

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

DAY'S EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Reader.

Washington.

Democrats look for an extra session of congress and are making preparations accordingly.

The senate defeated the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide that senators be elected by direct vote of the people.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger fixed, until further notice, at \$2 per acre the charge for operating and maintenance by the government of lands served by the Okanogan irrigation project, Washington.

The mints will stop making gold coins as soon as President Taft signs the bill which congress has passed permitting the secretary of the treasury to issue gold certificates against gold bullion and foreign gold coin.

The house passed a bill by Representative Burke of South Dakota, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, giving the interior department general authority to dispose of left-over lands in any Indian reservation previously thrown open to entry.

The house special committee appointed to investigate Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery in connection with J. W. McMurry's Indian land contracts finds that Jake L. Hamon did make an improper proposal to Senator Gore concerning the contracts.

The action of the house in stipulating that the vessels of war authorized in the building program of the navy bill shall be constructed under the eight hour law brought representatives of the ship yards on the Atlantic coast before Secretary Meyer to ascertain the exact extent and meaning of the labor situation.

The house committee on territories unanimously approved the constitution of the new state of New Mexico and recommended its approval by the house. The committee declares it has found the document "to be republican in form but it makes no distinction on civil or political rights on account of race or color and that it is not repugnant to the constitution of the United States or the declaration of independence."

General.

The Minnesota house has passed a bill abolishing capital punishment. The senate voted to send Lermer by 46 to 40 and the struggle is ended.

Railroads affected by the interstate commerce ruling may carry the case higher.

Dr. Vasquez Gomez says he has received overtures for peace from the Diaz government.

Forty one alleged members of the Camorra will soon be tried by the Italian government.

Mrs. Madeline Drummond was robbed of \$120,000 worth of jewels on board an Atlantic liner.

William H. Lewis, a negro, has been nominated by the president to be assistant attorney general.

The French chamber of deputies has ordered the construction of two battleships at private yards.

Heads of railroads are not so sure but that commerce commission ruling is a good thing after all.

The supreme court of Nebraska decided that Thomas Johnson now at the state penitentiary must leave.

The government of Hayti has advised the American state department that the revolution in that country is ended and the lives of foreigners are secure.

The attorney general, by a house resolution, has been asked what steps are being taken in the coffee trust inquiry.

General health in the Philippines is the best in ten years and government authorities are confident improved sanitary conditions have removed danger of plague.

One of the biggest fish houses in Chicago has cut the price of fresh fish more than fifty per cent. Unprecedented catches in the big lakes of Canada is given as the reason.

The contract entered into by Maximo Fernandez, representing Costa Rica, and Minor C. Keith, vice president of the United Fruit company, for the refunding of the foreign debt of Costa Rica has been approved by congress. The contract provides for a refunding scheme.

The monetary loss to the state of New York from deaths by tuberculosis in 1910 is placed at \$67,000,000.

A bill providing for the gradual abolition of the contract labor system in Missouri was passed by the state senate.

Eight prisoners in the St. Augustine, Fla., jail, Friday overpowered the jailer while he was giving them dinner and escaped.

Mayor J. M. Edwards of Forum, Okla., has been convicted of forging a deed to eighty acres of land and has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Senators expect the president to keep his word to call an extra session if reciprocity is not passed.

The senate committee on foreign relations decided to recommend to the senate the ratification of the new treaty with Japan.

There has been much speculation as to what will happen to the Gould group of railroads when the new management takes hold.

An administration bill that provides for the control of all public utilities by a state board to be appointed by them was passed by the Kansas legislature.

Fire destroyed \$100,000 worth of property at Mitchell, Ind.

A special house committee made an adverse report on bonding companies. The Kansas senate voted to establish a state school for mines at Weir, Cherokee county.

The federal grand jury in New York has entered into an investigation of the "beef trust."

Arizona's constitution was affirmed by 76.12 of the total vote, according to the official canvass.

