

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.

Arrangement between the state department and the Mexican embassy has been concluded for the construction of a dam and levee on the Lower Colorado river in Imperial valley.

A marked falling off in the importations of manufacturers' materials is indicated by the November report just completed by the bureau of statistics, department of commerce and labor.

After months of persistent refusal on the ground of interference with contracts with publishers, Captain Robert E. Peary has promised to furnish congress the proofs on which he relies to show that he discovered the North pole.

The sale of articles accumulated in the division of dead letters of the postoffice department in the last few days embraced 7,391 articles, aggregating \$9,846.80, or an average of \$1.33 for each parcel sold, according to a report of the postmaster general. The net revenue was \$8,739.75.

Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, and General Lee Christman, an American soldier of fortune, both of whom disappeared after the steamer Hornet left New Orleans some time ago, have sailed for Honduras aboard a passenger steamer to lead a revolution in that country, according to private dispatches received in Washington.

Another phase of the proposed honoring of Captain Robert E. Peary with a staff rear admiralship in recognition of his Arctic achievements has developed. It was said that what he presents as proofs of having reached the North pole, together with other testimony, may be passed upon by other scientists at the instance of the house naval affairs committee.

General.

President Taft approved the report of the board of engineers on reclamation projects in the west.

Georgia and Oklahoma may enact a law permitting presidential preference statements at state-wide primaries.

The Illinois supreme court handed down an opinion holding the legislative primary election law unconstitutional.

The federal grand jury at New Orleans has undertaken an exhaustive investigation into the methods of the sugar weighing.

President and Mrs. Taft and members of the cabinet attended the funeral of Don Anibal Cruz, the late Chilean minister.

Restoration of the army canteen is contemplated in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Bartoldt (rep., Mo.).

Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid gave a dinner in London to the admirals, captains and officers of the American battleships.

The number of dead as the result of the leather factory fire in Philadelphia, still stands at fourteen with all firemen and policemen accounted for.

Twenty-five firemen, including the fire chief and his assistant, were killed by falling walls in a conflagration at the Chicago stock yards.

During the year 1909 there were 2,000,000 telegraph and telephone poles used in this country, according to a report of the census bureau.

Austria Hungary has joined with Germany in a protest to Portugal against the announced expulsion of the Austrian and German missionaries from Portuguese colonies.

Oklahoma and Kansas oil men appointed a committee to confer with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in regard to the opening of 650,000 acres of oil lands in Oklahoma under a blanket lease.

The hardest worked man in Washington is Charles Dana Norton, secretary to the president. Folks used to commiserate "the faithful Loeb," but Loeb's troubles weren't in it with Norton's.

The monitor Puritan, which was sunk in Chesapeake bay several weeks ago as a result of experiments with explosive gelatine, will be raised by the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking company, at a contract price of \$20,000.

Further revision of the rules of the house of representatives is contemplated by the insurgent members.

The first of the official dinners of the season to the president and Mrs. Taft was given by the vice president and Mrs. Sherman.

The farm land of Minnesota, with buildings included, increased from \$26 to \$46 an acre in value from 1900 to 1910, as shown by the census returns.

Alexander D. Lannan, captain in the fire department, injured at the Chicago stock yards fire, died from his injuries. This makes the official list of dead twenty-four.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn, N. Y., returned to New York on the steamship George Washington.

Coal gas ignited by a match struck by the victim was the cause of the explosion on the battleship North Dakota at Portland, England.

Colonel William A. Gaston has announced his withdrawal as a democratic candidate to succeed United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

A bill relieving from annual assessment work all prospectors who were injured by the forest fires of last summer and fall was passed by the senate.

A grand jury in Adams, county, O., returned 122 indictments against alleged vice sellers.

That the duke of Connaught will not be the next governor-general of Canada is the growing belief in official circles in Canada.

News comes of the attempted assassination of Prince Ching, at Peking, Dec. 1st.

Aviator Arch Hoxsey smashed all altitude records at Los Angeles by ascending 11,474 feet.

A half-dozen firemen and as many policemen were killed by falling walls in a Philadelphia fire.

The senate passed the omnibus claims bill in the face of vigorous objections of Senator Bristow.

Three leading house democrats are after the appropriation committee chairmanship of the next congress.

There was an impressive funeral service at Washington for Don Anibal Cruz, the late Chilean minister.

Charles Taft, the president's youngest son, is home for the holidays and things have begun to happen around the white house.

