

ONLY BRIEF MENTION

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Congress.

Currency legislation by the present congress seems improbable.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for participation by the United States in the international exposition to be held in Tokio, Japan, in 1912.

An omnibus territories bill embracing fifteen measures, favorably considered by the committee, was passed by the house Tuesday under suspension of the rules.

Passage by the house of the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$17,368,572, marked the completion by that body of the last of the great supply measures of the government.

Nebraska members of the house have arrayed themselves on the side of the president as against Speaker Cannon.

Senator Bulkeley (Connecticut) spoke in favor of the passage of his bill to authorize the president to re-list the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry.

Announcement is made that no rivers and harbors bill other than an administrative measure will be passed at this session of congress.

In the public building bill Iowa fares very well. Davenport gets \$60,000 for improvements to its building.

Senator Bryan says the result in Pennsylvania is a good argument for the direct primary.

Judge Evans has resigned the chairmanship of the Missouri democratic state committee because he is a candidate for governor.

President Roosevelt has "taken notice" of the \$2,000,000 public building bill and may veto the measure.

Bryan carried the Alabama primary over Johnson by three to one.

Pennsylvania democrats are divided on the question of supporting Bryan.

California democrats to the Denver convention are instructed to vote as a unit for Bryan.

Secretary Taft announced the terms of the agreement he reached with the Panama government on his recent visit there, which, it is believed, carried into effect, will guarantee the absolute integrity of the elections to be held in July.

Tammany Hall will be represented at the democratic convention at Denver by a delegation of 650 strong.

The democratic territorial convention of Hawaii instructed delegates to Denver for Bryan.

Washington state demands split up on the liquor question.

Millwaukee democrats will stop in Lincoln on their way to Denver.

Complete returns thus far received from the primary indicate that William J. Bryan will be supported by the Alabama delegation to the national convention at Denver.

In the New Jersey prohibition state convention Dr. Day criticized President Roosevelt for drinking in public.

Secretary Taft for saying that prohibition would not solve the liquor question and Mr. Bryan for remaining silent on the subject.

General. The war department has issued orders for summer maneuvers of the army.

Twenty peasants were hanged for agrarian disturbances in Russia.

Presbyterian general assembly discussed the reports of the committees on evangelism and Sabbath observance.

Resolutions were passed condemning all secular work and sports on Sunday.

No bill to modify the power of the federal courts in injunctions will be passed at this session of congress.

The Allegheny bank failure is a bad one, shortages appearing to grow heavier day by day.

Eastern wool consumers favor the Omaha wool market.

Six deaths are laid at the door of James Brimlingstall, under arrest at Dowagiac, Mich., two murders being already confessed.

John Krope, aged 53 years, a saloon keeper at South Omaha, was shot and mortally wounded by two men intending robbery of his saloon.

Thirty-five thousand coal miners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, members of the United Mine Workers of America, who have been on strike since March 1st, have returned to work.

Senator Platt testified in the divorce suit brought by Mae E. Wood, denying marriage or promise of marriage.

The divorce case of Mae C. Wood against Senator Platt was called for trial in a New York court.

The case of Mae Woods against Senator Platt was dismissed and the woman sent to the toms for perjury.

The Washington state democratic convention adopted a resolution declaring for the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment forbidding the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors.

St. Louis has been granted authority by the United States supreme court to tax corporations for occupation of the streets.

Burlington and Union Pacific tax commissioners told the state board that their lines are assessed too high in Nebraska.

More than fifty persons were killed in a Belgian railroad wreck when trains telescoped.

Missouri is to be for Mr. Bryan in the Denver convention first, last and all the time.

Secretary Metcalf has detailed Admiral Robley D. Evans, late commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to duty with the general board of the navy, which has to do with the preparation of plans for naval campaigns for use in time of war.

Attorney General Bonaparte has written the circuit judges of the district of Philadelphia asking for a quick hearing of a test suit of the commodities clause of the new rate.

Omaha ministers are up in arms against Sunday baseball.

Everly Thaw is said to be in a mood to drop her suit to annul the marriage with Harry Thaw.

Mr. Bryan got the endorsement of Michigan democrats, but fell down in the Keystone state.

Governor Brooks of Wyoming says there is no doubt but what the eastern buyers are taking advantage of wool growers and offering low prices for the clip because the growers are in debt for sheep bought last fall.

