

EPITOME OF EVENTS

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events in Which Readers Generally Are More or Less Concerned.

Washington.

Justus Tyler of Grand Rapids threw down his ax in a Michigan lumber camp when President Lincoln called for volunteers and walked 300 miles over ice and snow to enlist in the Union army...

President Taft will stick to Beverly as a hot weather play ground unless congress selects a site and appropriates the money for an official summer white house elsewhere...

George Rees, veteran printer and publisher and a pioneer Mason of Northwest Missouri, died at his home in St. Joseph, Mo., aged 78 years.

It was announced that Emperor William, while at Buckingham palace, on May 16, has appointed King George a general field marshal in the German army.

William Jennings Bryan, during a brief stay in Washington held a conference with Representative Burton Harrison, of New York, Representative Hammill, of New Jersey, and about 20 other politicians.

General.

Twenty-one contestants entered the Paris to Turin contest. Senate republicans claim the democratic family is about as badly divided as itself.

Before boarding a ship which will carry him to Spain General Diaz issued a warning to Mexico.

Rev. Dr. Grant, of Northumberland, Pa., was found guilty of heresy by the Presbyterian assembly.

At the reciprocity hearing it was disclosed that many big interests furnished means to fight the bill.

Price of wheat in Chicago pit went higher as result of reports of Hessian fly, grasshoppers and heat damage.

While driving a team across the South Canadian river Mrs. George Glover and her three children of Mellette, Okla., were drowned.

Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter, of Beverly, Mass., is to have a summer home built entirely of glass, which will be half-bearing and will revolve by simple pressing a button.

In New York, Mrs. Mary Platt Parmele, authoress and historian, was run down and killed by a motorcycle within a block of her home.

J. D. Bren, cashier and accountant of the state university, was held up by three Minnesota highwaymen near the university and robbed of \$13,800.

The Rev. Thomas Grieves, Methodist, of Glens Falls, N. Y., says he will sell everything he has and give the proceeds to the family of Mary Maginn, who was killed by his auto.

Members of the house who are behind the movement to land Speaker Champ Clark in the white house in 1913 are becoming more and more satisfied with the manner in which the boom is "taking" throughout the country.

Attorney General Wickersham said criminal prosecution of trust magnates will be undertaken.

Senator Gamble of South Dakota puts no faith in the report that the senate may not confirm the appointment of J. D. Elliott.

Brought together by the friendly offices of the United States, the commissioners of Hayti and San Domingo met at the state department to negotiate a protocol submitting the long standing boundary dispute of the two countries to arbitration.

Military field mass for the Spanish war dead was celebrated in the shadow of the Washington monument before fully 25,000 persons.

President Taft, members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps and of congress were present.

President Taft is requested in a resolution introduced by Representative Hubbard, of Iowa, to furnish the house with all information relative to the issuance of railway stocks and bonds which was obtained by the special committee of inquiry appointed by him at the direction of the sixty-first congress.

The Right Rev. Edmund Prendergast, auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, it was announced at Philadelphia, Pa., in succession of the late Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, who died February 11 last.

At Macon, Ga., Judge Emory Speer, United States circuit court, threatened Thomas B. Felder, attorney general-elect of Georgia, with disbarment unless he quit describing the negro plaintiff in a peonage case as a "nigger."

A system of peonage is alleged to exist in Pennsylvania coal fields.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

The railroad disaster near McCook will cost the B. & M. \$250,000.

A hail storm in the vicinity of Chadron did considerable damage.

All along the Nebraska line the crop outlook is of the most promising character.

Memorial day in Nebraska was observed from one end of the state to the other.

The elevator at Genoa was burned, nearly 20,000 bushels of wheat being destroyed.

The roster of Grand Army dead in Wyuka cemetery, Lincoln, shows 453 buried there.

Preparations are going forward in a number of towns for fitting celebration of Independence day.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Mason of Buffalo county celebrated the fifty-fourth anniversary of their marriage.

The farmers in the vicinity of Surprise, held a meeting to organize a farmers' elevator company.

