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GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

Washington.

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Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the New York banker, now in the Atlanta prison, has made a personal appeal to President Taft for information as to the status of the petition for her husband's pardon and has been informed that Mr. Taft will make an announcement in the case within a few days.

Claiming that the valorization of coffee is nothing more or less than a gigantic scheme, in which nations are involved, to monopolize the product, and fix the prices of coffee, Representative Norris, of Nebraska, spoke in the house for nearly two hours.

The taking of testimony in the government's civil action against the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company has been finished and the case will come up for final argument in the United States court at Baltimore within five or six weeks. Two circuit judges and one district judge will review the testimony which has been taken before a master.

General.

The Canadian reciprocity bill was passed in the house by a large majority.

The tenure of office of Diaz will be the sticking point in peace negotiations in Mexico.

Ex-Speaker Cannon attacked what he said was a plan to put a free paper bill through the house.

Representative Cox, of Ohio, favors making the independence of the Philippines a party question.

The Missouri ouster suit against the beef packers was continued by the supreme court until the October term.

"Reciprocity with Canada must be adopted now or never and must stand or fall by its own terms," says President Taft.

Unspeaking conditions in many of the bakeries of New York City are reported by investigators employed by the city commissioner of accounts.

The whole Nebraska delegation, excepting Representative Norris, voted in favor of the reapportionment bill, which was passed by the house.

Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission and the originator of much labor legislation, died in Washington after a continued illness, aged 65 years.

Mr. Berger, socialist member of congress, says: "The senate has run its course. It must some day, as will the British house of lords, yield to the popular demand for its reformation or abolition."

A trunk filled with gold watch cases, valued at \$20,000, consigned to a manufacturer in Chicago from a Cincinnati house, was stolen from an express wagon in the downtown streets of Chicago.

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The diplomatic shakeup, which was first evidenced by the resignation of David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany, continued when it was announced that Herbert H. B. Peirce had resigned as minister to Norway.

President Taft proposes to keep his hands out of Mexico until forced to take a stand.

The James woman suffrage bill was sent to engrossment in the Wisconsin assembly. The measure has already passed the senate.

At Daytona, Fla. "Bob" Burman celebrated his 27th birthday by making new automobile racing history at Daytona beach. He clipped the mile record down to 25:4 seconds and lowered Barney Oldfield's two-mile world's record of 55:57 seconds to 51:28.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is confident that penny postage is a probability of the near future as the result of reductions in the \$17,000,000 postal deficit which existed when he took charge of the postoffice department.

A plea to aid unitarians to stand forth and aid the faith and to provide in Washington a "principal church" to correspond with the cathedrals in other denominations, was made in remarks made by President Taft Sunday in the regular service in All Soul's Unitarian church, of which he is a regular attendant.

Cholera situation is again causing some uneasiness in Honolulu.

A weevil has been discovered that works havoc in alfalfa fields.

The "farmers' free list" finds favor with the Nebraska delegation in the lower house of congress.

Mrs. Matussek, of South Omaha, killed her two children and then took her own life.

Senator Brown holds that the income tax amendment is on the verge of adoption.

The reapportionment bill in the house provides for an increased membership of 40.

Senate regulars declined to recognize the progressive republicans as a separate organization.

The steamer Charles Posal, operating between Manila and Corregido, founded in a typhoon.

Committee assignments were made in the senate but the progressives are far from satisfied.

Congressman Kinkaid introduced 27 bills providing for increases of pensions for Nebraskans.

The insurgents who defended Agua Prieta all day Monday, quietly stole away during the night.

Plans were filed for the construction in New York of the highest building in the world, 750 feet.

State geologists from almost every state met in Washington with the officials of the geological survey.

The house, by a vote of 296 to 16, adopted the resolution for direct election of United States senators.

Mexico sent a protest to London over the landing of British marines at San Quentin, Lower California.

The Wisconsin legislature wants the United States senate to investigate the election of Stephenson.

With the Mexican situation on his hands the president has reason to be thankful that congress is in session.

The James bill, providing for woman suffrage in Wisconsin, has been "bottled" by the assembly elections committee.

Mrs. J. Elliott Langstaff, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will witness the coronation of King George of England by special invitation.

Wool will not go on the free list if the democratic revision of the wool schedule of the tariff, at this session of congress.

President Taft has gone as far as he cares to on his own initiative, and if there is to be intervention congress must declare it.

Kage Adams, a wealthy planter living near Holt, Fla., was assassinated from ambush. It is believed the killing is the result of an old feud.