After being in quarantine at her home in Akin, S. C., for more than two years, Miss Mary V. Kirk, a leper died a few days ago.

Nine tons of liquid eggs were seized by federal officers in the cold storage plant of the Merchants' Refrigerator company, Jersey City.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Elmer Dez swallowed twenty-seven grains of bichloride of mercury, enough to kill 150 persons, and did not die until twelve days.

A fight will be made by Representative Rainey of Illinois to bring the question of former President Roosevelt's traveling expenses before congress.

Twenty-three officers, 144 cadets and twenty-six musicians spent Christmas day as the guests of the Mexican government in the City of Mexico.

F. H. Clark, general superintendent of motive power for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad company, has resigned. He will be succeeded by F. A. Torrey.

Nebraska is making a hard fight to capture the place on the Eighth circuit made vacant by the promotion of Judge Vandevanter to the United States supreme court.

The 800 employees of the Bath Iron works received a Christmas present in the shape of a certification of voluntary increase in wages, ranging from 5 to 15 cents a day.

About 500 gallons of tinsin, or tulin, an intoxicating drink manufactured by the Apache Indians, have been confiscated by the Indians' officers' agents at Fort Apache, Ariz.

For the protection of her coast Cuba is contemplating the construction of six vessels adapted to coast guard services, according to advices received by the state department.

Manufacturers' imports during November last showed a marked falling off, as compared with similar imports in the corresponding month last year, according to the bureau of statistics.

Frederick Brown, a circus performer of Buffalo, N. Y., while attempting to make a balloon ascension at Havana, Cuba, struck a projection of a building. He fell 100 feet to the ground and was killed.

For the relief of the famine-stricken people of China, Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson cabled \$5,000 to Minister Calhoun at Peking as the initial contribution of the American National Red Cross society.

Cattleman in the western part of Montana and San Miguel counties are greatly concerned over the presence in that section of Navaho Indians from the Utah reservation, who are reported to be killing many cattle and deer.

Governor Alberto Terrazas issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Chihuahua to rally to the support of the government and to organize themselves into a company of rural police for the protection of the city of Chihuahua.

Robert S. Lovett, successor to Edward H. Harriman as president of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific railroads, told the railroad securities commission that he was in favor of federal supervision of rates.

More men who have received an academic education before studying dentistry are needed in the dental profession according to Dr. J. O. Byram of Indiana, who delivered an address before the institute of dental pedagogues in Washington.

Successful experiments by the department of agriculture in the acclimatization and breeding of Egyptian cotton in the southwestern part of the United States led experts of the government department to believe that this cotton can be grown with profit in this country.

It is said Mrs. Eddy's will will be attacked by relatives.

General Sir John French wants more troops for Canada.

President Taft and family enjoyed their Christmas holiday at the White house.

It is said Congressman Norris will soon renew the rules fight.

Dr. Cook says he is done with searching for the north pole.

Mrs. Bertha Mott, on trial at Omaha for murder, was acquitted.

A very large concourse followed to the grave the remains of Chicago's fire chief.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart speaks of savings effected in the railway mail service.

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Captain Peary proposes to establish his claim to the discovery of the pole.

President Taft played Santa Claus in giving away Christmas presents to White house employees.

The investigation committee found that Senator Lorimer did not use money to secure his election.

Nebraska's chances for landing the circuit judgeship will be improved if the state can center on one man.

Governor-Elect Wilson of New Jersey will continue his warfare against the senatorial candidacy of James Smith, Jr.

FOR CANAL CONTROL

IMMEDIATE LEGISLATION PLANNED
FOR THE SAME.

RULES BEFORE THE OPENING

With This and Tolls Definitely Fixed
Canal Would Have Trade From
the Start.

Washington.—Immediate formulation of Panama canal legislation practically was decided upon at a conference at the White house participated in by President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Secretary of War Dickinson, Senator Flint of California, chairman of the senate committee on interoceanic canals and Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, also a member of that committee and Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The conference lasted until near midnight.

It was agreed that immediate action on canal questions was necessary in order that the commercial world might be able to plan ahead. It was suggested that by having a definite understanding as to the tolls and the trade questions involved an active trade would be assured for the canal almost from the day of its opening.

Finding concurrence in his opinion that expeditious legislation is necessary, President Taft said to have concerned himself principally with the trade aspect of the canal rather than with fortifications. If the latter subject entered into the discussion at all, it is believed to have been subordinated to the matter of tolls, the maintenance of dry dock and repair shop facilities and stations for the sale of coal, oil and other ship supplies.