Mrs. Lena Feeking of McCook and H. H. Culbertson of Brimfield, Ill., both injured in the Burlington wreck at Indianola, died at Cambridge.

Governor Aldrich announced the appointment of R. D. McFadden of Hastings as state hotel inspector.

The proposed river-to-mountain highway across Nebraska is now completely plotted from Holdrege through to Omaha and for almost the entire distance from Holdrege west to the state line.

Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county sold at mortgage foreclosure sale 540 acres of land in Maple township, lying west of the former town of Leavitt.

At a luncheon of the members of the Beatrice Commercial club it was unanimously decided that the commission form of government is what Beatrice wants at this time and it was resolved to petition for an election as soon as the law goes into effect, July 6.

Jerry Huffman, who with his wife and son met death in an automobile grade crossing accident near Los Angeles, was well known in Nebraska, having relatives in Lancaster county and having lived in Kearney county for four or five years.

In its first formal meeting at Lincoln the rural life commission took a decided stand for an active investigation of farm and community life in the state.

Gov. Aldrich was at the Grand Soldiers' home Memorial day. In his address he expressed the opinion that with the shade trees and the walks and the flowers and the well-constructed and heated and furnished building in the winter, together with the broad acres for the home farm, the soldiers' home of Nebraska provided every comfort.

William T. Leahy, engineer of passenger train No. 9, that was wrecked near Indianola, lived in Lincoln. He leaves a widow and several children.

He was one of the oldest engineers in the service, having entered the employ of the road in 1888, more than twenty-three years ago.

Governor Aldrich has appointed Mrs. M. D. Cameron of Omaha a member of the board of trustees that controls the state school for deaf at Omaha and the state school for blind at Nebraska City.

The United Commercial Travelers of Nebraska, in session at Grand Island, elected officers as follows: Chas. W. Hinz, Omaha, grand counselor; Paul B. Trueblood, Grand Island, grand junior counselor; Samuel F. Erskine, Norfolk, grand past counselor; F. E. Coatsworth, Omaha, grand secretary; Henry A. Fritz, Columbus, grand treasurer; H. E. Moss, Hastings, grand conductor; W. H. Boney, Lincoln, grand page; Andrew Rankliver, Norfolk, grand sentinel.

John Tucker, county attorney of Cherry county, was caught with Mrs. R. M. Faddis in her sleeping apartments at 2 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Faddis, Dave Hancock and a Kansas City detective who, with Mr. Hancock, has been working on the case for some time.

Some farmers have harvested the first crop of alfalfa, and the early cutting has been heavy, in some instances yielding an unusual amount of hay.

The crop, also, has grown rapidly and the cutting has been earlier than usual.

A special election held in Merriek county the proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a new court house was endorsed by the voters and the majority will run well over the 500 mark.

On July 7 a new law will go into effect changing the penalty for carrying concealed weapons.

Persons on whom brass knuckles, revolvers, stabbing knives and other dangerous weapons are found after that date will be guilty of a felony if the court so decides, that is, unless the accused can persuade the jury that he had good reason for going armed.

MUST GO ON RECORD

SENATORS WILL HAVE TO STAND AND BE COUNTED.

PLANS LAID BY DEMOCRATS

Senator Stone Will Lead in the Fight to Put Through the House Tariff Schedules.

Washington.—Senate republicans are to be compelled to go on record on every phase of the tariff that is acted upon by the house.

It is not likely they will be compelled to vote on other schedules than those which the house revises, but it is certain at least they can not evade record votes on the schedules the houses passes on and sends up.

Senate insurgents fought hard for the lowering of duties two years ago, and some of the democratic senators intend to see now whether they will adhere to the same views.

Senator Stone of Missouri will lead in the fight to put through the upper house the tariff schedules that are revised in the house.

He will not, without a contest, permit the finance committee to bottle up these measures. He will move to discharge the finance committee from consideration of each one of the bills that it tries to bottle up.

The house has passed the reciprocity measure and the free list bill. It will pass a bill to reduce woolen duties. It is not likely to do more than that, though there has been some talk of cotton being taken up.