George S. Terry, assistant United States treasurer at New York, died at Aiken, S. C. He had been suffering for a week from an attack of diabetes.

The New York assembly adopted the resolution of Senator Roosevelt advocating the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

James Speyer of the banking firm of Speyer and company, and H. I. Miller, receiver of the Buffalo & Susquehanna railway, have been elected directors of the Missouri Pacific railway.

The Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest ecclesiastical structure in the country and the fourth largest in Christendom, was solemnly consecrated in New York city.

E. W. Dinsmore, implicated with former State Printer Mark Slater in the alleged Ohio state house supply graft case, changed his plea to guilty when it was intimated that Slater would turn state's evidence, and was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

Plans were filed by the Broadway Park Place company for the construction at Broadway and Park Place of the highest building in the world. It will be 55 stories.

Postmasters of the country are to be subjected to a rigid investigation by congress. The house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department has decided to act in response to a resolution to this effect.

President Taft, addressing the opening session of the Twenty-ninth congress of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, said: "We have no state church, because all churches are working for the uplift of man and the spirit are state churches within the protection but not within the guidance or control of the government."

Senator Norris Brown, of Nebraska, believes that before any tariff legislation shall have passed congress the income tax amendment will have been adopted. "If this proves the case," said Senator Brown, "the whole tariff situation will be completely revolutionized. The argument that duties cannot be reduced or wiped out because we need the revenue, will no longer be valid."

Personal. House democrats have an ambitious program of tariff revision.

Victor Berger offered a resolution in the house to abolish the senate.

President Taft pleaded the cause of Canadian reciprocity in an address at a New York dinner.

Norris of Nebraska is opposed to an increased house membership.

The house passed the bill increasing its membership from 391 to 423.

Norris Brown is the only progressive in the senate in favor of the Canadian reciprocity bill.

Rear Admiral Richard Inch, U. S. N., retired, died in the naval hospital at Washington after an extended illness.

Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, of Illinois was declared re-elected president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the next two years.

General Reyes has received a call from Diaz to leave France and return to Mexico.

According to a report of the census bureau fecundity is greater among immigrant women than native American women.

Progressive senators will be obliged to take what the regulars give them in way of committees.

Senator Smoot says the Brigham Young Portrait on the Utah silver service is not a Mormon emblem.

The last of the Ballinger men in the interior department, Edward C. Finney, tendered his resignation.

ANNEXATION IS END

THIS IS SAID TO BE PLAN OF DEMOCRATS.

THE PUSHING OF RECIPROCIITY

Prince of Illinois Asserts that Clark and His Followers are Behind a Hidden Motive.

Washington.

Another declaration that annexation is the desired end of the democrats in pushing reciprocity and a speech by a new member of the house, revealing the humorous features of a tariff fight in congress, were the principal events of Friday's debate on the free list bill now pending before the house.

Mr. Prince of Illinois, republican, attacking the Canadian reciprocity bill, sounded the annexation note. President Taft's speech in New York Thursday night furnished his text. He said that the pouring of Americans into the Canadian northwest and the attitude of the controlling forces of the democratic party could mean nothing else than annexation, reciprocity and partial free trade with Canada being the first step toward that end.

"I say to our neighbors on the north, be not deceived," said Mr. Prince. "When we go into a country and get it we take it. It is our history and it is right that we should take it if we want it, and you might as well understand it. The speaker has said so and it does not deny that that is its desire."

Mr. Prince declared that the reciprocity was the worst bargain ever driven by one nation with another and "the democratic farmers' free list" ought to be labeled the "farmers' fake bill."

The humor of the session came when Representative Kent of California, a new republican member who succeeded Duncan McKinley in the house, delivered a speech on the general tariff question arraigning "a revenue upon necessities."

He said that with other novices in the house he felt sure he had absorbed speeches until he had "learned much that cannot possibly be true," and that the Congressional Record was filled with a mass of mathematical "proving what is logically absurd."

"I am a republican or what used to be a republican," Mr. Kent observed, "because I believe in the protection of infant industries that stand some eventual chance of becoming self-sustaining. But many industries, having outgrown the cradle, have not been required to hustle for their livelihood, but have been carried boldly to a ward in the hospital where our standpat friends advocate keeping them during all eternity, to be doctored, nursed and nourished at the public expense."

Mr. Kent said that a protective tariff was an attempt to "tax ourselves rich."

"The nation can acquire wealth if not merit," he said, "by unanimously consenting to the reciprocal picking of pockets and inequities Mr. Kent said that 'Mr. Rockefeller probably pays less government revenue on the food he consumes than does the average hod carrier. He would doubtless like to pay as much, but he can't without eating as much.'"