Presidential suffrage for women was voted down by the Kansas house in committee of the whole.

Governor Morris of Montana has approved the bill providing the commission form of government for cities.

Charles E. Merriam was nominated by republicans and Carter Harrison by democrats for mayor of Chicago.

St. Louis was selected as the next meeting place of the National Education association, department of superintendents.

The Montana senate voted unanimously to pass a bill providing the commission form of government for municipalities.

Judge Advocate Crowder has decided the war department is at liberty to accept the breeding horses given by August Belmont.

Thirteen Kansas City physicians have been arrested on federal indictments for spreading improper proposals in advertising literature.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend Baile P. Waggoner's annual children's picnic in Atchison, Kans., next September.

The English cabinet is reported by the Times to have agreed on retention of Irish members in the imperial parliament, but in reduced numbers.

The South Dakota house has passed a resolution memorializing congress to oust all express companies and compel railroads to carry packages direct.

Two hundred citizens of El Paso have petitioned President Taft and congress that the United States take no steps to interfere in the Mexican revolution.

The Kansas house has passed a resolution that names of candidates for United States senator shall not be placed on the ballot at primary elections.

The interstate commerce commission wants congress to relieve it from any connection with mediation and arbitration proceedings under the Erdman act.

Thomas B. Smith has been confirmed as postmaster at Philadelphia to succeed Richard L. Ashurst, who mysteriously disappeared while visiting in Jersey City.

After spending nearly six years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Frank G. Higelow, the Milwaukee banker, was released, according to authoritative reports.

The Pinkertons say that "Old Bill" Miner, second only to Jesse James in notoriety as a bandit, is one of the men arrested for the recent Gainesville, Ga., train robbery.

Fifty thousand business men of Georgia and nearby states have been invited by telephone to attend the Southern Commercial Congress in Atlanta, Ga., March 8 to 10.

President David R. Kerr of Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., has tendered his resignation. He has been offered the presidency of Whitworth college at Tacoma, Wash.

Secretary of Commerce Nagel will investigate the charge that figures of the department of statistics have been distorted to show other than the true state of exports and imports.

The Missouri senate has passed a bill requiring mail order houses to take out a license to do business in the state for which the fee shall be 1 to 5 per cent of the aggregate sales.

Dr. Theobald Smith, professor of comparative pathology at Harvard medical school, says that if bubonic plague starts in the west it might be spread to the east through the medium of milk.

The Missouri senate passed a bill substituting the people at a special election to be called by Gov. Hadley, a proposition to vote \$3,000,000 bonds for rebuilding the burned capitol at Jefferson City.

Colonel Poliakov, administrator of the commissary department of the Moscow military district, was sentenced to five years imprisonment on conviction of having demanded and received bribes from contractors.

The main building of Mount St. Mary's college, a large and well equipped Roman Catholic institution on Watchung mountain, near Plainfield, N. J., was burned Thursday, entailing a loss of more than \$200,000.

Personal.

An extra session of congress will probably start April 4.

The senate failed to ratify the new Japanese trade and commerce treaty.

Charles Foster, a game warden, was found dead with a bullet wound through his stomach at the foot of Turkey mountain, four miles south of Tulsa, Okla.

P. Augustus Heinze has been declared worth \$3,170,000 above all liabilities.

Henry L. Myers has been chosen senator from Montana, succeeding Senator Carter.

A complete reorganization of the democratic party in Pennsylvania has been decided upon.

A lady in waiting to Queen Helena of Italy was killed by an army lieutenant, her admirer.

If an extra session of congress is called New York will have no senatorial representation in place of Senator Depeux.

John G. Thompson has resigned as assistant attorney general and will resume his law practice.

Democrats of the Sixty-second congress will tackle the tariff question without unnecessary delay.

Gifford Pinchot said Senator Heyburn had his way the forests of the country will be destroyed.

