

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boiled Down for the Busy Man.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Democrats in the congress have determined to fight any attempt to place a duty on coffee.

A bust of former Vice-President Fairbanks has been placed in the senate chamber. It was given a place in the reserve gallery on the Democratic side alongside of the bust of the late Vice-President Hobart.

Representative Henry of Te. as has asked permission of Speaker Cannon to introduce the first measure in the Sixty-first congress, a joint resolution proposing to amend the constitution of the United States so as to change the date of inauguration from March 4 to April 30.

Just what policy Speaker Cannon will pursue in selecting committees for the next congress is causing considerable speculation among the insurgent Republicans and the Democrats.

In a statement issued by the treasury department it is shown that the assassination of President McKinley cost the government \$42,517, in surgeons' bills and other expenses.

President Taft has been drawn into the fight being waged by the insurgents against the rules of the house. He held conferences with both sides but declined to announce how he stands.

The new tariff bill, part of which has been sent to the printer, is understood to cut the duty on lumber one-half and place hides on the free list. It is expected to provide \$350,000,000 additional revenue, despite these changes.

According to a report in Washington the senate may investigate charges that Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin bought his election.

PERSONAL.

Former President Roosevelt was served with a subpoena to appear in a case growing out of the old "Fads and Fancies" scandal.

F. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Fund, company of New York, whose financial operations brought him into wide repute recently, was indicted in Pittsburgh on charges of embezzlement and larceny by bail.

Robert O. Bailey, a Washington newspaper man, has been chosen as private secretary to Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury. Mr. Bailey, who is a native of Leona, Ill., has been in newspaper work in the national capital for the last 12 years.

Mayor Arthur C. Harper, who resigned from office at Los Angeles, Cal., rather than have facts about his private life published, is the first victim in the country of the "recall" system.

President Taft was made a member of the Optimist Club of America.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana underwent a surgical operation in the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore. He is said to be in no danger.

Theodore Roosevelt had a strenuous time as a strap hanger in a New York street car on his first trip to the office of the Outlook where he began work as an editor.

Count Arthur Cassin, former ambassador to the United States, who recently retired from the Russian diplomatic corps after 54 years of service, has returned to St. Petersburg. His last post was Madrid.

Mrs. Ruth Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, obtained a decree of divorce from her husband at Lincoln, Neb.

GENERAL NEWS.

"Time will tell," said former President Roosevelt to a young man who declared he had carried a Roosevelt banner in two campaigns and hoped to have the honor again.

The miners and operators' conference at Philadelphia adjourned without any agreement being reached and it is believed a strike will result.

John W. Wallace and D. W. Lazelle, who have been engaged in a card-playing contest for 30 years at Manassas, Mich., have played their last game, Wallace finally winning ten times in succession, which was the condition under which they played.

More than thirty persons, fourteen of whom were white, were killed and sixty were injured by a tornado which destroyed Brinkley, Ark.

Kingdon Gould, son of George Gould, was elected a director of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, which is controlled by his father.

A bill to enact the initiative and referendum was defeated in the Nebraska senate by a vote of 17 to 16.

Officers were elected by delegates to the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, district No. 11, convention at Terre Haute, Ind. W. P. Rollins of Linton is president.

Dean David Kinley of the school of economics at the University of Illinois has been selected by the national monetary commission to prepare a history of the United States treasury concerning its relation to banks and to investigate the use of credit paper in making payments.

With the bankers and negro laborers, merchants, business men and even convicts working side by side, Cuthbert, Ga., is rallying from the effects of the storm, and struggling bravely to provide shelter for the unfortunate people whose homes were destroyed.

War between Salvador and Nicaragua has begun, combats of the two countries meeting in a battle early in the week. It is reported that a second engagement followed.

William F. Malnes, president of the Rhode Island Retail Liquor Dealers' association says John D. Rockefeller is putting up the money for the fight being waged against saloons.

Prof. C. A. Culver of Beloit college expects to have a wireless telephone in operation on the college campus soon.

The United States has severed diplomatic relations with Nicaragua because of President Zelaya's failure to bring about a settlement of the Emery claim.

James Christiansen, former state treasurer of Utah was arrested on a charge of being \$70,000 short in his accounts.

Veterans in gray and veterans in blue marched side by side in parade at the fourth national encampment of veterans of the opposing side in Fitzgerald, Ga.

Maj. John B. Porter, for many years assistant to the judge advocate general of the army, has been relieved from duty in Washington and ordered to the Philippine division.

George M. Dana, now judge advocate of the Philippines, has been ordered to Washington.