The outlook is not encouraging for any financial legislation the present congress. Senators and representatives are wide apart.

William A. Martin, sole survivor of the John Brown jury, is visiting in Washington. His home is at L'Esplaine, Va. He is 77 years old.

Rev. S. A. Coffman, a Methodist clergyman of Fremont, W. Va., killed his wife while suffering from a fit of temporary insanity, as he claims now.

Ernest S. Kenison, who killed Sam D. Cox at Minatare, was sentenced to twenty-three years in the penitentiary by Judge Grimes. This is Kenison's second trial. He was sentenced to twenty-four years in the former trial.

The New York stock market continues to show an upward tendency with an increase in the volume of business.

In a boarding stable fire at Omaha seventeen horses perished.

Senator Heyburn started a filibuster against the conference report on the homesteaded bill, which would allow a settler 320 acres of any non-irrigable land.

Louis C. Conful has been appointed postmaster at Able, Butler county, Neb., vice F. J. Reh, resigned.

The fire loss at the Omaha packing plant is about \$500,000.

Washington. A resume of the present session of congress elicits the interesting fact that there were more important questions presented to and discussed by congress on which the public generally or sections or classes demanded action than ever before in its history.

Representative Norris of Nebraska has been the recipient of many congratulations on the part of his colleagues of the house for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the republican caucus on two occasions.

The house refused to concur in the conference report on the postoffice bill because of the ship subsidy section and passed the campaign publicity bill with an amendment decreasing representation of southern states.

Senator Brown and Representative Norris presented to the president in the strongest possible manner the name of William M. Geddes of Grand Island for one of the commissionerships to the Tokio exposition.

Senator Newland endeavored to get the bill appointing an inland waterway commission before the senate.

Mr. Burkett, of Nebraska, objected to his consideration in advance of the house building bill. Mr. Newlands insisted upon his motion, and it was voted down almost unanimously.

Senator Rayner made an appeal to the senate for a vote on his resolution requesting and requiring the president to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate the charges against Col. William F. Stewart, coast artillery, stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona.

Personal. George W. Berge, it is understood, will enter the gubernatorial race in Nebraska.

Secretary Taft has returned from Panama and is pleased with progress being made there.

Old officials of the International Typographical union have all been re-elected.

Mr. Bryan says that the people will demand a government bank unless deposits are secured.

Rear Admiral Hemphill and the other officers of the visiting American squadron are shown much attention by the Japanese officials at Tokio.

The various functions in their honor approximate in importance a public reception.

Mayor Dahlman and Comptroller Lobeck (democrats), both of Omaha, have launched gubernatorial booms in Nebraska.

The jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree against Kenneth John Krope, for the killing of Sam D. Cox at Minatare, Nebraska.

"Thousands of people continually visit Laporte, Ind., to look over the Guinness farm where so many people were lured to death.

Julius C. Burrows of Michigan was selected by republican national committee for temporary chairman of the national convention.

TREATIES APPROVED

THIRTY-SEVEN DEALT WITH BY THE SENATE.

LARGEST IN TWENTY YEARS

Gains in Arbitration Recorded as District Victories for American Diplomacy.

Washington.—With little discussion and less publicity, the United States senate has at this session placed its approval of thirty-seven treaties—more in number if not in importance than had been ratified during the twenty years preceding. In making effective so many agreements with the nations, international advancement has been made along three distinct lines.

Twelve nations have agreed by treaty with the United States to arbitrate future disputes, which is taken to mean nothing less than that the world has now been established on the plan of arbitration.

The foundation for continued friendly procedure in adjusting questions with the Orient is believed to be contained in the treaties with and the legislation in respect to Japan, to which is added the friendly visit of the fleet to that part of the world.

A basis of settlement has been arrived at with Great Britain, by which longstanding questions between Canada and the United States are assured of satisfactory adjustment.

To these important accomplishments, directed throughout by Secretary Root, may be added a number of lesser magnitude. The territory available as asylum for the fugitive from justice has been further restricted through extradition treaties with Spain, Portugal, Uruguay and San Marino, while naturalization treaties have been concluded with Peru, Salvador and Portugal.