Democrats in Colorado are planning for a daily caucus in an effort to break the senatorial deadlock.

Radical French deputies severely attacked Premier Briand for alleged laxity in enforcing the religious congregations law.

A FINANCE REPORT

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO MAKE INVESTIGATION.

GOVERNOR ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Frauds Not so Rank as Reported, But Evils Exist—Stock Yards Bill on General File—Students Must Vote at Home.

One of the most important matters undertaken by this session of the legislature is embodied in a report made to the house by a special committee appointed to investigate the subject of the expenditure of state money. The report of this committee was accompanied by a set of bills, designed to put the financial affairs of Nebraska upon something like a business basis.

The bills drafted by the committee will be pushed to the front and are expected to pass without any serious opposition. In the investigation it made, in the preparation of its report and in the drafting of the bills the committee has had the valuable assistance of State Auditor Barton. Many of the ideas included in the bills being those which have been incubating in his head since he was first elected two years ago.

BILL SUMMARY.

Bills approved by governor.....10 Bills ready for approval (passed by both houses).....4 Bills passed by senate (exclusive of house bills).....57 Bills passed by house (still under consideration in senate).....30 House bills passed by senate.....14 Senate bills passed by house.....0 Thirty-seven days of the sixty in which the legislature is supposed to sit had passed Saturday. Three days yet remain in which bills may be introduced. The house has received 542 bills, the senate 236. In the three days which still remain it is quite likely that 150 additional bills will be turned into the hopper. This will place the combined number in house



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and senate well above 1,000. Some of these are duplications, but the number is inconsiderable.

Out of the 572 bills which have been introduced only 87 have passed either house and only 14 have passed both houses. In the house probably 250 bills have been acted upon by standing committees. Most of them have about fifty bills ready for passage, having been approved in committee of the whole. The senate is similarly situated except that its third reading list is not overflowing.

On the Right Track.

That Governor Aldrich was misled in the main points in the charges of election frauds in Omaha; that he was right in only one or two minor instances; and that a new registration law should be enacted for Omaha, are the main findings of the house committee which investigated the governor's charges of wholesale frauds in Omaha at the last election. The committee made its report to the house late Tuesday afternoon.

To Increase Officers' Salaries.

The senate has placed on third reading Volpp's bill increasing the salary of state officers and Tanner's bill providing for a bipartisan publication of constitutional amendments.

The Volpp bill, as amended, provides that the governor shall receive \$7,500 a year, the auditor, treasurer and attorney general, \$4,500, and the other state officers, \$3,500 per annum.

"Jim Crow" Bill Dead.

The "Jim Crow" bill introduced by McKissick of Gage is considered a dead one before it even starts out of a standing committee. The bill provides that negroes shall not ride on street cars or trains or sit in places of public entertainment, except in separate compartments, the line of separation to be marked by a sign posted in a conspicuous place.

"There was never any need of such a law in Nebraska," said Governor Aldrich, "and there is no danger of it becoming a law."

State senators are figuratively sleeping on their arms, having acceded to the demands of Senator Ollis for the recommitment of his disfigured stock yards bill, only on condition that the bill be put to a vote early Friday morning. The cause of the complex condition was the call of the house. Jansen and Placke were absent and could not return until Friday. Under this call the senate was threatened with the unmaking prospect of eating supper and breakfast in the senate or going without, and of sleeping on the uninviting red carpet or in the cramped chairs.

Students Must Vote at Home.

After spirited discussion the senate has placed Volpp's bill on the list for third reading which provides for the disfranchisement of students in the school town if they receive any or all of their support from home. The bill is aimed especially at the university students who, according to Senator Tibbets, are able to control the policy of Lincoln. It was pointed out that the bill was making demands on students which are not made on "bums" and that by inference the senate was declaring the students less intelligent and less able to wield the ballot than the veriest rag-picker on the streets. The friends of the bill denied this. Those voting for the bill were Albert, Banning, Bartling, Buhman, Horton, Jansen, Kohl, Morehead, Picketts, Placke, Roseman, Smith, of Boone, Talcott, Tanner, Tibbets, Volpp, Wilcox. Those voting against the bill were: Bodinson, Brown, Coddard, Cox of Kearney, Cox of Hamilton, Hoakland, Kemp, Lee, McGrew, Ollis, Reynolds, Selleck, Skiles, Smith of Fillmore, Varner.

