

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

CONGRESS.

Speaker Champ Clark celebrated his sixty-second birthday on March 7. The senate passed the military academy appropriation bill carrying \$1,125,000.

Senate passed over president's veto Webb bill to prohibit shipment of liquor to dry states.

Senator Sheppard introduced a bill to forbid change of size and color of present paper money.

Senate passed naval appropriation bill, with an amendment to authorize the construction of two battleships.

Representative Hobson of Alabama will introduce a bill asking for an investigation of the Washington police.

With the names of the new cabinet known beyond doubt, interest in congress has turned toward President Wilson's next appointments.

The house struck from the army appropriation bill the provision placing the San Monica, Cal., soldiers' home under the supervision of the war department.

The last act of James Wilson as secretary of agriculture was to re-appoint C. G. Elliott as chief engineer of drainage investigation in the Department of Agriculture.

Although the known casualties for inauguration day and night in Washington reached a total of 400, few were serious, and most of them were of a minor nature.

A life-sized bronze bust of himself will serve to remind James Wilson, retiring secretary of agriculture, of his sixteen years of service in that department when he returns to his home in Iowa.

President Taft signed the bill creating a Department of Labor, with a cabinet portfolio. President Wilson's nomination for this position will be William B. Wilson, now a retiring representative in congress from Pennsylvania.

Tales of indignities and affront from the crowds and indifference and laughing comments from the police were recounted before the senate committee investigating the alleged lack of protection given the great suffrage pageant of last Monday.

Speaker Clark was renominated, Representative Underwood of Alabama again chosen chairman of the ways and means committee, the entire democratic personnel of the tariff-making body named and all the house officials renominated at a harmonious six-hour caucus of the democrats of the house of the Sixty-third congress.

The order of President Wilson that office seekers must file their applications with the head of the department in which they desire positions, had at least one effect, it almost swamped Secretary William Jennings Bryan, whose acquaintance with many hundreds of citizens throughout the length and breadth of the land, seemed to warrant that the "Commoner" would act as intermediary for the "patriots" desiring jobs.

GENERAL.

The National convention of the Associated Sororities was held in Iowa City, Ia.

The Lower Austrian Discount company has granted to China a loan of \$15,000,000.

The case of Clarence S. Darrow, charged with perjury at Los Angeles, has been given to the jury.

Richard C. Cushing, former mayor of Omaha, died at his home at Los Angeles, recently, at the age of 70.

A bill making electrocution the death penalty instead of shooting or hanging was passed by the Utah senate.

The Turkish fortress of Janina, the key to the possession of the province of Epirus, with its garrison of 32,000 men, surrendered to the Greek army after a defense which forms one of the most brilliant points of the war.

While flying a kite at Portsmouth, Va., Sidney Bright, a 16-year-old boy, was instantly electrocuted. The boy attached a thin wire to the kite instead of string, and when the kite fell across an electric wire eleven thousand volts passed through his body, killing him instantly.

Suits under the Sherman anti-trust law to recover \$1,921,011.99 from the National Fire Proofing company of Pittsburgh, Pa., were filed in federal court in Cleveland by attorneys for the Great Eastern Clay Products company of South River, N. J.

A salary of \$7,500 a year for Joseph E. Tumulty, who will be President Wilson's secretary at the White House, has been assured.

It has been announced that all the Balkan allies have individually accepted in principle the mediation of the European powers for the conclusion of peace with Turkey.

The town of Jolo, P. I., has undergone incessant attacks by the Moros for the last two weeks.

United States circuit court has declared the Eastern States Lumber Dealers' association to be an illegal combination.

The first territorial legislature is in session in Juneau, Alaska.

A seat on the New York Stock exchange was sold recently for \$45,000, the lowest price recorded since 1900.

Yeggs recently blew the safe of the Orpheum theater at Des Moines and got away with \$2,000 and much valuable jewelry.

The Colorado house has passed a bill requiring physicians to report cases of tuberculosis to local health officers.

Governor Raiston of Indiana signed the joint resolution which ratifies the amendment to the federal constitution providing for direct election of United States senators.

Acceptance by President Woodrow Wilson of the honorary presidency of the American Peace and Arbitration league has been announced by the league.

Sixty-six of the crew of the German torpedo boat "S 178" were drowned when the little vessel was rammed by the cruiser York in the North sea.

More than 50,000 women in Chicago are receiving a salary of \$5 or less per week, according to reports made by the investigators of the senate white slave commission.

New York health authorities have given Dr. F. F. Friedmann of Berlin permission to test the treatment which he claims is a cure for tuberculosis.