The gain for arbitration is regarded as a distinct victory for American diplomacy, initiated by the instructions to the American delegates to The Hague conference. The result so far is approval of general arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico, Portugal, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark. Besides the general arbitration treaties eleven of the international treaties resulting from The Hague conference were approved. They include these subjects: Recovery of contract debts, opening of hostilities, laws and customs of war on land, rights and duties of neutral powers; submarine contact mines, bombardment of naval vessels, naval war and the Geneva convention, right of capture in naval war, discharging projectiles from balloons and the final act of the peace conference.

As to the important accomplishment is the bringing of Japan into the group of nations committed to arbitration. Besides this are the conventions with that country which guarantee in Korea and China protection for inventions, trade marks and copyrights.

President Signs Bills. Washington.—President Roosevelt has signed the bills providing for the participation of this country in the exposition to be held in Tokio in 1912; the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and a bill authorizing the extension of the street railways of this city to the new Union station.

Mrs. Eddy's Son in Jail. Deadwood, S. D.—George Washington Glover, son of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, came to town from Lead. An hour later a policeman hunted him up and told him to remove his fractious horse to a livery stable. Glover declined. An altercation ensued and the officer placed him under arrest.

Night Riders Miss Baby. Ripley, O.—Night riders destroyed the tobacco beds of Walter Hook, six miles from Ripley. Hook fired at the men and in return they riddled his house with bullets. One bullet came within two inches of hitting the Hook baby.

Alcohol Decimates Paris. Paris.—After devoting two years of study to the question of death due to alcohol, directly or indirectly, Mr. Fernet of the French Academy of Medicine announces that 3 per cent of all deaths in Paris are from use of alcohol.

Congress to Adjourn Soon. Both Houses Shaping Business to End Session This Week. Washington.—Both the senate and house will devote their best efforts to so shaping their affairs as to bring about an adjournment at the earliest time possible during the present week and as a consequence whatever is done will be in the nature of completing work already begun.

Vote to Return to Work. Cleveland, O.—By a vote of 640 against 611 the striking street railway conductors and motormen decided to return to work as "new men." The result of the vote, which was taken Sunday, was not announced until midnight. The vote is in accord with the demands of the Municipal Traction company upon this point. At midnight the non-union men now at work running the company's cars began to vote on the question of whether they would submit their claims of seniority to arbitration.

Seven-inch Rainfall. Austin, Tex.—A terrific wind and rain storm swept Texas from the Panhandle to the Gulf early Sunday. The destruction to crops and vegetation, trees and shrubbery was the greatest reported in years.

Destruction by Flood. For Worth, Tex.—Seven people are known to be dead, 5,000 homeless, a dozen or more are reported to have been killed at Fort Worth and North Fort Worth, as a result of the greatest rise in the history of the Trinity river.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Serendipitous horses perished in a boarding stable fire in Omaha.

George W. Berge of Lincoln has declared his candidacy for the governorship.

A very heavy rain, amounting almost to a cloudburst, occurred at Table Rock.

The Kearney Country club is now assured, 120 members having been secured and about \$6,000 having been subscribed.

Harry Gibson, a colored waiter on the Union Pacific road, was shot and seriously hurt while resisting arrest at Grand Island.

Norfolk has decided to send one or more delegates to the state convention of good government organizations, to be held in Hastings June 4.

Bert Taylor, the Minden fiend who assaulted his sister-in-law, from the effects of which she has since died, has not been apprehended, although he was heard of in Oklahoma.

Rev. Frederick W. Leavitt has been elected principal of Franklin academy. Mr. Leavitt is pastor of Plymouth church at Omaha, and a member of the advisory board of Congregational churches in Nebraska.

The Burlington railroad, at the suggestion of the railway commission, has reduced coal rates from Wyoming to Colorado to meet the rates secured by the commission before the Interstate Commerce commission on the Union Pacific road.

Sixty-four loaded freight cars behind a giant mogul made up the first regular train which went over the new Lane cut-off of the Union Pacific, after which the regular through passenger and through freight trains were sent over the road.

Attorney Frank Ransom, acting for the Union Stock Yards company, filed a brief in the supreme court asking for a rehearing in the suit instituted by the state which resulted in a decision holding that the stock yards is a common carrier, subject to the control of the railway commission.

