

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

WASHINGTON.

The senate has passed a bill to prevent the removal from state courts of suits against railroads for damages to merchandise when the amount involved is not more than \$3,000.

Representative Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader of the house, has gone home to Alabama to give his senatorial campaign some attention during the recess of congress.

Investigation to disclose whether a lobby exists to influence appropriation and legislation for the District of Columbia and business corporations of that city, was proposed in a resolution by Representative Prouty of New York.

Senator Ashurst told the senate that his bill for a barbed-wire fence along the Mexican border was not designed to stop incursions of rebels into American territory, but to keep out Mexican cattle infected with ticks.

The bill relieving miners on gold and placer claims in the Dam creek region of Alaska from the required amount of assessment work on their claims this year, because of ruin caused by recent floods, has been passed by the senate.

A constitutional amendment to prohibit polygamy was proposed by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, but the request, he said, of many citizens of his state who believed polygamy exists. The judiciary committee will give a hearing.

Secretary Houston has issued an order continuing the quarantine put temporarily into effect September 20, forbidding potato importations from the British Isles, Canada and all continental Europe.

With the broken shaft of the battleship Vermont as an object lesson, the naval board of inspection and survey will go to the Norfolk navy yards in a few days to begin an exhaustive inquiry into the causes for the breaking of the great main shafting of naval vessels.

The senate passed the judicial joint resolution already adopted by the house expressing the regret of congress at the death of Lieutenant Colonel Davis Du B. Galliard, Isthmian canal commissioner and appropriating \$14,000, the annual salary of a commissioner for Mrs. Galliard.

Declaring that the Hetch Hetchy water grant to the city of San Francisco was passed "by the most insidious lobby ever assembled in Washington," Senator Works has introduced a bill to repeal it. President Wilson signed the bill making the grant only last week.

DOMESTIC.

Released on their own recognizance, forty-five boys and young men serving terms at the Utah state industrial school, were set free by Superintendent E. G. Gowans.

Because of a decision of the Minnesota state supreme court, the city of Virginia will be prevented from annexing 240 acres of iron ore land adjoining its limits and valued at \$10,000,000.

Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton, president of Wellesley college has started west to seek assistance among western graduates toward raising a \$1,000,000 endowment fund.

The La Follette State bank, La Follette Coal, Iron & Railroad company and the La Follette Co-operative Store company at La Follette, Tenn., have been forced into receiverships by bills filed against them.

Almost 2,000 more people visited the Yellowstone park in 1913 than during the season of 1912, according to the report of the superintendent, recently made to Secretary Lane. The tourist has increased 45 per cent since 1906, and was heavier in 1913 than ever before, with the exception of 1909.

Ben F. Moffatt, a promoter of Chicago was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year and a day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., by the United States district court at St. Louis.

Elmer McDaniels and Harold Sackett, each about 12 years old, were drowned in Grand River at Grand Lodge, Mich. The stream was frozen over for the first time this winter and the boys ventured out on the ice which was so thin to support their combined weight.

Frank Walton, Cleveland Jackson and Linley Fowler, Quinault Indians, all young men, have been arrested at Tabala, capitol of the Quinault reservation, charged with counterfeiting.

Pittsburg in 1914 must expend \$5,000,000 on its public school system.

New York's death rate thus far this year is 13.37 in the thousand, nearly as low as that of London, England.

An organized band of 175 unemployed men, who have been at Fresno, Cal., continue marching south.

Americans should stop spending \$30,000,000 a year for chewing gum and \$2,000,000,000 for intoxicants, and build 200 battleships with the money said Hudson Maxim at a "peace service" in New York.

Dr. Henry Wisard, through whose efforts the first order for the removal of sick and wounded soldiers to northern homes was issued by President Lincoln during the civil war, died at Indianapolis. He was 97 years old.

The number of deserters in the second division of the United States army, including those apprehended and punished is greater than the number of reservists in the division, according to the annual report of Major General Carter.

Life insurance taken out in Georgia is void if the policy holder in his application has stated any material fact untruthfully, even unknowingly. Such decision by the supreme court of Georgia was sustained in effect by the supreme court.

Mrs. Helen W. Stearns, a successful candidate for the Waltham, Mass. school board, has filed a statement of her campaign expenses. She disbursed \$8.36 for advertising, \$1.25 for car fares and \$1.52 for crackers, cheese and hot coffee.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood, who is now past 80 years of age, is one of the most active women in the suffrage movement in this country. Besides she is the only woman who has ever been a candidate for president of the United States.