It is learned that one of the first philanthropic acts of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson since she became first lady of the land is a gift of \$500 to Goucher college at Baltimore.

Fifty mutinous Arabs belonging to the Turkish regiments guarding the peninsula of Gallipoli and the Dardanelles straits were shot recently as an example to the others.

Dr. F. F. Friedmann, the German physician, has accepted the invitation of the King Edward tuberculosis institute in Montreal to demonstrate his treatment.

The government's \$1,000,000 claim against Chicago packers and others for taxes alleged due on colored oleomargarine sold as uncolored has been compromised by Secretary MacVeagh for \$101,100.

Unless congress interferes, the organization of the customs service will be revolutionized beginning July 1. As one of his acts President Taft sent a message to congress announcing the redistricting of the service.

The first week of Huerta's administration in Mexico has seen notable improvements in the general situation, but it is apparent that many weeks must pass before complete order is restored.

Leading a 22-year-old donkey and wearing a khaki uniform, B. H. Anderson of Butler, Pa., left for Portland to settle an election bet made on Theodore Roosevelt by walking from that city to Portland, Ore.

The Rock Island has created a new office, that of horticulturist and agriculturist, and appointed E. R. Bennett, professor of agriculture of the Agricultural College of Colorado, as the head.

One-half the butter in cold storage in Chicago is adulterated in violation of the internal revenue laws, the adulteration consisting of water moisture in quantities of from 16 to 35 per cent of the actual weight of the butter.

During the period of competition or before the International Harvester company came into existence, the price of binders dropped approximately \$200, but since 1902 the price has advanced about \$5, and the improvements in the binder have not been so great as prior to that time.

SPORT.

Last winter Dr. Roller wrestled 110 matches in 130 days.

Albert Cahn, state billiard champion, has been challenged for a match at 18.2 by Harry Symes, of Omaha.

Beatrice High school basketball team defeated South Omaha High at Beatrice by the score of 15 to 0.

A bill legalizing twelve-round boxing contests was passed by the Montana senate and was sent to the governor for his signature.

Battling Nelson and Frankie Whitney of Cedar Rapids, Ia., fought ten rounds in Atlanta, Ga. By previous agreement no decision was rendered.

President McGill of the Denver club denies the report from Milwaukee that outfielder John Beall will be turned over by Cleveland to the Brewers.

Former Lightweight Champion Ad Wolgast and "Harlem" Tommy Murphy of New York, who fought twenty rounds to a draw in San Francisco, February 22, will meet again in a twenty-round contest either April 12 or 19.

Elaborate arrangements are being made for the opening of the base ball season in Omaha.

March 13, Bill Bourke and twelve members of the Omaha baseball team will start for Oklahoma City, where the training camp will be established.

Ray Bronson of Indianapolis, welterweight championship claimant, knocked out Leo Kelly of St. Louis in the second round of their scheduled eight-round fight.

Blaine Durbin, former Omaha twirler, expects to return to California in the spring and rejoin the strong independent team maintained at Oroville.

Des Moines has purchased infielder Steve Brewer of the Auburn club of the Mink league for a trial.

POLICE GUARD SUFFRAGETTES

EGGS ARE HURLED AT THEM AT MEETING IN ENGLAND.

TALK OF DUCKING SPEAKERS

Deafening Din Makes Speakers' Words Inaudible—5,000 Persons Assembled.

London.—The suffragettes held meetings again Sunday in Hyde park and on Wimbledon common. They would have met the fate of last Sunday's meetings at the same place, when it required a strong body of police to escort them to safety, but for the fact that large bodies of mounted and foot policemen were in attendance.

Five thousand persons assembled in the park and swarmed about the speakers' platform, and by a deafening din prevented any word of "General" Mrs. Flora Drummond's speech being heard. The pressure of the surging crowds at length became so great that reinforcements were summoned. Mrs. Drummond and her colleagues were rescued from their perilous position with some difficulty.

At Wimbledon similar scenes were enacted. Scarcely a word uttered by the speakers was audible, and they, too, had to be protected.

Another meeting at Hempstead Heath was still more disorderly. Miss Brackenbury announced her intention of speaking for an hour. This she succeeded in doing, but her discourse was inaudible. Eggs were thrown at the speakers and the meeting finally broke up in the greatest confusion. Many suggested ducking the speakers in a pond.

Bohemian Day at Show. Omaha.—Nearly 2,000 Bohemian lodgers and members of Bohemian fraternal organizations, together with a like number including their families and friends, Sunday gave to the "Made in Nebraska" show what will probably prove to have been its biggest day, in point of attendance. The Bohemian organizations, co-operating toward that end, have worked for weeks to make "Bohemian Day" at the show one to be remembered.