CATTLEMEN STAY IN PRISON.

Pardon Refused Richards, Bartlett, Comstock and Jamieson.

Washington.—President Taft refused to pardon Bartlett Richards, William G. Comstock, Charles C. Jamieson and Aquilla Teislett, who have been convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government of grazing lands along the Wyoming border. The men are owners of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company, with principal offices at Ellsworth, Neb. The evidence at the trial showed that they had fraudulently induced homesteaders to claim thousands of acres of land which were later turned over to the company for grazing.

Postoffice Criticized.

Washington.—Representative Colup of Indiana, a democrat, in a speech in the house vigorously assailed Postmaster General Hitchcock and the postoffice department for "pernicious activity" in politics.

\$21,000 for a Book.

New York.—The second highest price for a book in the Poe library sale was reached when a book sold for \$21,000 Friday. This was "Helya's Knight of the Swan," the first print in English version of the legend of Lohengrin. It was printed in London in 1512 by Wynkyn & De Worde.

Kittredge's Condition Critical.

Hot Springs, Ark.—That former Senator A. B. Kittredge of Sioux Falls, S. D., who came to Hot Springs ten days ago, suffering from an attack of jaundice, is in a critical condition is admitted.

Revision of Prayer Book.

Washington.—Revision of the book of common prayer was urged by Rev. Dr. Percy S. Grant of New York, in addressing the twenty-ninth congress of the Protestant Episcopal church in session here.

Naval Academy Superintendent.

Washington.—Captain John H. Gibbons on Friday was selected as superintendent of the United States Naval academy to succeed Captain John M. Bowyer, on May 15, when the latter will voluntarily relinquish the position on account of ill health. Captain Bowyer probably will be assigned to less arduous duty. Secretary Meyer has received Captain Bowyer's application for relief and immediately took up the question with the president, who confirmed the selection of Captain Gibbons.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Becomes a National Bank.

Washington dispatch. The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of the Commercial Bank of Wausa, Neb., to convert into a national bank with a capital of \$50,000.

Seven Business Houses Burned.

Hamilton County.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed seven business places in the village of Phillips, 16 miles east of Grand Island, at a total estimated loss of \$12,000, with insurance estimated at 40 per cent of this sum.

Licenses Are Exhausted.

Lancaster County.—The first 10,000 hunting licenses printed for the state this year have been exhausted by the demands of county clerks and Game Warden Miller went on the printer before more blank cards can be supplied.

New Court House for Custer.

Custer County.—The county supervisors will meet soon for the purpose of awarding the contract for building the new court house. Bids will be received after that date and the board will waste no time over selecting the contractor, as it is anxious to get at the work.

Fire Loss is \$75,000.

Otoe County.—The loss resulting from the fire in Unadilla, which wiped out the entire business section of the city, was not so heavy as it was at first estimated. It is thought that the damage will not amount to over \$75,000, about half the amount estimated when the town was burning.

Warrants for Wolf Bounty.

Lancaster County.—Five hundred wolf bounty warrants were mailed from the office of the state auditor. This is the first installment of about 5,000 warrants to be issued. The last legislature appropriated \$29,000 for the payment of these claims. Most of the claims are small, for \$2.50, \$3.75 or \$5. A few run up to \$65.

Arbor Day at Nebraska City.

Otoe County.—Arbor day was observed in a general way by the people of Nebraska City, and for years the home of the originator of the movement, J. Sterling Morton. All over the city, both old and young observed the day by following the motto of Mr. Morton, which was to "Plant Trees."

Nebraska's Egg Crop.

Douglas County.—Speaking to the Manufacturers' association in Omaha, upon invitation, J. H. Rushton, president of the Fairmont Creamery company, estimated the annual egg crop of Nebraska at \$15,000,000 in value. This nearly \$10,000,000 worth is marketed, and the other third consumed by farmers and other home consumers.

Fatal Family Quarrel.

Morrell County.—As a result of family troubles, C. C. Hewson killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Jenkinson; shot his wife three times and wounded Leland Jenkinson, 14 years old, after which he killed himself. Mrs. Hewson will die, while the boy, who was shot in the neck, will recover. The Hewsons had recently separated.

Good Roads Banquet at Nelson.

Nuckolls County.—The Nelson Commercial club held the second annual love feast and good roads meeting. The opera house was crowded, and many were turned away. Several local speakers made short addresses and then D. Ward King, of Missouri, made the address of the evening. Every one was greatly interested in Mr. King's plan for making good roads.

