

NEWS NOTES

FOR THE

BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

President-elect Taft, by the selection of Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago, completed his cabinet.

The house, after a hard battle and many amendments, passed the sundry civil bill, carrying \$137,000,000.

A committee of five members has been appointed by the house to decide whether Representative Cook's attack on the president shall be expunged from the record.

The provision in the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill that there shall be no ambassadorship created unless it has been provided for by act of congress has been agreed to by the conferees.

The house of representatives cut the salary of the president to \$75,000, the vice-president to \$12,000 and defied the senate which had fixed the amounts by amendments to the legislative appropriation bill.

The senate passed a bill which closes the Brownsville incident and gives a partial victory to Senator Foraker who fought the president's discharge of negro soldiers.

On motion of Senator Daniel of Virginia, the omnibus pension bill passed by the senate, was amended to provide a pension of \$50 a month to Ellen B. Lee, widow of the late Brig. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. army.

Before the close of the sixtieth congress, a ship subsidy or ocean mail subsidy law will be enacted by congress, if new plans of house leaders are successful. The ocean mail bill, which passed the senate March 20, 1908, will be reported out of the house committee on post offices and post-roads. A canvass of the committee indicated that the vote on this measure will be 10 to 8. Of the 12 Republicans, Representatives Stafford of Wisconsin and Murdock of Kansas will vote with the six Democrats against the bill.

Congressman Burton of Ohio rebuked Representative Rainey of Illinois for his attack on the Panama canal purchase, following Rainey's reply to Mr. Lovering.

PERSONAL.

Lady Cook, prominent in the advocacy of the cause of woman suffrage here and in England, arrived in New York from England. Lady Cook, who was formerly Miss Tennessee Claflin, declared that woman's battle for the suffrage was already won.

Senator Beveridge was proclaimed leader of the Indiana Republicans at a banquet given by Republican editors in Indianapolis. The senator in a speech talked of party fealty and favored a real primary law.

E. H. Harriman celebrated his sixty-first birthday at San Antonio, Tex., in a quiet manner. He spent the morning in pistol and rifle practice. He said he never felt better in his life.

Bernard H. Rawl of Lexington, S. C., was appointed chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture at Washington at \$2,500 a year.

Lieut. Gov. Sherman in the Republican primary at Springfield, Ill., defeated Mayor Reece for the nomination.

Former President Castro, who is at Dresden, says he is going back to Venezuela to live as a private citizen.

Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, America's wealthiest woman, was married to Mathew Astor Wilks, a multi-millionaire.

After a period of physical training Senator-elect Elihu Root left Hot Springs for Albany, where he will make an address before the state legislature before going to Washington for the inaugural.

GENERAL NEWS.

In a speech at the Peace dinner in New York, Senator-elect Root denounced Nevada legislators and certain congressmen as rowdies and makers of war. At the same dinner Taft sounded praise of Root.

The defense in the Cooper-Sharp trial at Nashville for the murder of former Senator Carmack scored a point in showing that Carmack was in an angry mood and borrowed a revolver.

Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, in a report shows how a few men control the tobacco industry.

Miss Jennie Crocker was robbed of a \$50,000 pearl necklace at a ball attended by San Francisco's most exclusive society.

Senator Hemenway of Indiana will reply to President Roosevelt, who characterized the report on the secret service as inaccurate and misleading.

It now seems certain that Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago will be secretary of the treasury in the Taft cabinet.

It is announced that the dates for the national meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to be held in Omaha have been fixed for September 13 to 20, inclusive.

A cyclone passed over Center township near Evansville, Ind., unroofing houses and other farm buildings.

Admiral Sperry sent a report on the fleet's worst voyage to the navy department, giving valuable information about the voyage.

The heaviest rains in years have swollen Kentucky streams and the government issued warnings against Ohio river floods.

Post Office Inspector Swenson of Iowa has uncovered a gigantic swindle by fake foot racers, horse racers, pugilists and wrestlers at Council Bluffs, Ia.

"Billy" Sunday, the baseball evangelist, was horsewhipped by Sherman Potts of Lovington, Ill., in the tavern at Springfield, with 8,000 persons as witnesses.