Announcement has been made that December 6 to 18 has been definitely decided upon as the time for this year's national corn exposition, which is to be held in Omaha.

The interstate commerce commission has ordered all railway carriers to report to the commission by May 1 the number of freight cars owned, number equipped with air-brakes, and average percentage of air-braked cars used in trains during the six months before March 1.

In the conference between miners' officials and anthracite operators at Philadelphia, the operators refused to grant the demands of the men.

The court of appeals of the District of Columbia modified and affirmed the decision of Justice Gould against Samuel Gompers and others in the Buck Stove & Range Company case.

The body of an unidentified woman was found in the river at Dayton, O., and it is believed she was another victim of the slayer who has killed four girls in that city recently.

Railroad men will meet in Chicago next week and it is believed will raise the passenger rate to three cents a mile.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service says the removal of the tariff from lumber will neither make the price cheaper, nor tend to preserve the nation's forests.

Feeling is bitter between counsel for the state and defense in the Cooper murder trial at Nashville, Tenn., and it is feared a physical encounter may result.

The State bank of Baldwin, Wis., was closed by the banking commissioner. Unfortunate speculation is said to have impaired its capital and surplus.

The Arkansas house killed the Bouc-Whittington racing bill which provided for racing at Springdale under the direction of a commission. The vote was 54 to 14.

Fifty-two indictments against pistol-carrying were returned by the grand jury of the circuit court at Fairmount, W. Va., the result of a crusade to break up such lawlessness in the mining region.

In a collision in Nantucket sound; the steamer Horatio Hall was sunk and the steamer H. F. Dimmock, so badly damaged that she ran ashore to save her passengers and crew. There was no loss of life.

By a vote of 125 to 70 the Georgia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, decided on Andersonville as the location for the monument to Capt. Wirz.

A marriage license was issued in New York city to Peter Augustus Jay of Newport, secretary of the American embassy at Tokyo, and Susan Alexander McCook, daughter of Col. John McCook.

Madrid, Spain, has been visited by an epidemic of typhoid fever. More than 300 cases already have been removed to one hospital, and there have been many deaths.

Judge A. B. Anderson of Indianapolis, sitting in the United States district court at Chicago, ordered the jury in the \$29,240,000 Standard Oil case to return a verdict not guilty.

The New York assembly ways and means committee gave little encouragement to the representatives of ethical societies, charity organizations, trade unions, and New York city churches, who appeared in favor of the Hales bill providing for an investigation into the condition of the unemployed.

Rev. Father Erasmus Anslon of St. Stanislaus church, Newark, N. J., was assassinated in his study by three men, each of whom fired a bullet into the priest's body.

President Zelaya of Nicaragua, it is reported, has called another conference between his own country, Honduras, Guatemala, Salvador and Costa Rica, with the view of arranging permanent peace for Central America.

Should the miners in the anthracite fields continue their demands for an eight-hour day and other concessions, it is believed a strike is certain to follow.

The Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company have lost their cases in the Missouri supreme court and must give up their business in that state.

March 30 has been set as the date for the trial in Kansas City of James Sharp, known as "Adam God," and Melissa Sharp, his wife, religious fanatics, charged with the murder of Policeman Michael P. Mullane.

Plans were made at a meeting in Chicago for the entertainment of 40,000 visitors when the peace conference is held May 3 and 5.

Seven students of the Eastern Illinois Normal school at Charleston were arrested on charges of rioting, made by the father of a young man whom they ducked.

Former Gov. Frederick Holbrook of Vermont, one of the three surviving "war governors" and the oldest ex-governor in the United States, is dangerously ill with bronchitis at his home in Brattleboro. He is 96 years old.

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.

Gates Bill to Go to Governor.

Another liquor question was decided in the senate Thursday morning when the majority of one vote the upper house decided that Fort Crook should be permitted to have a saloon. The measure that was voted on was the Gates bill from the house, and the measure will now go to the governor. The enactment is to repeal the present law, which was passed two years ago, to the effect that no saloon should be placed within two miles of a military post. The vote for the bill was: Banning, Bartos, Besse, Burman, Diers, Donohue, Fuller, Henry, Howell, Klein, Laver, Myers, Ransom, Tanner, Thompson, Tibbets and Wittke. Those opposed: Bodinson, Brown, Buck, Cox, Cain, Gammill, Hatfield, Ketchum, King, Miller, Ollis, Randall, Raymond, Warren and Wittke.