Nearly a thousand employes of the William S. Taubel hoisery mills in Kensington, Pa., most of them girls, have gone on strike. Notices announcing a 2 per cent reduction in wages after January 1 was said to have caused the walkout.

Prof. Henry Landes, state geologist and dean of school of sciences at the University of Washington, has been elected acting president of the university to succeed Dr. T. F. Kane, who was removed at a special meeting of the Board of Regents.

Stolen goods valued at \$6,000 were recovered and seven men and one woman were arrested in two raids on West Side Chicago houses. Elizabeth Baker, 32 years old, was the woman arrested and the police said she was the directing figure of the men to whom many robberies were traced.

The revenue cutter Miami has reported the rescue of the master and seven of the crew of the British barkentine Malwa, abandoned at sea. The Miami took the men to Key West. They had been transferred from the steamers Cestrin and Concho, which were nearby when the Malwa was abandoned.

State Senator G. A. Hobbs, testifying at his trial at Vicksburg, Miss., on charges of receiving and soliciting bribes, denied that he ever received money from Stephen Castleman as the prosecution charges. He admitted he had met Castleman several times and that bribery was discussed, but said no money had passed between them.

Every American warship will be a school ship, with the advent of the New Year. Secretary Daniels has promulgated an order putting into effect his new educational system in the navy January 1, and thereafter upon every enlisted man on the warships will be engaged in self-improvement under the watchful eyes of his commanding officer.

FOREIGN.

As a result of the anti-Colombia demonstration in Panama, when several houses occupied by Colombians were stoned, Sanchez Ramirez, the confidential agent of the Colombian government in the city of Panama, sailed for home for reasons of safety.

At Winnipeg \$2,000,000 was paid by the Alberta government to C. H. Clarke of Kansas City, a banker for his assistance in a settlement of his claim in connection with cancelling a contract to build the Alberta & Great Waterways railroad.

Montreal was put on short water rations by a break in the intake pipe connecting the municipal water works with the St. Lawrence river. About 200,000 persons who depend on the city's water supply have been urged to limit their baths for a week until the break is mended.

In Paris the brandist party, a new political organization has been formed by 105 republican senators and members of the Chamber of Deputies. As its name indicates the party is headed by Aristide Briand, former premier.

The emperor of Japan personally opened the Japanese Diet at Tokio in his speech from the throne he emphasized the friendly relations existing between the powers, the strength of the alliance between Japan and England and the cordiality of Japanese relations with China.

WILL USE PHONES

'FRISCO ANTICIPATES STRIKE BY CHANGE OF SYSTEM.

SPECIAL TRAINS OVER LINES

Twelve Thousand Miles of Wire Are Converted into Telephone Circuit in a Single Day.

Springfield, Mo.—In anticipation of the strike of 1,100 telegraphers employed on its lines, the St. Louis & San Francisco ('Frisco) railroad, has laid off indefinitely 400 telegraphers and began to transfer its telegraph lines into a telephone system of railroad communication.

The action disclosed the company's plans for the strike, to the amazement of the telegraphers, shippers and railroad circles in general. Removal of all telegraphic instruments from the company's offices began Monday. It is said this is the first time such a transposition of the use of wires has been made by a railroad to avert a strike.

Twenty-four special trains, each consisting of an engine and caboose, went out on the Frisco lines with right of way over all trains except passengers. The crew of each train removed the instruments from every station it passed and joined the telegraph wires at every mile. Thus 12,000 miles of railroad telegraph lines were converted into a telephone circuit.

Many points on the system are now without telegraph communication, and telephone operators will replace the telegraphers. The threatened strike will be forestalled by what practically amounts to a lockout and it is stated by some Frisco officials here the conference between telegraphers and the receivers may not be held. According to E. D. Levy, general manager of the road, every five miles of the Frisco's wires will be guarded by a man day and night. At all points where it is necessary to give orders to trains, he said, a deputy United States marshal will be on duty to protect the telephone operator.

Mona Lisa Started Homeward. Rome.—The "Mona Lisa" was taken to the Palazzo Farnes by Dr. Ricci, director general of fine arts, and delivered to the French ambassador, King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena visited the embassy, where they inspected the famous picture. Later many foreign artists, including several Americans, viewed the painting. The "Mona Lisa" was then prepared for transportation to Milan, where it will be exhibited either in the Brea palace or Sforza castle. The painting was placed in a first class reserved compartment on the train for Milan under charge of Signor Modigliana, director of the Brea gallery; Henri Marcelle, director of the Louvre, and M. Leprior, curator of the Louvre.