The free list bill is now in the finance committee, and that committee purposes to keep it there. The wool bill in due time will be sent to the same committee and be pigeon-holed.

Senator Stone will move to discharge the committee from consideration of each of these bills. The resulting struggle may prolong the session greatly, it may be into August, or even September.

Stone and other democrats intend to "put it up" to the insurgents. They purpose to do this especially on the wool schedule. They intend to represent to the country that the democratic bill for a revision of the wool schedule is substantially what Doliver and other senate insurgents contended for in 1900 and, if the insurgents refuse to support it, then they will assail the insurgents for inconsistency and cowardice.

It is certain, however, that some of the insurgents, both in the house and senate are going to support the democratic bill revising the wool and woolen duties. Just how many will do so is unsettled.

MORE POSTAL BANKS.

July 1st the System to be Extended to First Class Offices.

Washington.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to increase the extension of the postal savings system from 100 to 150 offices a week, with at least 1,000 depositories designated by July 1. This will be a world's record in the number operated within so short a time after establishment.

On July 1 the system is to be extended to first class offices in the large cities, only second class post offices having been designated so far.

Fifty additional postoffices were designated Saturday as depositories, making a total to date of 450. They will be ready to receive deposits on July 1. Bismarck, N. D.; Norfolk and Superior, Neb., and Carroll, Ia., are included.

First Army-Built Aeroplane.

San Antonio, Tex.—The first army-built aeroplane in this country made two successful flights at the drill grounds at Fort Sam Houston.

A. J. C. Sowden Dead.

Boston, Mass.—Arthur J. C. Sowden, aged 77, governor of the National Society of Colonial Wars, and one of the leading laymen of the Episcopal church, died here Sunday.

Col. Stoll Dead.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Colonel Walter R. Stoll, the well known western criminal lawyer, died suddenly at his home in this city at 3 o'clock Friday morning of heart failure.

The Wool Tariff.

Washington.—The wool tariff revision bill will be reported favorably to the house when it convenes Tuesday, the ways and means committee so deciding. There was a strict party vote on the bill, fourteen democrats approving and seven republicans voting against it.

Duty on American Animals.

Washington.—The customs court has given a decision which promises to bring customs collectors even more unpopular than heretofore. Treasury officials declare it will entangle the government in end of disputes unless congress amends it.

Three words in one section of the Payne-Aldrich law have been construed to mean that an American-born animal, once taken out of this country must pay duty to return. It is held that the law applies to all animals from pet poodles to draft horses.

A fashionable tailor is advising his customers to select their clothes to match their hair. Probably he will let the bald-headed ones wait until the weather is warmer.

A London editor has advised his readers that "high-brow" is an American term used to indicate a bald-headed man. Somehow or other our slang never really becomes funny until an Englishman starts to translate it.

WESTERN CANADA BEYOND THE PIONEER STAGE

Liberty-Loving People Have All the Liberty the Heart Can Desire Under Canadian Laws.

The New York Commercial of April 19th contained an interesting article on conditions in Western Canada. The following extracts will prove instructive reading to those who contemplate moving to Canada.

The writer speaks of land at \$8 to \$18 an acre. As a matter of fact, there is very little land that can be had now at less than \$18 per acre, but when one considers the productive qualities of this land it is safe to say that in two years' time there will be little available land to be had at less than \$30 an acre.

Already the free grant lands in the open prairie districts are becoming exhausted and the homesteader has to go farther back to the partially wooded areas. This is no drawback, however. Some prefer this land to the open prairie. A recent publication, issued by the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada, and which is forwarded free to applicants by mail by any of the Canadian government agents throughout the United States, says of the newly-opened districts:

Water is always abundant, wood and fuel are plentiful and the soil that can grow the poplar and the willow as well as the rich grasses that are to be found there can be relied upon to produce all the small varieties of grain with equal success.