The measure in question further provided that the corporate authorities of all villages shall have power to prohibit the sale of liquors or to grant the same and providing that the license fee shall not be less than \$500 in cities of less than 10,000 people or less than \$1,000 in cities having more than that number of people.

Provisions in the bill relating to the control of the sale of liquor by the different authorities does not affect Lincoln, as a special provision is made for this city, vesting the control in a license board, but in most of the towns a fire and police board will have the exclusive control over saloons.

The measure provides that for the issuance of any license the position of the saloon in any ward must be approved by a majority of the freeholders.

Charte Bill Goes On General File.

The Lincoln charter bill was reported Friday morning in the house from the committee on cities and towns, and went to the general file to be reached in order. The file is already well laden.

As reported the charter bears an amendment providing that it be submitted as a whole to the people of the city for ratification. No minority report was made by the Lancaster county and other members of the committee who oppose this action, as had been talked of it was thought that this matter could be more appropriately and properly fought out on the floor of the house when the bill comes up for consideration in the committee of the whole. It is argued that no other charter for Lincoln at any previous session nor any other session has been so submitted. It is also contended that there is no legal provision for such submission, and that such an amendment would be invalid.

President Taft Answers.

The following telegram was received from President Taft in response to the telegram of congratulation sent by the two houses on the day of the inauguration. It reads as follows:

"The White House, Washington, March 6, 1909.

"Gentlemen:—I greatly appreciate the message of congratulation and good wishes from the house and senate of the state of Nebraska conveyed by your telegram of March 4. Will you please express to the entire membership of both bodies my cordial thanks and assure them that I value their friendly sentiments.

Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"HON CHARLES W. POOL,"

"Speaker of the House."

"HON GEORGE W. TIBBETTS,"

"President of the Senate."

Governor's Bill.

Governor Shallenberger's bill, introduced by Senator Harlan, providing some amendments to the law on seeking pardons from the executive was recommended for passage without discussion. This bill is aimed partly as a relief for the executive from the flood of applications he receives at all times from criminals under sentence asking for hearing with a view of securing a pardon and partly to allow the governor to use his discretion in pardoning a criminal under death sentence when afflicted with an incurable and contagious disease without having absolutely to pardon them. These two points only are added to the present law, and beyond asking a few questions the house made no objection to recommending it.

For District Referendum Bill.

One form of the initiative, restricted to a small unit, a legislative district, was recommended for passage by the committee on privileges and elections Thursday morning despite the fact that the senate turned down the initiative and referendum as applied to a larger unit, the state.

Marlett's bill provides that 10 per cent of the voters of any legislative district may petition to have placed on the primary ballot any subject of prospective legislation, the description of the proposed act not to exceed forty words.

Wittke "Spotted" for Congressman.

State Senator George W. Wittke of Cedar, the Bill Nye of the Nebraska legislature, probably will be a candidate for congressional honors in the Third district at the next congressional election. Mr. Wittke is serving his second term in the senate and has made an enviable record as a humorist and orator. During his first term he delivered a number of brilliant orations. He delivered an address before the Lincoln Ad club this winter which added to his reputation. Since then the senator from Cedar has had many speaking invitations.

Seven Railway Bills Reported.

The railroad committee has been an exceedingly industrious body according to the chips that flew from the committee workshop on the floor of the house Thursday morning, seven bills being reported in all.

Henry's bill placing in the hands of the state railway commission the right to supervise the manner in which wires are strung over railway tracks was recommended for passage.

H. R. 493 Dan Killen's measure defining trespass upon a railroad track and subjecting trespassers to penalties was recommended for passage. This is a bill primarily for the benefit of the railroads and incidentally for the benefit of the public. Railroads are frequently made defendants in damage suits where persons have been injured who have trespassed on railroad property and who have been run down while on the track. The trespass is frequently unintentional, but the railroads are forced to sweat and lose sleep nevertheless. To this they object. The bill provides a fine for trespass and limits recovery from the road only in case the road has shown willful neglect.

The Nettleton-Taylor bill requiring appeals from decisions of the railway commission to be made only to the supreme court of the state was recommended to pass. The section providing that no court in the state except the supreme court shall review orders of the commission was cut out. The bill is intended to cut out appeals direct to federal court and to a variety of district courts. The objection to the federal court is alleged improper jurisdiction. The objection to the district court review is that the attorney general is compelled to maintain suits in so many localities that he cannot properly attend to them. This important measure is catalogued as No. 568.

Both of Senator Randall's bills providing for the connection of lines at junction points were acted upon favorably.

Two bills by J. A. Ollis prescribing those exempt from the prohibitions of the federal act and to a variety of shippers of live stock were also recommended to pass.