President Wilson Takes Hand. Washington.—President Wilson will take a hand himself in framing legislation with congress. With the co-operation of party leaders in the house and senate, he proposes to work over tariff, currency and other important measures even before they are introduced and to lend the weight of the administration to the support of the bills.

Low Wages Cause of Crime. Chicago.—Edward Hillman, general manager of the department store that bears his name, declared before the Illinois senate commission on white slavery that low wages is one of the chief contributory causes to the fall of women and he named \$3 weekly as the minimum upon which a girl might support herself without undue strain.

Don't Want Families at Canal. Panama.—After the first or April the isthmian canal commission will place obstacles in the way of employees intending to bring their families to the isthmus by withdrawing the present reduced rates of transportation. This action is rendered necessary by reason of the serious congestion in the employees' quarters in towns in the canal zone.

Will Settle Firemen's Dispute. New York.—Three men will meet in this city to arbitrate under the Erdman law the difference between fifty-four eastern railroads and their 35,000 firemen.

Pope Plus Improves. Rome.—A marked improvement was noted in the condition of Pope Plus X, both the inflammation of the throat and the hoarseness being considerably diminished.

Bible Conference at Atlanta. Atlanta, Ga.—Delegates from all over the south have gathered here to participate in the fifteenth annual Bible conference. The conference embraces all protestant denominations. The sessions will continue ten days.

Young Harriman in Finance. New York.—William A. Harriman, son of the late E. H. Harriman, entered the financial world when he was elected a director of the Harriman National bank here.

General Wood to Continue. Washington.—Secretary of War Garrison ordered Major General Wood to continue under his original designation as chief of staff of the army until further orders. The action is to give President Wilson more time to fully consider the matter.

New Strike at Boston. Boston, Mass.—The cloakmakers union which has 3,000 members here and is affiliated with the International garment workers, has declared a strike.

NO REPEAL FOR ALBERT LAW.

Flanagan Sought to Exempt Cities of Over 2,000 Population.

Flanagan's bill to repeal the Albert law in cities of over 2,000 population met with a violent death in the house. With sixty-four affirmative votes, the negative not being counted, the house rejected a favorable report of the cities and towns committee. It was all over in five minutes, with Flanagan the only defender of the bill.

A suspicion of minority members of the committee that Chairman McKissick had read the bill somewhat hastily, without allowing time for its full significance to entirely penetrate the committee's mental processes, figured in piling up the vote. Regan, a member of the committee, moved to reject the report, and Reynolds, another member, seconded the motion. Seven of the fifteen members, Emelund, Burket, Blanks, Fuller, Busch, Regan and Reynolds voted against the committee's report.

Flanagan said the bill applied only to cities gifted with the right of making their own charters, but Norton and Palmer pointed out that pending legislation gave all over 2,000 this right.

It was a bad day for McKissick. Right on top of this defeat, he asked the house to turn down a report of the insurance committee, which indefinitely postponed McKissick's bill to put what is practically the mobile schedule in effect in fraternal insurance societies. McKissick said the committee hadn't even read the bill through and denied its evil intent, but the only support for his motion came from his colleague, Helliger, and Yates, Smith, Hoff, Flanagan, Dreesow, Simon and Anderson of Douglas.

Coupled with a near fist fight between Regan and Anderson of Kearney, these incidents enlivened the usual routine standing committee reports. Anderson vainly tried to way-lay a committee report indefinitely postponing his bill for compulsory inspection of private hospitals, convents and the like. It was admittedly aimed at Catholic institutions, and when Anderson began to read affidavits attacking the management of some of these, Regan objected. Anderson took off his glasses, but the sergeant-at-arms got there first and prevented bloodshed.

Bills Passed by House.

S. F. 24, by Hoagland: Double shift for Lincoln city firemen. Passed, 82 to 0.

H. R. 156, by Sugarman: Reducing penalty for carrying concealed weapons to misdemeanor. Passed, 52 to 32.

H. R. 173, by Reuter: Electrocution as means of death by state of convicts. Passed, 76 to 12.

H. R. 416, by McKissick and Hoff: Relieves hotelkeeper of liability for loss of valuables unless guest has a receipt for the same. Passed 77 to 8.

H. R. 214, by Potts: To consolidate certain delinquent taxes, allowing county treasurer extra help to transcribe the same. Passed, 83 to 0.

H. R. 198, by Busch: Allowing county clerks to add to tax rolls property omitted after final equalization, whether in current year or prior thereto. Passed, 81 to 0.