The opinion at the conference, it was said, favored legislation empowering the president to fix tolls within certain limits, taking into consideration distance, tonnage and cargo.

The question of whether the government should operate coal yards and dry docks and whether it should pass its war vessels through the canal free, and its coastwise ships and possibly all of its merchant vessels at a lower rate than those of foreign countries was discussed at length by the conference, and tentative plans were launched for the preparation of legislation on these points.

It was argued by some that the United States might not be possessed of the legal right to discriminate in favor of its own vessels.

Suggestions for safeguarding competition between the eastern and western seaboard through possible amendments of the interstate commerce laws, making it prohibitory for railroads to own or control ships in the canal trade also were advanced, but no conclusions were reached.

Vice Consul Assaulted.

New York.—A special dispatch to the Evening Telegram from Tokyo, Japan, states that the American vice consul at Daini, Manchuria, Adolph A. Williamson was assaulted at a fish market in Daini last Friday by several Japanese and Chinese. It is said the affair will be reported to the state department.

To Face Court Martial.

San Francisco.—It was learned here that when Major Henry C. Davis of the United States Marine corps left San Francisco a few days ago for Philadelphia, he went to face a general court martial which will be convened in that city January 4.

Battle Near the Dead Sea.

Constantinople.—Turkish troops sent against the Bedouins have driven the revolvers of El Kerak district in the Vilayet of Syria, near the Dead sea, after a sanguinary engagement.

TARIFF BOARD MEASURE.

Longworth Has Composite Bill Creating Commission.

Washington.—Impetus to the movement for a permanent tariff commission was given by conferences at the White house and the capitol, the return of Representative Longworth of Ohio to Washington with a full draft of a bill creating a commission and the announcement of Chairman Payne of the house committee on ways and means that he expected such legislation before March 4.

Following a discussion with the legislative program for this season, Mr. Payne announced he was sure a bill for such a commission, acceptable to both congress and the president, would be put through the senate and house before this session ends.

Panama to Build Railroad.

Panama.—The assembly approved the bill authorizing President Arosemena to receive bids for the construction of the Panama-David railroad.

Farewell to the Governor.

David City, Neb.—St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church of this city gave a farewell reception to Governor-elect and Mrs. Aldrich, who leave Monday for their new home in Lincoln. A large number were present and all parties and all churches were represented.

Ben Pitman Dies Suddenly.

Cincinnati, O.—An illness that had only in the last day or so been regarded as serious resulted in the death of Ben Pitman, author, lecturer and inventor. Pitman, who was born in Towbridge, Wills, England, in 1822, was the author of several works on photography and introduced in America the system of shorthand writing which bears the name of his brother, the late Sir Isaac Pitman. He came to this country and settled in Cincinnati in 1853. He invented a process of engraving.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Golden Wedding at Seward.
Seward County.—Mr. and Mrs. William Hassinger are the latest Seward county people to pass the half century mark of wedded life. The event was celebrated at their home in Seward when a large gathering of friends and relatives were entertained at dinner.

N. 1 Auto Leaves State.
Buffalo County.—S. E. Hawley of Kearney, the man who held automobile license No. 1 in this state, has departed, taking this number, for which there has been much competition among automobile owners and drivers, with him. He will live at Monte Vista, Colo.

Five-Year Sentence.
Cass County.—John B. Crawford, who was arrested for stealing a wagon load of wheat from the bin of R. L. Probst, pleaded guilty to an information charging him with the theft of 100 bushels of wheat and was sentenced by Judge Travis to five years in the penitentiary.

Fine Corn Specimens.
Platte County.—The Columbus Corn Growers' association exhibited some fine specimens of corn grown in Platte county at the Y. M. C. A. building. For the coming year the following officers were elected: L. G. Bartels, president; U. S. Mace, vice president; George Drinnon, secretary; Emil Mueller, treasurer.

Three Years in Penitentiary.
Douglas County.—Three years in the penitentiary A. Shultz must serve for killing the late William Krug in an automobile accident, resulting from Shultz' reckless driving in Omaha. Judge Lee S. Estelle overruled Shultz' motion for a new trial, denied his application for parole, and gave him a three-year sentence.

School Fund Apportionment.
Nebraska's semi-annual school apportionment has been made by State Superintendent Bishop. The amount to be distributed is \$261,512.75. The ratio for each pupil is .70198. In addition to the regular apportionment the sum of \$33,655 is to be distributed to the weak school districts. Douglas county gets \$28,791.73 out of the present state apportionment.