Want Federal Investigation. Chicago, Ill.—An appeal to congress to investigate conditions in the copper country of Michigan has been made by the Chicago Federation of Labor, in resolutions which directly charged owners of the mines and their agents with being responsible for the tragedy of Christmas eve, when seventy-two children and adults lost their lives. The resolutions also charged that Houghton county is under a government by gunmen under orders of the mine owners and that Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was assaulted, shot and driven out of Hancock by thugs and gunmen.

Hopeful Telegram. San Francisco, Cal.—Officials of the Panama-Pacific International exposition have received a cablegram from the members of the commission on the disabled steamer Tasman, which read: "Tasman on rock. Likely to be got off. All well." All four members of the commission, which was appointed by Secretary Bryan to represent the United States government on this trip through Australia, Java and other countries, are thought to be aboard.

To Lead Another Expedition. London.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer, in a letter to the Times, announces his intention to lead another expedition to the south pole in 1914. He will start from a South American port with the object of crossing the south polar continent from sea to sea, returning by way of New Zealand.

Furuseth Forsakes Conference. London.—Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's union, cabled to President Wilson his resignation as a delegate to the international conference on safety at sea.

Fails to Pay and Shop Wrecked. Chicago, Ill.—Failure of Nicolo Acceturo, a baker, to comply with the demand of two blackmailers asking \$1,000 resulted in the explosion of a gunpowder bomb in front of his shop. Acceturo and family escaped but the building was wrecked.

Boy Kills His Father. Portland, Me.—Norris W. Rowe of West Buxton died of a bullet wound said to have been inflicted by his 12-year-old son, Leon. The boy says he shot to avenge his mother.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A commercial club has been organized at Cortland.

A. L. Lynch, a former resident of York, is dead at Boulder, Colo.

P. L. Johnson will sink a well for irrigating purposes near Hastings.

Nearly 150 persons were converted at the revival services just closed at Albion.

An effort is being made to perfect a good roads organization for York county.

Arthur Dern, a Fremont boy, was run over by a train at Lowden, Iowa, and instantly killed.

Mrs. Henry Bitzer of Fairbury fell on an icy walk and fractured her right hip in two places.

Rabbits have increased to such an extent that they have become a pest to Adams county farmers.

The David City volunteer fire department will give its annual ball Wednesday, December 31.

The Ainsworth Light and Power company has commenced laying the foundation for its new building.

Business men of Cortland tendered a smoker to their former friends and patrons at which nearly 500 were guests.

Mrs. Harriet Noble, who took a post graduate course at Peru, is now superintendent of schools at Herman.

Depositors of the defunct First National bank at Sutton will possibly get a settlement of 40 cents on the dollar.

Mrs. Sarah Shindle, aged 76, is dead at Bradshaw as the result of injuries received in a fall a few weeks ago.

The Rev. Mr. Sandahl has accepted a call as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Wahoo. He comes from Michigan.

A pack of greyhounds attacked Clara, the 4-year-old daughter of A. K. Dobesh, near Ansley, and seriously injured her.

About 129 teamsters in the coal yards at Lincoln went on strike Monday, but the differences were adjusted and they returned to work Tuesday.

Fire breaking out in the general store of J. H. Arends & Company at Syracuse, damaged stock and building to the extent of \$35,000 or \$40,000.

Mrs. Blanche Clapp has brought suit against the city of Tecumseh in the sum of \$3,073 for injuries received when she fell on a board walk.

Miss Carrie Jewell, a missionary from Foo Chow, China, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. church at Peru, Sunday, and gave an interesting talk.

Ten automobiles were burned in a fire that consumed the Syfert garage at Ainsworth. The fire started from an explosion in the workroom.

William Barby, a DeWitt banker, scratched his hand with a nail and blood poisoning resulted, which has caused him considerable pain and alarm.

Lawrence King, a well-to-do young man, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cattle barn on his father's farm near Edgar. His health is supposed to have been responsible.

The eleven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall was scalded to death at their home in Round Valley, when a plug came out of a washing machine, letting the contents, boiling hot, splash over her.

An overdose of headache tablets came near resulting fatally to Mrs. Will Burasp of Tecumseh, who was found unconscious by her daughter, who hastily summoned a physician. She is now thought out of danger.