Mrs. Koberg, the Madison county farmers' wife who took her children to Cincinnati some time ago and then disappeared, has not been found. Mr. Koberg, who has now gone east again in an effort to discover the fate of his wife, believes that she took her own life during a fit of insanity.

The district court of Rock county was in session for two days, engaged in the trial of Carl Pettijohn, on the charge of burglary, and at the conclusion of the trial a verdict of guilty was rendered and Judge Harrington sentenced the defendant to a term of six years in the penitentiary.

Someone entered the store of Suthph & Dale at Nehawka and stole \$40 from the safe. The money was left by a workman with the firm for safe keeping. The safe door was ajar in the morning and the firm is not sure whether it was locked or not the night before. Nothing was taken but the money.

The body of James M. Wood, who died as the result of an accident at Des Moines, Ia., recently was brought to Nebraska City for burial. Mr. Woods was one of the pioneer residents of that city and went from there to Rapid City, S. D., where he prospered and became quite wealthy and was mayor of the town twice.

Reports from the eastern wool markets show that the movement started by Wyoming wool growers and Omaha capitalists to hold the 1908 clip for better prices is becoming general throughout the country and shipments to the east during the week ending May 15 were about half what they were during a corresponding week last year.

After practicing medicine for fifty-one years Dr. T. G. Bracking, now 76 years old, of Norfolk, is engaged in a dispute with the State Board of Health over his present right to practice. He has been arrested for not holding a state certificate. He claims his college degree entitles him to the certificate. The state board insists he must take an examination.

At Pattsomouth Harry Van Fleet stabbed Albert Briskey in the back and killed him. The evidence brought out before the coroner's jury showed that Briskey came to his death by having a butcher-knife stuck into his back by Harry Vanfleet accidentally. Vanfleet was sharpening the knife and Briskey backed through the door and the knife entered his back and penetrated the lung.

Washington dispatch: Representative Pollard said that he had received letters from the county boards of Lancaster, Cass and Pawnee counties, asking the services of a government road engineer for consultation as to improvement of roads. He hopes to receive communications from other counties in his district, indicating a wish for the consultative advice of the expert who will go to the state. "Any counties outside my district," said Mr. Pollard, "will be able to secure the same service, by addressing their own member."

Another national bank is to be established at University Place, near Lincoln, which will bear the name of the City National. This will make the third bank for the city, two having been established with the last three months.

When Zyra Van Pelt, a senior in the Havelock high school, was sitting on the balustrade in the balcony of the First Christian church at Havelock, teaching a Sunday school class, she lost her balance and fell. She landed among the members of the young men's class and was painfully bruised. She fell eight feet.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Corn Belt Shredder company of Beatrice. The capital stock amounts to \$50,000.

In the district court of Gage county Judge Pemberton handed down his decision in the case of Bishop Bonacum against the heirs of the Lynch estate. He sustained the demurrer filed by the defendants, ruling against the Lincoln bishop. The court ruled it had no jurisdiction in the case and that the petition of the plaintiff did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action in his favor.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

WINDUP OF RATE HEARINGS

No Further Presentation Unless Railway Commission Ask for a Supplemental Hearing.

Reduction of Freight. The general hearing on the proposition of a reduction of freight rates in Nebraska has closed and no further presentation will take place unless the railway commission asks for a supplemental hearing. The railway employees are yet to be heard. Talks were made by C. E. Spens, general freight agent of the Burlington lines, west, General Solicitor J. E. Kelby of the same road, Freight Traffic Manager J. A. Munroe of the Union Pacific, and General Solicitor N. H. Loomis of the Union Pacific. The road men allege that the commission must base rates in Nebraska only on business beginning and ending in the state, and must not consider traffic through the state, beginning in the state and ending outside, or originating outside the state and terminating within the state. After this is done, according to the Wisconsin Railway commission as authority, 80 per cent of the value of the lines and equipment in the state must be taken as the basis for dividend earnings, 80 per cent of the equipment having been found necessary to carry purely state traffic. Mr. Kelby said the Burlington cars only 2 per cent on its taxable value in Nebraska on state business, and Mr. Munroe said the Union Pacific earns only 1 per cent on Nebraska business.

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STOESSEL IN PRISON

DEFENDER OF PORT ARTHUR NOW A BROKEN MAN.

Loss of Uniform His Greatest Humiliation—Watches from Window Winter Palace Where He Once Was an Honored Guest.

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