Cardinal Gibbons, in a magazine article, defends Catholics as loyal citizens of the United States, in answering charges by Lutheran and Baptist ministers.

Secretary Newberry of the navy department said there is no intention of relieving Admiral Sperry from command of the "battle fleet."

A suit to recover blood money obtained by Mrs. Belle Guinness from her victims was filed at Laporte, Ind., by a brother of Andrew Heigelin.

Excitement in Iowa is running high over the assaults on white women by negroes and a lynching is not unlikely.

Prohibitionists in a convention at Jackson, Mich., nominated a full ticket for state officers.

Two thousand jacksies and marines of the fleet, which has just completed its world cruise, marched and were entertained in Norfolk, Va.

Arkansas has been assigned as the name of one of the new battleships authorized by congress. The monitor by that name will be given a suitable designation.

A new office, that of general inspector of navy yards, has been created by Secretary Newberry and Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, commandant of the New York navy yard, has been assigned to perform its duties.

President Roosevelt was scathingly denounced by Representative Cook of Colorado, in a speech on the secret service question in the house. Mr. Cook is a Republican.

Officers of the "battle fleet" deny reports that they attempted to smuggle valuable articles gathered in foreign lands into the country.

Evidence to show that an organization of "white slavers" in Chicago sends young girls to French Lick Springs, Ind., resorts has been obtained.

The secret service department was severely criticized by Representative Smith, a Republican of Iowa.

The weather bureau at Washington sent out a warning against floods of the Ohio and southern rivers, which are rising rapidly because of heavy rains.

The United States probably will be involved in a diplomatic tangle over the assaults on Greeks in South Omaha.

Fearing an attack on the jail to liberate three alleged burglars, the sheriff at Lima, O., asked authority to call out the militia if necessary.

The state department has made inquiry of the governor of Nebraska concerning the mobbing of Greeks at South Omaha.

The Democrats in convention at Lansing, Mich., rejected a plank declaring for state-wide prohibition.

James J. Hill, in a speech at Minneapolis, ridiculed the work of the farm commission appointed by President Roosevelt.

Austria has concentrated its war vessels and sent bridge material to the army in preparation for war with Serbia.

Judge Anderson, in the Federal court at Chicago, held that the government cannot prosecute the Standard Oil Company on more than 26 counts. This would cut Judge Landis' famous \$25,240,000 fine down to \$720,000 if the maximum penalty was given.

Members of the house cheered Representative Hays of California, who threatened the ejection of orientals from his state.

Senator-elect Root, in a speech at Albany, N. Y., declared organizations are necessary to political parties.

Discovery of the body of an unidentified man, who had been shot, gave the police of Canton, Ill., a mystery to solve.

President Gomez has sent to the senate the nomination of Carlos Garcia Velez as minister to the United States. The present minister, Senor Quesada, has been summoned to Havana to consult with the president relative to his future assignment.

Orville Wright at Pau, France, made his first ascension since the accident at Fort Myer, in which he was severely injured. Accompanied by his sister, he was a passenger in the balloon which was piloted by Marquis de Kergarion.

A train struck a street car in Cleveland, O., fatally injuring three persons and hurting many others.

After having been missing from the city for 40 years, the famous death mask of Napoleon, which recently came to light in the possession of Capt. W. G. Raoul of Atlanta, has been returned to New Orleans. Capt. Raoul presented it to the city.

Mrs. William Crist, 85 years old, and John Tean, her hired man, nearly as old, were cremated when the cabin on the Crist ranch, six miles from Jefferson, Mont., was burned. It is believed they were the victims of a double murder, the motive of which was robbery.

Russia fears Austria and Serbia will be at war within a fortnight. France also is alarmed but Germany and England take a more optimistic view.

The supreme court of the United States has decided that damages cannot be collected from a railroad for injuries sustained by a baby on a train where the mother is negligent.

Dr. C. C. Clark, associate statistician of the department of agriculture, has accepted an appointment as chief of the bureau of general statistics and agricultural information in the International Institute at Rome, Italy, to take effect immediately.

After an official investigation conducted by cable, Baron Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador, has issued an official denial of a recently-published story to the effect that in the stress and confusion following the recent earthquake in southern Italy a large number of orphaned children had been sold into "white slavery" abroad.