Dick George, near Fairbury, nearly lost an arm in a circular saw, which he was operating, cutting stove wood.

J. C. Mitchell, driving an oil wagon at Hastings, was thrown from the seat and severely injured by the wheels passing over his head and shoulders.

A total of 1,829 hotels, restaurants, rooming houses and apartment houses have thus far received licenses to operate under the new state hotel law. In the neighborhood of 2,500 institutions of this character are yet to register with the state.

J. A. Moore, a deputy pure food inspector was painfully burned while making a test of gasoline at the plant of the Standard Oil Company in Nebraska City.

Workmen engaged in tearing down an old house at Fremont were routed by a swarm of bees that had made the interior of the walls their winter headquarters.

David City had two fire alarms turned in within fifteen hours. The residence of John Howard took fire Friday evening and the residence of Phil Harper took fire Saturday morning.

Fremont, Superior, Fairbury, Beatrice and Nebraska City have asked the Nebraska Manufacturers' association to organize local associations at those places.

The pickle and vinegar factory at Pawnee City has closed down for the season. During the sixty days they ran they manufactured 300,000 gallons of vinegar.

The electroliners, which the county and city are installing around the court house square, are being connected up and in a short time David City will be one of the best lighted cities in the state.

A general talk on farm problems was given at Holmesville Thursday evening by Farm Demonstrator Liebers. He also explained the purpose of the Gage County Crop Improvement Association. About forty farmers were in attendance.

Disquietude prevails among Jefferson county farmers over the condition of winter wheat. The large amount of moisture in the ground and the varied changes in the weather has caused the ground to "purge," resulting in the wheat plant being tora loose from its roots and then freezing.

THE REWARD FOR OIL

LONG FORGOTTEN STATUTE HAS BEEN REDISCOVERED.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Fifteen thousand dollars is the prize offered by the state of Nebraska to the first person who shall succeed in locating a steady flow of oil within the state, yielding fifty barrels per day for sixty consecutive days. The existence of this forgotten statute, passed by the legislature of 1903, was rediscovered in State Treasurer George's office following the receipt of a letter from New York asking whether Nebraska has such a law. The letter was sent from the New York office of a London corporation known as the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products Company. A short time previously Treasurer George received another query from the same source, but did not answer it. The persistence of the company in seeking to find out about the state reward is taken to mean that it has some kind of a "tip" as to where oil may be found in paying quantities in this state. If so, it has been able to keep the information secret, as no facts have been made public relating to any such discovery. A few test borings are known to have been made in different localities, but these, so far as is known in Lincoln, have all been abandoned.

Linseed Oil. As a result of a complaint filed by State Food Commissioner Harman with the postoffice department linseed oil companies doing business in Nebraska have agreed to stop advertising their products as raw linseed oil and boiled linseed oil and will hereafter label it as boiled linseed compound and raw linseed compound, and that advertising matter will contain the statement that it is composed of linseed oil, mineral oil and dryer suitably compounded or blended. The company has not agreed to brand their goods with the percentage of such ingredients. Eight different companies have signed a stipulation of this nature and presented it to the postmaster general. The companies were alleged to be selling linseed oil which contained from 20 to 50 per cent of petroleum, and that many people bought it for pure linseed oil.

Must Not Misrepresent. Hereafter oysters must be sold in this state in either net bulk or quantity lots—no advertising or pricing in pints and then sales by the pound. Such is the substance of a manifesto which has gone out from the state food commission, following and investigation that opened the eyes of the inspectors as to methods of disposing of the seafood. Much of the battle will fall on the federal department, however, as greater law violations have been found to exist between canneries and wholesalers and retailers, than between the retailers and the consumers. The latter situation is the one which will be attacked by the state department.

Less Bonds Registered than Year Ago. Bonds to the amount of \$1,784,470 have been registered with the state during the past year, according to a report made by Bond Clerk Lawrence. The total is much lower than last year and the year before, indicating a reluctance of the people to hasten into indebtedness for public improvements. Bond registrations of 1911 and up to November 30, 1912, amounted to \$4,716,136, or about \$2,400,000 for each year. Bonds registered included city lighting and water, county, village, school district, drainage district and irrigation district, and various classes of bonds of Omaha and South Omaha and Lincoln.

Winter Short Course. The school of agriculture announces that the winter short course will begin immediately following the holidays, January 6th. This is a course of six weeks' work, composed of practical lectures, and laboratory work on various agricultural subjects.