H. R. 112, by Searles: County boards may extend unexpended precinct bridge levy to be used on roads. Passed, 87 to 0.

H. R. 329, by Stebbins: Allows greater bond issues for school buildings. Passed, 86 to 0. Absent, fourteen.

S. F. 12, by Bushee: Joint school district to be assessed on school levy by county in which school house is located. Passed, 74 to 0.

H. R. 236, by Bollen: To substitute rule of comparative negligence for contributory negligence in personal damage cases. Passed, 83 to 2.

H. R. 473, by Bollen: Allows supreme court to sit in two sections and the unanimous vote of either sector to be decision of the court. Passed, 78 to 6.

H. R. 538, by Busch: Reduces the fine for selling booze to drunkards and those mentally incompetent. Passed, 79 to 2.

H. R. 691, by Mockett: Commission to investigate forestation of sand hill school lands. Passed, 71 to 15.

S. F. 124, by Bushee: State aid to weak school districts. Passed, 77 to 2.

H. R. 159, by Korff: Corrosive acid poisons to be kept in corrugated bottles with raised labels. Passed, 68 to 11.

H. R. 136, by Stephen: Forbids use of word "Quaker" on manufactured articles. Applies likewise to other religious organizations. Passed, 51 to 22.

H. R. 305: Tuition of pupils in High schools under free tuition law to be paid by counties rather than districts. Defeated, 46 to 38.

H. R. 525, by Hasik: Prohibits use of name of university by any private educational institution. Hits at university school of music. Defeated 32 to 48.

H. R. 288, providing for compulsory dragging of roads.

Will Introduce Four Bills.

Acting Governor McKelvie has announced that he would introduce four bills in the house soon at the request of the state railway commission. The bills are designed to lighten some of the commission's heavy load. One bill provides for the employment of a special attorney for the commission. One measure, seeking to exclude rail roads and telephone companies from operations of the law prohibiting an indebtedness of more than two-thirds of each corporation's capitalization, was recently killed by the senate.

SENATE HAS TOO MANY EMPLOYES

PROTEST OVER LEGISLATURE'S EXTRAVAGANCE DIES OUT.

HELP COSTS \$360 A WEEK

House Has Eighty-Two and Senate Seventy People Employed As Assistants.

Lincoln.—Early in the session various republicans, including the state auditor and several elective officials, were making loud protests over the fact that the house employe list was mounting up to a point where the number of employes exceeded the number allowed by law. Now that protest has died down into nothing more than an unobserved escape of hot air. Here is the reason:

An examination of the records of the auditor's office shows that the house is carrying eighty-two employes, just the number allowable under the state laws. At the same time the senate, whose committee on accounts indicated it would use its own judgment in the matter, has seventy employes—or twenty-two in excess of the number allowed under statutory enactment.

The difference amounts to about \$60 a day or \$360 a week, and figured on the several weeks that the extra list has been carried will reach close to \$3,000 over and above the legal amount allowed for help for that body during the session.

Thus the senate with 23 per cent as large a membership as the house is using 85 per cent of the number of employes used by the lower body.

When the matter was being threshed over at great length early in the session the auditor objected to the heavy list sent up from the house. Later on he made a similar kick about the senate's extra employes. The attorney general, who was called upon for an opinion in the matter, decided that the legislature was its own judge in the matter and that if it voted sums sufficient to pay the employes it could have as large a list as it desired. The house, however, stood pat and pruned its list to conform with the legal requirements. This the senate refused to do, the members of the expenditures committee declaring that it would "pay as many as it used and would use all it wanted to."

Bills Passed by the House.

H. R. 552, by Hostetler: Teach subject of food and diet in eighth, ninth and tenth grades of public schools. Passed, 52 to 32, after emergency clause had lost, 57 to 28.

H. R. 325, to increase poll tax to \$3 and permit it to be worked out, postponed.

H. R. 367, bridges built by two counties shall be paid for by both according to their valuation; indefinitely postponed.

The following were recommended for passage:

H. R. 323, permitting farmers to farm unused portions of the road adjoining their farms.

H. R. 324, county to levy road tax in road districts.

H. R. 278, bridge plans to be furnished counties by state engineer.

When counties dispute over locating or contracting for bridges to be constructed by two counties. Each shall have one vote and state engineer one vote.

To Increase Police Pension.

Senate File No. 32, by McFarland of Douglas county, which increases the pension of the police of Omaha to \$50 a month after a service of twenty years, when they shall have reached the age of 50 years or over, was ordered engrossed for third reading and passage.

Reclamation Act Not Favored.

Operation of the federal reclamation act under its present provisions does not find favor with the senate, a resolution passed by that body expressing the hope that congress would see fit to alter the law in such a way that twenty instead of ten annual payments shall be allowed on land acquired under the act.