Seven men were killed and several persons hurt in the collision of trains on the Pennsylvania at Delmar, Del.

Rev. Rockwell S. Brank of St. Louis has been extended a call to the Ghent Presbyterian church of Norfolk, Va.

SUPPLY BILLS WORK

IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE YET BEFORE THE SENATE.

CONGRESS ENDS THURSDAY

Number of Men Long Prominent in Both Houses Will Retire With Close of the Session.

Washington.—The Sixtieth congress will come to an end Thursday noon with the inauguration of Taft and Sherman. Until that time business in both the senate and the house will be in a hurry-burry condition, with conference reports on appropriation bills the principal order of business.

All of the big supply bills have been passed by the house and all but the sundry civil military academy and general deficiency bills have passed the senate. The supply measures in conference are the legislative, executive and judicial; the pension, army, agriculture fortification and rivers and harbors appropriation bills.

An effort will be made in the senate by Senator Heyburn to have the conference report on the penal code bill adopted, but some opposition is anticipated. In the house it is expected the question of changing the rules to establish a calendar day for the consideration of bills will be taken up on Monday and on Tuesday an effort will be made to pass the senate bill providing for the granting of subventions to mail-carrying vessels between United States ports and South America, Japan, China and Australasia.

The passage of the bill will be stubbornly resisted. The Appalachian and White mountain forest reservation bill will receive first attention from the house Monday. The senate will meet in special session on Thursday to consider nominations.

Twelve senators and seventy-seven representatives, who are members of the present congress, will be absent when the Sixtieth congress assembles in special session in March 15. In the re-election of Mr. Hopkins in Illinois and Mr. Stephenson in Wisconsin takes place, it is possible that the number of senatorial absentees will be augmented to fourteen.

Of the seventy-seven representatives who retire on March 3, one, Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, who has served twenty-two years in congress, and another, Mr. Sherman of New York, who becomes vice president, has served twenty-two years in the house. Mr. Cousins of Iowa and Delegate Smith of Arizona have served sixteen years.

It Will Be That of Inducting Taft Into Office.

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If he is permitted to follow the plans chosen, Mr. Roosevelt will go to New York late Thursday, and thence to Oyster Bay, where a home-coming demonstration has been arranged.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county, received a telegram from the sheriff at Rochester, N. Y., to hold Rainbaldt, alias Davis, for forgery.

Mrs. Anna Jenkins of Clearwater, was before the board of insanity in Antelope county, and committed to the Norfolk asylum.

An electric light franchise was granted by the town council of Scotts Bluff to Clarence J. Morley of Denver and James C. Caine of Salida, Colo.

The new Christian church at Fairfield was dedicated last Sunday. It takes the place of the building destroyed by cyclone in June last. The structure cost \$25,000.

The State Railway commission issued an order permitting the Auburn Telephone company to charge \$1.25 for individual service, the former rate being \$1 for individual service at first.

A. Benjamin of Arapahoe, had a public sale of a car of mules in Humboldt which averaged better than \$405 per span, the highest price paid for one span was \$500.

The grain growers' association of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma have chosen Hastings as the headquarters for the organization and have opened their rooms there.

It is reported that a proposition is being considered by the Union Pacific whereby another motor is to be added for the run between Beatrice and Lincoln.

An express car on the west bound Burlington train caught fire while the train was between the towns of Chalco and Gretna and burned, with practically all its contents.

The Hygienic dairy at Fairbury was broken into by burglars, but the burglars found themselves locked in the refrigerator after gaining ingress to the building and were unable to go further.

A telegram was received in Nebraska City telling of the death of Miss Anna McMeachen at Kansas City, where she has been ill for some time.

The deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Otoe county.

At the front door of the court house in Plattsmouth Attorney C. A. Rawls sold that referee's sale 104 acres of land adjoining the town of Union belonging to the Joshua Lynn estate for \$12,300, or a little over \$104 per acre.

Two boys, aged 13 and 15, who ran away from the orphan's home at Atchison, Kas., have been in charge of City Marshal Vaughn of Fort Calhoun for some time. Mr. Rokes of Atchison arrived and took them home.

Churches, lodges, schools, clubs, places of amusement and all other public gatherings of adults or children in Gothenburg have been placed under a ban by a proclamation issued by the Board of Health in an effort to stop the ravages of scarlet fever.