The New York Commercial article referred to deals more particularly with conditions along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but what is said of one line of railway may with truth be said of the land and the conditions along both the Canadian Northern and the Canadian Pacific. The article says:

"It would be no exaggeration to say that practically all the land along the entire distance traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific system is capable of furnishing homes to those who engage in farming. The lands are of three classes. They may be designated, first, as having special adaptation to the production of grain; second, as having such adaptation to mixed farming, of which live stock will form an important feature, and third, as being mainly adapted to the production of live stock only.

On the third class of lands the area is very large, of the second it is much larger and of the first it is by far the largest.

"As soon as mixed farming shall be generally adopted, land that may now be obtained for from \$8 to \$18 per acre, and even lands open now to free homesteads, will sell for \$50 to \$100 per acre. This is not an extravagant statement. In natural fertility these lands fully equal those of the American corn belt. In variety of production they excel them, and yet the latter sell for \$100 to \$200 per acre. In addition to the grain crops now grown of wheat, oats, barley and rye, much of the land will grow winter wheat when properly prepared. Eighty per cent. of the land will grow clover and alfalfa. A still larger percentage will grow field peas, and the entire tillable area will grow good crops of the cultivated grasses, timothy, brome grass and western rye grass. With these elements what can prevent this region from becoming the main source of food supply of the Empire and Imperial dominions?"

Special stress is laid upon the educational conditions. The writer says: "The foundation of the social fabric of the agricultural country may be said to rest on the efficiency of its school system. Liberty-loving people have all the liberty the heart can desire under Canadian laws. In this regard Western Canada has a system of education based upon the best that can be obtained from the United States or Eastern Canada. Its school system and regulations are second to none. Every boy or girl has a school house brought to his or her doorway. The government is most liberal in its support of higher education. In Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton are to be found excellent colleges and universities, so that the problem of higher education is solved. The provincial agricultural schools, located at Winnipeg and Saskatoon, give practical courses in scientific farming, preparing graduates to take up the responsibilities of farm life.

"The newcomer settling in this favored section will find the social conditions far beyond a pioneer stage. He will find help on every hand. Instead of his going to the 'jumping-off place,' as is often supposed when thinking of Western Canada, he will find himself surrounded by wonderful opportunities for social advancement in a new country fraught with promise.

Flattery is praise we hear of others.

HEZEKIAH'S GREAT PASSOVER

Sunday School Lesson for June 11, 1911. Specially Arranged for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT—2 Chronicles 30. MEMORY VERSES—18-20. GOLDEN TEXT—"Man Looketh on the Outward Appearance, but the Lord Looketh on the Heart."—1 Sam. 16:7.

TIME—Hezekiah's Dates for the Accession of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah are B. C. 745, 726 and 723. Hoshea becoming king of Israel in B. C. 728. Hastings gives the dates as B. C. 749, 727 and (Hoshea) 720.

PLACE—The temple in Jerusalem. PROPHETS—Hoshea, Micah and Isaiah.

Hezekiah was the good son of a bad father, Ahaz; and Ahaz was the bad son of a good father, Jotham; and after the good Hezekiah came his bad son, Manasseh. But there must have been reasons back of these seeming contradictions. In Hezekiah's case one may have been his mother, Abijah the daughter (or granddaughter) of Zechariah. Twenty-nine Zechariahs are mentioned in the Bible. This was not the author of the book of prophecy, but may have been the prophet who had so much influence over King Uzziah.

Hezekiah did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord. God's approval is the only wise goal for a king a president or the humblest citizen. It is the fatal defect in most forms of government that this over-rule of God is ignored.

Hezekiah began his reign by doing the thing that plainly needed most to be done first. He found the Temple, the sacred meeting place of God and man, with its doors closed by Ahaz, its lamps out, its altars cold, its floors and hangings covered with dust and dirt. Therefore the young king summoned the priests and Levites to the court on the east of the Temple opposite the closed porch or entrance, and in a frank and noble address declared his conviction that all the national woes had their origin in a neglect of the worship of Jehovah, and his determination to make a new covenant with the Lord. Then he bade them, as their first task, to cleanse the Temple thoroughly.