Mother Kills Self and Children.

Douglas County.—Apparently mentally unbalanced from brooding over domestic troubles, Mrs. Joseph Matussek, of South Omaha, murdered her two children by forcing them to drink carbolic acid and then swallowed a quantity of the deadly drug herself. In a letter which she wrote just before her terrible act the crazed mother blamed her husband for her unnatural deed.

A Fiddlers' Stunt.

Cass County.—The Improved Order of Redmen, at the Farmers' theatre in Plattsmouth, pulled off a stunt, which was one amusing as has been in this city for some time, in the shape of the "Fiddlers' Contest." There were 22 contestants, and how they made Rome howl was a caution. William Balfour, living four miles south of Nebraska, was the winner, playing a piece which he had not tried for 20 years. This man had something peculiar about him, in that he has lived for 46 years within 25 miles of Plattsmouth and the visit to this contest was his first.

Boy Killed by Lightning.

Dawes County.—John Mullinax, aged 17, was instantly killed by lightning during a heavy thunder storm. He was returning from the field with a team when struck.

Arrested as Deserter.

Merrick County.—Because he talked too fluently about his past experiences, and was overheard by attendants at the jail, Fred Belton was arrested here, and will be returned to Norfolk, Va., as a deserter from the navy.

State Fair Grand Stand.

Lancaster County.—The contract for the iron work on the grandstand to be erected at the state fair grounds which structure, before an appropriation had been made for the work by the legislature at the last session, tied up the house and senate committees on the big maintenance bill, was let to John Westover of Lincoln. The total cost of the work will amount to about \$30,000, only half of which will be shouldered by the state under the provisions of the legislative enactment.



Homesteaders Want Protection.

Twenty-six petitioners living in Garden county have petitioned the attorney general to prevent cattlemen from driving them out of the country. Similar petitions have been received during the past year and the troubles reported from that and other counties are being investigated by the federal government. Edward Onseorge of Henry, Sioux county, called on the governor to tell of outrages committed against homesteaders by cattlemen who desire the range and do not care to have homesteaders intrude. In Sioux county, it is alleged, the cattlemen all live in Wyoming. The settlers say they must have assistance from the state or the general government.

Army Officer for Guard.

Adjutant General Phelps has received word from the war department that under a new act of congress the war department will assign an army officer on active list to come to Nebraska as inspector and instructor of the organized militia. The department has decided to assign an infantry officer to Nebraska this fall if the state authorities desire. General Phelps says he believes Governor Aldrich will ask for such an officer.

Tabitha Home Not Available.

Dr. J. H. Tyndale, a tuberculosis expert, has written to Secretary of State Taft suggesting that the \$40,000 appropriated for a hospital for indigent consumptives be used to purchase Tabitha Home, a sectarian institution near the city limits of Lincoln. The fact that the appropriation is available only in the event that the institution is located west of the ninety-ninth meridian eliminates the Tabitha Home.

Low Water in the Platte.

State Engineer Price recently received information that the Platte river in the western part of the state is lower than usual at this time of the year. The government reports show, however, that there is an excess of snow in the mountains, and the indications are that there will be plenty of water for irrigation purposes in the irrigated region of the western portion of Nebraska.

Seed Expert.

E. C. Kemble has been inspector for the food, drug and dairy department. Mr. Kemble is now employed in the office of the county treasurer of Lancaster county. He is a democrat. He was chosen on account of his expert knowledge of seeds and commercial stock food, articles of commerce over which the food department now has jurisdiction.

Food and Drug Inspectors.

Governor Aldrich has appointed five food, drug and dairy inspectors. One is to work regularly and four to be employed only during the summer months. F. H. McLean of University Place, Will Forbes of Lincoln, George J. Thomas of University Place, Noel Negley of Ansley, and I. D. Miller of Alma are the appointees.

Shortage Found in Stewart's Books.

An examination of the books of Thomas Stewart, bookkeeper at the institution for the feeble minded at Beatrice, by State Accountant Tulley, has revealed an apparent shortage of \$1,700. A large part of this shortage, it is thought, to result from errors in addition and other clerical mistakes.

Memorial to Prof. Davison.

As a memorial to the late Professor A. E. Davison, principal of the school of agriculture of the state university a concrete drinking fountain is to be erected on the state farm campus, by the graduating class of 1911, to be known as the "Davison Memorial Fountain."

State Building Inspector.

Governor Aldrich has appointed Burd F. Miller of Omaha, inspector of construction and supervision of state buildings. The recent legislature is responsible for the creation of the position, which pays \$2,900 a year salary.