Governor Signs Anti-Frat Bill.

Secretary Furse Thursday reported to the houses the following bills signed by Governor Shallenberger:

S. F. 159, by Miller of Lancaster—Authorizing school boards to expel students of public schools who belong to school fraternities and to make it unlawful for any one to solicit membership for any fraternity upon the school grounds.

H. R. No. 2, by Griffin—For the appointment of judges and clerks of election fifteen days before primaries.

H. R. No. 201, by Case—Appropriating the use of the state university 95 per cent of the one mill levies for the year 1909 and 1910 and the delinquent taxes collected under the last levy.

H. R. No. 74, by Taylor of Custer—To authorize the moderator of school board to administer oaths.

H. R. No. 76, by Katone—Designating the departments that shall comprise the state university.

H. R. No. 89, by Hadsell—Binding twine offered for sale to be stamped with the name of the manufacturer or importer, feet per pound, material and tensile strength.

H. R. No. 132, by Barrett—Appropriating the library fund of the Kearney normal school for the purchase of books.

H. R. No. 110, by Fries—Exempting precinct officers from the provisions of the primary law.

H. R. No. 170, by Moore—Establishing the legal number of pounds of farm products to the bushel.

H. R. No. 49, by Thomas—Creating and providing for the distribution of a note relief and pension fund for the city of Omaha.

Executor to Select Newspaper.

C. W. Poole's bill providing that the legal representative of the estate of a deceased person shall name the newspaper in which notice of the sale of the property of the deceased shall be published was reported for passage by the house committee on public printing Thursday morning. The probate judge has the power to name the paper in which the notice shall be published under the present law. While Poole does not charge anyone with a graft as a result of the present statute, he is sure that much favoritism is shown by the county judges and depletes the ability given the probate judge to build up a political machine.

To Probe the Packers.

Connolly of Omaha Friday afternoon offered a resolution in the house looking toward the investigation of meat packing companies in Nebraska with a view to determining whether there are in combination to regulate prices. The investigation is to be made by a committee of three appointed by the speaker. On an objection from Raper the bill went over for one day under the rules.

Recommend State Buys It.

The special committee of the house sent up to look over the Wayne normal school reported Friday afternoon recommending that the state purchase the buildings and grounds at a price of \$90,000. The president of the institution has just died, and the property is on the market for \$100,000. The committee thinks it is worth fully \$150,000 and will supply a section of the state that needs normals.

Carnegie Bill Killed.

In the house Friday afternoon an effort to reconsider the vote of Friday morning, indefinitely postponing the bill to allow the state university to accept the benefits of the Carnegie pension fund, failed by a vote of 47 to 45.

Kills Binding Twine Bill.

By a vote of 21 to 10, the senate Friday afternoon killed the bill providing for a binding twine factory at the state penitentiary, and appropriating \$200,000 therefor.

To Safeguard the Minerals.

An attempt to safeguard and conserve the mineral resources of the state which are found on school lands is being made by the committee on public schools in pressing for passage the Taylor-Fannon bill prohibiting the sale of school lands containing minerals and regulating the lease of them.

The bill is of importance because of the numerous discoveries of silicon deposits in Nebraska. Nebraska is also one of the few states in which pumice deposits are found.

CONGRESS STARTED

SPECIAL SESSION TO GET BUSY WITH ITS WORK.

REORGANIZATION OF HOUSE

Rules Fight in Doubt, and on This Depends Handling of the Tariff Measure.

Washington, D. C.—Both houses of congress will meet in extraordinary session at noon Monday, with Vice-President Sherman presiding in the senate, and for the time Clerk McDowell officiating in the house. This will be the beginning of the Sixty-first congress and the first act of importance in the house will be the reorganization of that body for business.

The senate is already organized, so that outside of the mere routine the business of the first day will be confined to the presentation of the credentials of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin. The certificate of the governor of Wisconsin will be handed in by Senator Burrows, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections. It has been suggested that Mr. Stephenson's colleague, Senator LaFollette, would oppose the seating of Mr. Stephenson, but if there was ever such intention on his part it apparently has been abandoned, and there is little doubt that Mr. Stephenson will be permitted to resume his seat. Later in the week the senate will begin the reorganization of its standing committees, and until this work is accomplished little business will be undertaken.

The house may be expected to more than make up for the senate deficiencies in activities. With a fight on the rules in prospect, in addition to the election of speaker and other officers, to say nothing of the usual biennial lottery for seats, Monday bids fair to be a much crowded day at the southern end of the capitol.