For a Hotel Commission.

The committee on miscellaneous subjects of the house, at a meeting Monday night, discussed the compromise hotel bill agreed upon by representatives of the Nebraska travelers' association and the hotel keepers' association, and it was reported after the meeting that the report thereon would be favorable to its passage. The new measure embodies changes in the law agreed upon at a conference held by hotel men and travelers at Omaha on January 30.

The bill provides for the establishment of a hotel commission in this state, making the governor the hotel commissioner and placing upon him the duty of seeing that the law is enforced. He is required to appoint a deputy hotel commissioner, who shall be paid \$1,500 a year, and the deputy may employ one stenographer at a salary of \$70 a month. The deputy will hold office at the pleasure of the governor.

The Governor's Staff.

The military committee of the house has introduced H. R. 505, an act providing that "colonels" on the governor's staff shall be chosen from the active list of the officers of the Nebraska national guard. The staff officers shall be detailed for staff duty for such periods of service as the governor may on orders designate. The officers so detailed are to be given the rank of colonel by reason of such appointment. They shall be given no greater rank than that to which they are entitled by virtue of their commissions in the guard and while on duty as aides-de-camp shall serve without pay in times of peace. The same bill provides that no one under eighteen years shall be enlisted in the guard, and in time of peace no one under twenty-one years shall be enlisted without the written consent of parents or guardians.

Some Free Gifts Excepted.

S. F. 54, by Bartling, to prohibit free gift enterprises with the exception of free gifts by manufacturers who place their gifts in sealed packages, also excepting retail merchants who sell original packages containing free gifts offered by newspapers in subscription contests, was reported back by a committee for the purpose of having it stricken out. Senator Bartling, introducer of the bill, said the amendment by Horton making the exceptions is still in the bill. The retail dealers' association of Nebraska does not want the exceptions in the bill. The measure was introduced for the purpose of striking at all free gift enterprises, including trading stamps.

Stock Yards Bill on General File.

In spite of an adverse report from the committee on live stock and grazing, the house placed the stock yards regulation bill on general file. The committee has held several hearings on the bill and sent a sub-committee to South Omaha to investigate stock yards conditions. It reported the bill to be indefinitely postponed.

Senators May Smoke.

By a standing vote, in which there were only four negative votes, the senate has suspended rule 34, which prohibited smoking except during committee of the whole. Now senators may smoke all the time if they wish.

Must Vote at Home.

The senate passed Senator Volpp's bill prohibiting students from voting in the city to which they have come for an education if they are supported in whole or in part by funds from the parental home. The vote was 18 to 14.

Exemption Bill.

A big rumus was stirred up over house roll No. 72, a bill by Bushee providing that a man's wages cannot be included in the \$500 exemption allowed him by law. The bill is backed by the state association of retail dealers, a committee of which has been in Lincoln for several days working in its behalf.

Sues for Coal Lands.

Denver, Colo.—The government entered suit in the United States district court here on Friday against the Carbon Coal and Coke company, a subsidiary of the American Smelting and Refining company, and against the Exploration company, limited, a large British corporation, to recover coal lands in Colorado alleged to have been acquired fraudulently by means of dummy entries. The land consists of 1,280 acres at Cokedale, said to be valued at \$5,000,000 or more.

DOWNED IN SENATE

REAPPORTIONMENT BILL FAILS IN UPPER HOUSE.

THE APPROPRIATION MEASURES

Senators Work All Night to Get Through With Business by Saturday Noon.