Spanish War Reunion.

Frank I. Ringer, who is in charge of the arrangements for the Spanish war veteran reunion, which will be held in Lincoln, has received several hundred letters from Nebraska soldiers who are now scattered over all the country and his campaign of publicity has established the residence of about 500 of the "boys" who had been lost sight of. There were 4,016 Nebraskans enlisted in that war. The residences of about 1,500 of them have been established.

Advisory Board of Pardons.

Governor Aldrich has appointed as an advisory board of pardons John O. Yeiser of Omaha, Dr. J. S. Butler of Superior and E. G. Maggi of Lincoln. Who shall get the one, two and three years' term has not been determined.

Under an act passed by the last legislature this board is to act in the dual capacity of advisory board of pardons and as a board to determine the sentence of prisoners under the indeterminate sentence act, also passed by the last legislature.

Violations of Oil Law.

State Oil Inspector Huesenetter is appealed to by citizens and merchants in many matters with which his office has nothing to do. There is a criminal statute to prevent the sale of explosives, such as gasoline and benzine in any receptacle except in barrels or cans painted vermilion red. A Lincoln merchant has informed the state oil inspector that this law is being violated and that during one day he lost the sale of ten gallons of oil because he would not violate the red can law.

ORIGIN OF MAIL CAR

Railway Postal Service First Operated in Missouri.

William A. Davis, Before the War, Postmaster at St. Joseph, Devised System Now in Vogue for Distributing Mail En Route.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Progress in the carrying and distribution of United States mails has been remarkable in this country in the last fifty years. A half century ago, the first railroad west of the Mississippi river, from Hannibal to St. Joseph, Mo., was constructed, and on this road the railway mail service of the country had its origin and inception. Then, only the mails for the whole western country came in bulk on freight and passenger trains to be distributed in ton lots and carried to many destinations by courier, by buckboard, horseback and stage lines, the only methods in those days.

It remained for William A. Davis, postmaster at St. Joseph from 1855 to 1861, to invent and inaugurate the great system now in vogue. Before this time the mails, all mixed and in bulk, were carried to some central distributing point. Independence, Mo., was one of these and St. Joseph later was another. When the railroad was built the task all came to the St. Joseph office, in distributing the entire overland mail.

The idea occurred to Mr. Davis that these mails could be distributed while in transit. It seemed to him in every way possible and desirable. So he wrote to the people in Washington for authority to fit up some cars on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad to try out the experiment. The authority came and Mr. Davis went to the railway headquarters at Hannibal and superintended the arrangement of several way cars with pigeon holes, doors, windows and other conveniences and

"I came up here from Fergus Falls, Minn., October 24th, 1910, and thought I would let you know how I have been getting along. We had a very mild winter up to New Year's, but since then it has been quite cold and lots of snow, but not worse than that we could be out every day working, even though we had 65 below zero a few times, but we do not feel the cold here the same as we did in Minnesota, as it is very still and the air is high and dry. This is a splendid place for cattle raising and mixed farming. There is some willow brush and small poplars on part of the land, which is rolling and covered with splendid grass in the summer. Not far from here there is timber for building material. There are only 8 Norwegians here, 6 Scotchmen, 2 Germans. The lake is 20 miles long and full of very fine fish.

"There is a lot of land yet that has not been taken and room for many settlers, and we wish you would send some settlers up here, as there are fine prospects for them, especially for those who have a little money to start with. Send them here to Turtle Lake, and we will show them the land, if they have secured plats, showing the vacant lands, at the Dominion Lands office in Battleford. Send us up some good Scandinavians this spring."

The Canadian government agents will try to meet his wishes.

Poor Tom.

A very youthful and entirely unknown musical composer, read some verses by the renowned Thomas Moore which he liked very much. Forthwith the buzz of inspiration circulated through his brain, and the next thing he knew he had evolved a tune which went right prettily with the words of the Irish poet. Much elated, the very youthful composer took the product to a publisher of popular songs and sang it to him. The publisher shook his head.

"The music's all right," he opined, "but the words are bum."

With a smooth front and DeLancey Starch, you can launder your shirt-waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

Home Training.

Mother—Robert, come here to me instantly!

Mother—Aw, shut up!

Mother—Robert, how dare you talk to me like that! Say: "Mamma, be quiet."

Constipation causes and aggravates many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. The favorite family laxative.

A woman's mind enables her to reach a conclusion without starting.

GEESSE ON THE STAGE REBEL

Object to Understudy for Singer in Halle Performance of Humperdinck's "Konigskinder."