The action of the republican caucus makes certain the re-election of Speaker Cannon and of the other house officers, but there is still doubt in the minds of some as to just what may be done with reference to the democratic allies about the win, the program for the introduction of a committee consideration of the tariff may be different from what it should be if the "standpaters" should prevail. Speaker Cannon's friends are victorious in the matter of rules, the president's message on the tariff will be received Tuesday and immediately follow its reading the republican members of the committee on ways and means will introduce their bill for the revision of the tariff schedules. The speaker will then appoint a committee on ways and means and the bill will be referred to that committee.

It is understood that if the selection of the committee is left to the speaker he will designate all the old members of the committee who were re-elected to congress. This would leave but one vacancy, that caused by the retirement of Mr. Bonyzeng of Colorado, and it is intimated that Representative Mondell of Wyoming will be chosen for that position. The democratic members of the committee would be appointed at the same time, and the present purpose is to have the committee report the bill back to the house after one or two sittings.

THE CAUCUS NAMES CANNON.

Illinois Man Nominated for Speaker for Another Term.

Washington.—Nebraska republicans were absent during the caucus Saturday night of their party, to select officers for the Sixty-first congress. Hubber, of Iowa, was also among the missing. Cannon was re-elected as a candidate for speaker for the Sixty-first congress and the old officers of the house were selected without opposition. Dalzell was authorized to report on rules of the Sixty-first congress, and the caucus named Cannon for speaker, Dalzell and Smith of the committee on rules, Smith of Iowa, taking the place of Sherman elected to the vice-presidency.

Died While Bryan Spoke.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—While William Jennings Bryan was delivering his lecture on "The Prince of Peace" in the University hall here Sunday night Mrs. C. S. Grimes, 65 years old, a resident of this city, who was seated in the balcony, fell dead from heart disease.

Tragedy in Cheyenne.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Posey Ryan, a ranchman of Fort Laramie, shot and killed his wife and daughter while the women were eating dinner in a restaurant. Mrs. Ryan brought her daughter to Cheyenne last week and commenced suit for divorce from Ryan.

Russian Eye is on Persia.

St. Petersburg.—The situation in St. Petersburg. The government is sending a division of cosacks to Teheran, and it has ordered the consuls at Resht and Astrabad to summon Caspian warships in the event of outbreaks threatening the interests of Russia. The Novoe Vremya publishes a Teheran dispatch saying the situation is critical, that an insurrection is imminent and that only a strong military detachment can prevent the sacking of Teheran.

Sherman W. Morris Indicted.

Minneapolis.—Sherman W. Morris, alias Frank Shercliff, who was tried in Minneapolis and found not guilty of robbery, but who is now serving a sentence in the Colorado state prison for murder, was indicted Friday by the Hennepin county grand jury on a second charge growing out of the Northern Pacific train robbery last April. The indictment was returned, it is said, as a precautionary means to prevent Morris' release in case he is successful in his appeal to the Colorado supreme court.

HIS MAD GAME LATER.

Paris Banker Falls Victim to a Practical Joker's Trick.

Our friend, the mysterious practical joker, who amuses all Paris with his pranks, has ended the year with a hoax that does honor to his fertile brain.

If ever you have been to the Jardin d'Acclimatation—the Paris zoo—you will have seen there dozens of little boys and girls being promenaded through the gardens on the back of a camel or an elephant—as many of them as the animal can conveniently carry.

A few days ago the mammas watching their offspring indulge in that harmless sport were not a little surprised to see a middle-aged gentleman, fashionably dressed, all by himself, stride on a dromedary. One of the ladies then uttered a little scream when she recognized in the rider M. X—, a well-known banker in this city.

Was he mad? Not a bit of it. He was only the victim of the anonymous practical joker who had sent him a letter on official paper, informing him that he had been appointed general manager of the government bank to be opened in Morocco.

"But," added the document, "as the communications in that country are very primitive, we advise you to practice camel riding."

The poor man believed this story, and he is now compelled to travel underground to escape his friends.—Queen.

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Proving His Caution.

Elder W. H. Underwood, chaplain of the state senate, was walking down a street at his home at Clay Center recently with a friend. Another friend, with whom Underwood joked a good deal, met them and said: "Elder, I thought you were careful of the company you keep."

"I am," replied the chaplain, walking right on. "I'm not going to stop."

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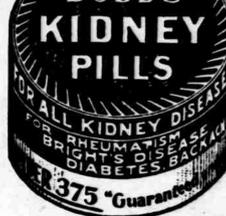
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