The Young Men's Christian association in state convention at Hastings unanimously re-elected the following officers: W. J. Hill, Lincoln, chairman; W. O. Henry, Omaha, vice chairman; E. C. Babcock, Omaha, secretary; M. C. Steele, Omaha, treasurer.

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CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Gossip—News of the State Capital.

Finance Bill.

The house finance committee has completed its budget bills for all but the special appropriations for buildings and kindred subjects, and for those things which are specially appropriated for in the bills which created the need.

By this bill the governor's office is to have incidental expenses together with the executive mansion of \$7,900 for the biennium, the commissioner of public lands and buildings \$4,600, the attorney general \$10,000 to enforce the rules of the railway commission and the Junkin act, the expenses of the state banking board are to be \$11,000, the state historical society gets the customary \$15,000, the pure food commission \$15,800 exclusive of the commissioner's salary, the national guard \$51,800, Peru normal excluding salaries and new buildings \$59,000, the state university \$145,000 divided into permanent improvements \$100,000, expenses of farmers' institutes \$20,000 and the North Platte sub-station \$25,000, the Kearney normal gets \$24,700, the institute for the blind at Omaha \$49,066.09, the boys' industrial school at Kearney \$85,500, the girls' industrial school at Geneva \$32,750, the home for the feeble minded at Beatrice \$90,500, the Lincoln hospital for the insane \$171,300, the penitentiary draws \$130,200, and the soldiers' home at Grand Island \$123,230. All these are exclusive of salaries and buildings that may be ordered by special bills.

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Annual Fee From Corporations.

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The measure is considered one of considerable importance. It has been discussed for several years by legislators and has been urged as a measure that will raise considerable revenue to defray the expenses of the state. In other states where it has been tried and where there are many corporations and where there is a long way toward paying the annual expenses of the state. Agents of corporations allege that the constitution does not permit the collection of such a tax and it may be opposed on that ground. Friends of the bill deny that the constitution prohibits such a tax or license fee.

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Insurance Bills Were Considered.

The senate committee of insurance Thursday night held its last "hearing" for the insurance men of the state who cared to discuss the merits of the various bills that are now before the upper house. Room 49 at the Lindell hotel that night was crowded with local insurance agents and with lobbyists from nearly all of the large companies, but the meeting was a peaceful one. The members of the committee heard the arguments of the attorneys and the agents of the companies and noted what they deemed worthy of consideration.

New Road Laws.

The committee of the whole did not object seriously to any portion of S. F. No. 91, introduced by the committee on highways and bridges, an act requiring one-half of the cost of road making to be paid by the state, 35 per cent by county and 15 per cent by the owners of land. It was ordered to a third reading and so was S. F. No. 99, by Laverty of Saunders, giving the state board of irrigation general supervision over highways.

Six Departments for University.

The Kotooc house bill providing that the state university shall be divided into six departments passed the senate Friday. The bill will have to be returned to the house for the approval of the amendment which the senate added, denying the right of the university regents to offer new courses at will and to divide the university into new departments as the board might see fit. As the bill is approved it makes no changes except to separate the agricultural and engineering schools and to place them under Dean Richards and Dean Burnett.

There is another measure in the senate that aims to legalize the preschool college of education. The school was not approved by the legislature and it has been running since the first of last September. It is expected that the bill will be passed, as it, like the other measure makes no changes in the present work except in name.

At the close of the afternoon session Friday the senate took a vacation until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The slow progress that the upper house has made in disposing of and passing bills caused a number of the senators to oppose the adjournment. Those who voted against it are: Brown, Diers, Donohoe, Fuller, Klein, Majors, Ollis, Raymond and Warren.

Killed Nettleton's Insurance Bill.

After a long debate the house Friday morning, indefinitely postponed the Nettleton bill making notes given for insurance non-negotiable until the delivery and acceptance of insurance policies.

Shoemaker urged that new insurance companies would be put out of business inasmuch as many of them depend on notes for insurance for the money with which agents are enabled to continue seeking business.

Boyd of Hamilton said that he thought there were few Nebraska companies that had to depend on patrons before the goods were delivered.

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