His reform shows his character. It indicates his zeal, courage and vigor. He was young, only twenty-five; but he did not put it off till he was older. It was in the very first month of his reign, but he did not wait till he had strengthened his power and won popularity. We can never begin good things too early, and when we come into new positions it is always prudence as well as bravery to show our colors unmistakably from the first. Many a young man, launched among fresh associations, has been ruined because of beginning with temporizing timidity.

The Second Step the Worship and Praise.—Thus far the priests and Levites alone had been purified. Now the royal house and the people were to be formally reconciled to Jehovah. How was this done? Hezekiah gathered the young men of Jerusalem, who brought bullocks, lambs, rams, and he-goats for a sin offering, seven of each. The city rulers laid their hands upon the animals, thus identifying themselves with them. Then the priests killed the animals and sprinkled their blood before the veil in the Holy Place and upon the altar of incense, pouring out the remainder at the base of the altar of burnt offerings in the court before the Temple. The fat of the offerings was burned on the altar of burnt offerings, and the flesh was afterwards eaten by the priests. It was a mark of the new national feeling that arose during Hezekiah's reign that this offering and those that followed were not made for Judah alone, but for the Northern Kingdom as well.

The Third Step, the Wide Invitation.—What was the next step in the great reform? The holding of the national feast of remembrance of God's goodness, the passover. This should have been celebrated in the first month of the year, Nisan, corresponding to our April; but because not enough of the priests had been purified and because of the time required to gather the people, it was decided that the exigency warranted the postponement to the next month, Iyar or May. As the reform had widened from Hezekiah to the priests and Levites, then to the chief men of Jerusalem, then to the whole congregation of citizens, the next step was to extend it to the entire nation, from Beer-sheba, even to Dan.

The Fourth Step is the Great Passover.—What further purification was needed before the passover could be celebrated? Jerusalem was full of heathen altars "in every corner," and these were torn down and the fragments cast into the Kidron.

The Fifth Step is the Generous Giving.—What other illustration of their zeal did the people give when the passover was completed? Their new ardor for Jehovah blazed out in a burning indignation against the foul idols which they had been worshipping. It was as when "Peter the Hermit aroused whole multitudes to the widest enthusiasm for the rescue of the Holy Sepulcher, or even the dour Scotch Lowlander blazed up like an excitable Celt at the initiative of Jerry Geddes. How much more these were Jerry Orientals? Jerusalem had been freed from idols; why should the country districts still be polluted?" Thus the people swept like a flood over Judah and Benjamin and the neighboring Ephraim and Manasseh. They broke the heathen "images" or pillars, cut down the "groves" or poles set up as symbols of the idolatrous Asherah, and overthrew the idolatrous hill sanctuaries and their altars.

Reforms must be thorough, if they are to be permanent.

What was the last step in Hezekiah's reform? The step which every reform must take before it is complete, that of permanent organization. The secret of Hezekiah's power over men and success in the service of God? It is expressed in the noble words with which the chronicler closes his account of the great reform: "In every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered."

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Apalling Excuse.

"This is the fifth time you have been brought before me this term," said the judge, frowning severely upon the prisoner at the bar.

"Yes, your honor," said the prisoner. "You know a man is judged by the company he keeps, and I like to be seen talkin' to your honor for the sake of me credit."

"All right," said the judge. "Officer, take this man over to the island and tell them to give him a credit of 30 days."—Harper's Weekly.

The Real Reason.

"I am going to send you my little kitten to keep you company."

"How good of you."

"Don't mention it. Besides, we are moving."

A Formal Garden.

Knicker—Have they got a formal garden?

Docker—Yes; no chickens allowed.

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.—Keats.

BUSINESS WOMEN

A Lunch Fit for a King.

An active and successful young lady tells her food experience:

"Some years ago I suffered from nervous prostration, induced by continuous brain strain and improper food, added to a great grief.

"I was ordered to give up my work, as there was great danger of my mind failing me altogether. My stomach was in bad condition (nervous dyspepsia, I think now) and when Grape-Nuts food was recommended to me, I had no faith in it. However, I tried it, and soon there was a marked improvement in my condition.

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