General Deficiencies Bill.

The general deficiencies bill was introduced by Chairman Busch of the deficiencies committee. It carries a total of \$148,000—somewhat less than was feared earlier in the session.

Carrying Weapons Misdemeanor.

The house passed the bill by Sugarman, reducing the crime of carrying concealed weapons, making it a misdemeanor.

To Support Extension Bill.

In an unanimous decision announced in the wake of a recent session, the Board of Regents of the State university have agreed to support the McKissick bill providing for the extension of the big school on its present site. The regents' statement outlines the course of the removal fight briefly and ends with an appeal to all friends of the institution to get behind the bill and to urge that an adequate appropriation, provided for in the house measure, be made for carrying on extension work.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Coming Events in Nebraska.

April 4 and 5—Annual Y. M. C. A. Indoor Athletic meet, Omaha.

May 8 to 10—Annual Convention Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Omaha.

May 20, 21 and 22.—Thirty-seventh Encampment G. A. R., Fremont.

The new school house at Royal has been dedicated. The Methodist church at Fairbury is being rebuilt.

Ogallala fire department was organized recently with thirty members. The Omaha Grain Exchange received 1,369 cars of grain in February.

District court is in session at Wahoo.

Logan county is on the eve of a county seat war.

The flour mill of Broken Bow is to be reopened.

A new banking building is being erected at York.

Wolves have been killing calves and pigs near Callaway.

An election for postmaster will be held at Broken Bow March 15.

Alliance celebrated its 25th anniversary recently by a banquet.

A fire in the Omaha postoffice recently did slight damage.

The roller mills at Oxford were recently damaged by fire.

George G. Mullin, early settler of Cuming county, died at West Point.

There is reported a great scarcity of corn in the Sutton vicinity.

The Table Rock Commercial club has a membership of ninety-three.

Mrs. Ephraim Young, a pioneer of Adams county, is dead.

Lushton was visited by a fire which did \$8,000 damage.

Joe Carr of Lincoln and Tommy Murphy of Denver fought ten rounds at Wilber recently.

Hartington is now well equipped for water, having recently completed a new system.

The new nickel has made its appearance in nearly all Nebraska towns.

W. P. Killenbarger of Merna has been appointed assistant state veterinarian.

A. G. Bernard of Nebraska City has been appointed assistant state veterinarian.

The Fidelity Life association of Lexington has been given permission to do business in Nebraska.

H. Johnson has sold to W. J. Lage an eighty-acre farm between Elkhorn and Bennington for \$8,000.

Meetings agitating railroad extension have been held at Millburn, Walworth, Doris, Brewster and Taylor.

Auto service has been put on the Star mail route between Sargent and Almeria.

Fire loss of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 was sustained at Chester when the new M. E. church caught fire.

John Wagner of Hooper dislocated his shoulder by falling from a chair.

Brown county is leading all other counties of the state in the number of permits issued to destroy beaver.

Citizens of Greeley are circulating a petition asking for an election to vote on the liquor question.

A. Swart, formerly in charge of the recruiting station at Sioux City, has been transferred to Omaha.

Congressman Stephens will leave Washington March 10 for Nebraska and will remain until April 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Carpenter, living near Valley, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently.

Marked changes in the bookkeeping of the state institutions are to be made July 1.

Charles E. Hall has been appointed vice president and general manager of the Nebraska telephone company.

The lands of the North Platte for east reserve in McPherson and Grant counties will be thrown open to settlement October 1.

The farmers of Buffalo and adjacent counties, during October, November and December, have received \$25,000 for poultry alone.

Hooper is considering the public library proposition and an organization is being formed for the promotion of the undertaking.

Seneca has fallen into line and sent out a bunch of boosters to swell the popularity of the sand hills country.

An infant son of Frank Chapek, who lives near Weston, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home.

The case against Sheriff Gus Myers of Lancaster, in connection with the killing of Roy Blunt, has been dismissed.

Some of Ansley's citizens are protesting against the slot machines and other devices for luring the festive nickel from the pockets of the unwary.

The Ravenna city council at its last meeting amended the water ordinance, reducing the rate from 25 cents per 1,000 gallons to 16 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Fred Wallace of Kearney was recently appointed assistant superintendent at the Kearney Industrial School for Boys.

It is given out at Burlington headquarters that the double tracking of the company's Omaha-Lincoln line will begin this spring and as soon as the condition of the ground will permit.

A pathetic scene was witnessed by the passengers on Burlington train No. 43 coming into Alliance when the 1-year-old daughter of Pola Surawleff, a Russian immigrant, died in her mother's arms.