Washington.—The senate went into executive session at 2:08 o'clock Saturday morning in the hope of cleaning up the nomination calendar. It was expected that the Honduras treaty would not be considered. Consideration of the New Mexico statehood constitution will be resumed at the close of the executive session.

Pains of the Postoffice department for the establishment of a parcels post as an experiment were defeated when the senate, on the point of order raised by Senator Bailey of Texas struck from the postoffice appropriation bill an item of \$50,000 designated to put into effect the proposed system on April 1.

There will be no congressional reapportionment by the Sixty-first congress. This was decided at 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

The reapportionment bill fixing the number of representatives at 432 which passed the house earlier in the session, had for various reasons been allowed to remain in the senate committee on census until Friday, when in the absence of Chairman La Follette, Senator Hale sought to have it reported for action before the final adjournment of congress. According to the committee was polled and the measure placed in the hands of Senator Hale for presentation to the senate. At 2 o'clock Mr. Hale was busily engaged in conferences pertaining to appropriation bills and up to that time had not made his report.

In the meantime opposition to the house basis of apportionment had arisen in the senate and several senators privately expressed themselves as opposed to action during the present session. Among them was Senator Root, who took the position that the house membership should not be increased. The opposition was so decided as to render it impossible for the bill to get through.

Among important business transacted by expiring congress is the following: Senate refuses to seat Lorimer. Direct election of senators defeated. Between 35,000 and 45,000 measures introduced. Provision made for Southern Appalachian and White mountains forest reserves. Inspection of locomotive boilers. Authority to purchase consular building.

NO HOPE FOR RECIPROCITY.

Chief Executive Said to Regard Extra Session Certain.

Washington.—From the White House on Friday, practically from the lips of President Taft himself, came the admission that the president had abandoned all hope of the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement and awaited only for formal confirmation of its failure to issue his call for an extra session. The president gave little outward evidence of his disappointment, though it is well known to be rather keen.

Orozco's Scapgoat Executed.

City of Mexico.—The responsibility for permitting General Navarro to arrive at Ciudad Juarez has been placed by the rebels upon "Captain" Bustillos, a minor chief, who has paid for his alleged negligence or incompetency with his life, according to a special from Torreón. He is said to have been executed by order of Orozco.

Reuff Must Give Notice.

San Francisco, Cal.—That Abram Reuff must give notice to the district attorney five hours before taking further steps to forestall his commitment to San Quentin prison to serve fourteen years on a charge of bribery was ordered by Judge W. P. Lawlor.

Postage Rate Not Increased.

Washington.—The senate passed the postoffice appropriation bill carrying about \$28,000,000 after striking from it the provision increasing to 4 cents a pound the postal rate on the advertising sections of the large magazines.

Steamer Minnesota Disabled.

Yokohama.—The steamer Minnesota of the Great Northern steamship line, which recently sailed from Hongkong and Yokohama for Seattle, is reported returning to this port as a result of a mishap to its machinery.

Peary to be Retired.

Washington.—The plans of the friends of Captain Robert E. Peary to secure congressional recognition of his polar achievements have met with success. The house, by a vote of 154 to 34 passed an amended senate bill according him honor. The senate concurred in the house amendments and passed the bill, which makes it a law as soon as signed. Under this bill Peary will be placed "on the retired list of the corps of civil engineers with the rank of rear admiral to date from April 6, 1909.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Testing Seed Corn.

The majority of wide-awake corn growers realize the advantage of testing the germination of their seed corn before planting. The "ear to row" method of improving corn has emphasized the need of selecting seed corn on the ear. Although the apparatus required for testing the germination of ear corn need not be expensive, still it is believed that there are many who hesitate to undertake this work through fear that it will involve the expenditure of much time and labor. To satisfy this demand and to arouse a greater interest in corn improvement, the Nebraska Seed Laboratory has arranged to make single ear germination tests of seed corn for Nebraska farmers. Not more than 50 such tests, however, can be made for one person. If you wish your seed corn tested write us to that effect and we will send you 50 small envelopes in which the samples can be sent to this laboratory. Let us know at once if you wish us to make this test. Address Nebraska Seed Laboratory, Lincoln, Neb.

