud by the use of the United States mails, the other charging conspiracy in devising a scheme to induce investors to buy worthless stock.

Mrs. Muena Wants Reward.

Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. C. A. Muena of Hume, Mo., from whom it is understood Chief of Detectives Carney learned the address of Joseph Wendling, wanted in Louisville on the charge of murdering Alma Kellner, has put in a claim for the reward offered by the state, city and several citizens for the arrest and conviction of Wendling.

Government Sends Guard.

Constantinople.—In consequence of the massacre of more than 100 Christians and Musselmen in three villages in the Hauran district of Syria by Druses, the government is sending a powerful military guard to restore order. Hauran has been seething in revolt ever since the constitution was established.

Miss Leneve Wires Home.

London.—"I had seen nor heard nothing until the cruel blow fell. I am returning home."

This message from Ethel Clare Leneve was received here by her sister. It brought great relief to the relatives of the woman who is charged jointly with Dr. Crippen with murder.

Fire Destroys Northwestern Shops.

Chadron, Neb.—The twenty stall roundhouse and machine shops of the Chicago & Northwestern railway here burned Tuesday night, fifteen engines being almost entirely demolished. Spontaneous combustion is thought to have caused the fire. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

Dr. Cook in Colorado?

Denver.—The Denver Post prints an unconfirmed rumor that Dr. Frederick A. Cook of north pole fame is spending a vacation in the mountains near Glenwood Springs, where J. R. Bradley, his financial backer, has a summer home.

Columbus, O.—Nearly one-half of the 3,200 national guard soldiers on duty in Columbus will be sent home.

Boycott American Goods.

Canton, China.—A boycott of American goods on similar lines to the one which several years ago caused millions of dollars damage to American trade, has been proclaimed here in response to complaints of the treatment of Chinese in America. The specific cause is the objection of the Chinese of San Francisco to the detention sheds on Angel island in San Francisco bay, which they have been endeavoring to have removed to San Francisco proper in order to secure better treatment for arriving Chinese.

THEY ARE ONE AND A HALF.



Benham—The paper says that in Norway married people can travel for a fare and a half.

Mrs. Benham—Married people aren't one, even in Norway, are they?

Qualified.

A prominent western attorney tells of a boy who once applied at his office for work.

"This boy was bright looking and I rather took to him.

"Now, my son," I said, "if you come to work for me you will occasionally have to write telegrams and take down telephone messages. Hence a pretty high degree of schooling is essential. Are you fairly well educated?"

"The boy smiled confidently.

"I be," he said.—Independent.

Freedom doesn't always bring happiness, but you'll notice that it is the tied dog that howls.

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