Co-eds Earn Their Way. Fifty co-eds at the state university earn their way through school by doing housework, according to a canvass made by the women's department. As many more have varied employment that enables them to keep papa's pocketbook immune from attack. There are many girls who play pianos or in orchestras at various eating houses, and still others who are waitresses. One girl is known to earn good money serving as a telephone operator, while one reads to a deaf and dumb woman in the sign language. Another is making her way by aiding a local physician in the collection of vital statistics. Three more girls serve in the roll of student assistants to regular instructors.

Agreements entered into by the state food commission and eight linseed oil companies provide that the product shall hereafter, when offered for sale, be labeled as a compound, and the advertising matter exploiting it to possible patrons will set out the ingredients, but not the percentage of the compound.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Hundreds of dollars will be distributed to Nebraska farmers at the big shows held in the Auditorium at Lincoln during the week of Organized Agriculture.

The 1913 spelta crop returned enough money to Nebraska farmers to make a respectable showing in the state's agricultural reports. The total yield from 29,305 acres averaged 20.13 bushels to the acre, and the aggregate worth is set at \$265,305.

Word of the selection of former State Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton as superintendent of schools at Emerson has been received by State Superintendent Delzell. Mr. Eaton is a school man of many years' training, particularly in normal work.

There is to be held a full week's meeting for women during Organized Agriculture at Lincoln, January 19-23. The forenoons will be devoted to laboratory demonstrations and the afternoons to lectures and papers by members of the Home Economics Association.

Closing of the Tecumseh telephone exchange from 1 to 3 a. m. in order to comply with the state female labor law does not meet with the approval of citizens of that place. A lengthy petition protesting against the move has been received by the railway commission.

Right of the chiropractors to practice in this state has again been assailed in the supreme court, this time on appeal from Thayer county, where Earle A. Harvey was found guilty in nine counts and a fine of \$450 was levied against him. The question has never been settled in this state.

Promulgation of the efficiency doctrine to reach long-neglected state departments, even the legislative branch, was aided here when a special committee from the last house and senate took up the matter of altering the forms and methods by which laws are proposed and enacted.

Word that old works of Benjamin Franklin had sold in the east at \$400 a copy made librarians at the state house prize a copy of early colonial doings, which they have from his pen. The books sold in the east were of the date 1759, while the copy here is of the date 1751. The volume is thought to be worth at least \$500.

Insistency of the state auditorial force that thirty-three counties of the state pay up the amounts due on insane funds of many years' existence has brought in a total of \$11,746 thus far. Further \$47,516 in addition has been promised and will be paid between now and a year hence. The balance, about \$36,000, has not yet been reported upon by the indebted counties.

Adjutant General Hall has announced that Company E of Schuyler, Fourth regiment, won first honors in shooting for possession of the national defense trophy. The company will keep the trophy one year, when it will again be the subject of competition. The shooting is done at the home stations of companies. Company G. of Hastings, Fifth regiment, won second honors in the same competition.

The deficiency in the state recodifying commission will amount to about \$500, according to revised estimates made by the members. Vouchers covering the last days of employment of Commissioners E. L. King and A. M. Post were filed with the auditor. The other commissioner, J. H. Broady, and one or two assistants, have a week's labor to clean up and then the legal wheels will stop.

Governor Morehead is pleased with the condition of the state penitentiary. He believes from personal investigation and reports from Warden Fenton that a great reform has been worked in the institution within one year. Better food has been served, the honor system has been tried on a small scale and dope has been entirely shut out of the prison, according to the report of the warden. A night school and a school of correspondence have been instituted and the moral and physical condition of the prisoners is said to be greatly improved. It is believed a total of \$10,000 has been saved in the expense of the prison.

Three business men of Kearney have subscribed a fund of \$70 which will be awarded to the farm boy who gives the best reason why farmers should attend the six weeks' short course at the state farm in January. This prize is given for the purpose of creating interest in the short course, the business men having become interested in the matter of better farming. With the increased interest which has been created among the farmers in Buffalo county since the matter of farm demonstration was taken up boys will respond.

Ellen Dovaka, the only white woman at present confined in the state penitentiary, has prepared a room for the occupancy of Mrs. Maggie Johnson, sentenced at Wahoo to serve one to ten years for the murder of her husband. The Dovaka woman has lived alone on the white side of the "Jim Crow" line at the prison for some time. Two colored women, Molly Freeman and Helen Jones, occupy rooms on the other side of the hallway and are the only other women confined at the prison.