Invites an Examination.

The state railway commission has invited the legislature to make an examination of the work it has done thus far toward the physical valuation of railroads. The following communication, signed by all members of the commission, was sent to the house of representatives: "Being advised that some question has been raised by certain members of the legislature in regard to the work performed by this department under chapter 107, session laws of 1909, known commonly as the physical valuation act, we desire to invite a thorough investigation of the same either by a committee appointed for that purpose or in such other manner as you may deem proper. The commission will gladly place its records at the disposal of your honorable body and will furnish any other assistance in its power to promote a full and correct understanding of the work done under said statute."

Voluntary Bankruptcy.

Phelps County.—The firm of Heffron Bros., of Holdrege, have filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy and their stock of groceries has been taken in charge by Referee in Bankruptcy G. Norberg. The store is now closed. The firm consists of James J. and Malvern J. Heffron, who have together prepared a schedule of their assets and liabilities. According to this schedule there are 50 creditors who have claims aggregating \$11,354, while the assets including stock and fixtures is but \$4,164. The firm has been in business but 15 months, and according to the figures of Referee Norberg, has been run at a loss of nearly \$500 per month. The date for the meeting of the creditors has been fixed for March 11, 1911.

Kills Self While Hunting.

Webster County.—Jacob Angle, while hunting and trapping on the Republican river, accidentally killed himself. He was out after ducks. He evidently walked along the river bank for about a mile and in some unknown manner struck the hammer of his gun against a tree and the load was discharged in his groin, when he plunged forward into the river. He leaves a widow and five small children.

Charged With Wife Desertion.

Howard County.—Jesse J. Harrier, the barber who mysteriously disappeared from St. Paul a few weeks ago leaving his wife and child there, was brought back by Sheriff Higley from a small town near Pocatello, Idaho, where he had been located and apprehended through police channels. He is held on a charge of wife desertion.

Woman Dies in Dentist Chair.

Clay County.—Miss Alice C. Forst, 30 years of age, died suddenly in the office of Dr. J. R. Shively, at Edgar. She came from Deyesse to have some teeth extracted and just after Dr. Shively had removed the second one she fainted. He summoned a doctor whose office was a half a block away, but she was dead before he arrived. Death was probably due to heart failure.

Holdrege New Postoffice.

Phelps County.—The contract for Holdrege's new postoffice building has been awarded to the King Lumber company of Charlottesville, Va. Word has been received to that effect by Postmaster W. P. Hall. The price stipulated in the contract is \$68,325. The contract also calls for a completion.

Assaulted His Father.

Cass County.—L. W. Wright is in custody in Greenwood for making an alleged assault upon his father at their home near Alvo. It is said Wright tried to stab his parent.

Fire at Ogallala.

Keith County.—A fire here destroyed property worth \$20,000. Eight business houses were destroyed.

Experiment with Grimm Alfalfa.

Buffalo County.—F. F. Roby of Kearney, has purchased quite a large quantity of "eviger" koe," Grimm alfalfa seed, and will experiment with it on his Buffalo county and Colorado lands. This is the most expensive seed produced in the United States, but it is said to be the hardest variety of the plant.

Woman Kills Herself.

Antelope County.—News has been received of the suicide of Mrs. Kate Rose at Oskdale. She was found dead in bed by her son. Death resulted from a bullet wound in the head. No cause is known.

Celebrate Bryan's Birthday.

Lancaster County.—The celebration of the birthday of William Jennings Bryan, March 29, is being prepared for and committees have been appointed from among the prominent democrats of the city to make arrangements.

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