Frank Macy of Hebron Dead.
Thayer County.—Franklin Macy passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Wilkinson, at the age of 96 years and 2 days. He was the oldest man in the county and was among the oldest in the state. He was born in Gildford county near Dobson Roads, North Carolina, December 19, 1814, as he said, "just a little before day, though I remember but little of the important event."

Thomas B. Hord Dead.
Merrick County.—Thomas Benton Hord, the largest cattle feeder in the world and for many years past a resident of Central City, died at Minneapolis, Minn., where he had gone only a few days ago to consult a specialist. He was stricken with paralysis about two years ago and had not actively engaged in business since that time. He went to Europe this summer to the Baden Baden Springs and returned much improved.

Important Contracts Let.
Butler County.—The county board of supervisors at its regular session awarded the following contracts for the year 1911-1912: All wood and steel bridges to be constructed in Butler county to the Nebraska Construction company of Lincoln; all cement culverts to the Wilson Reinforced Concrete company of Nebraska City; all metal culverts to the Nebraska Culvert Manufacturing company of Wahoo.

Dawson Corn Show.
Dawson County.—The Dawson county farmers opened their annual institute and corn show at Lexington. The executive board had taken a great deal of interest in this meeting and it proved to be a success. The out-of-town speakers were J. F. Coupe, Falls City, Neb., who talked on the problems of pork production; Mrs. W. W. Barr of the state experiment station, North Platte, on the methods of increasing the yield of grain, and Miss Anna M. East of Columbus, on domestic science in the schools. Liberal prizes were awarded for the different varieties of corn.

Fight Pictures Barred.
Jefferson County.—After a week's excitement over the prospects of having the Johnson-Jeffries prize fight pictures in Fairbury, the municipal authorities stopped the exhibition by an injunction. The city council passed an ordinance which positively prohibits the exhibition of prize fight pictures, and prevents wrestling matches, and such theatrical performances as tend to corrupt the morals of the people.

Man Killed at Grand Island.
Hall County.—Peter Pererson, night watchman for the Union Pacific at the Walnut street crossing, Grand Island, was run down and instantly killed by the engine of passenger train No. 17, William Bay, engineer.

Nebraska Mayor Dead.
Furnas County.—J. J. Dodds died at the hospital in Cambridge of acute appendicitis. The news of his death came suddenly to the citizens, his illness having started only five days ago. He was mayor of the town.

Both Legs Broken in Runaway.
Buffalo County.—With both legs broken and other serious injuries, Robert Larimer lies at his home, one mile north of Buda, in a dangerous, though not necessarily fatal condition. He was injured in a runaway.

Lincoln Man in Trouble.
St. Louis dispatch.—A man claiming to be Robert W. Hazer of Lincoln, Neb., a machinist, was arrested here after making a get-rich-quick proposition to a stranger who proved to be a detective.

STATE CAPITAL
LINCOLN

No Ball at Inauguration.

There will be no inauguration ball when Chester H. Aldrich, governor-elect, is inducted into office January 5 next. That has been settled by Mr. Aldrich himself, who said: "There will be a reception, but there will be no dancing."

Mr. Aldrich says he cannot countenance dancing. The reception incident to the inauguration will be held at the state house and during the evening such refreshments as lemonade and orange punch will be served.

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Has Broken All Records.
Francis M. Colfer of McCook, who succeeded Arthur Mullen as state oil inspector, has broken all records in the matter of total collections. During the month of November the total collections of the state oil department in the form of inspection fees amounted to \$4,642.40. Once during his term Mr. Mullen collected \$4,000 and thought he was doing pretty well, but Mr. Colfer has broken all records in the history of the department by his November receipts. He has expended \$1,561.48 of the November fees.

Japanese Consul's Visit.
Consul Ketchi Yamasaki, representing the Japanese government at Chicago, was in Lincoln Thursday for the purpose of studying agricultural and industrial conditions in Nebraska and to meet his countrymen among the local student population. He visited the state executive offices during the forenoon and later called at the Young Men's Christian association, where a number of young Japanese are employed as waiters. He spent part of the afternoon looking through the University of Nebraska. Mr. Yamasaki will return here to Chicago.

Getting Ready to Leave.

January 5, the day of the inauguration of Governor-elect Aldrich, has been set as the day when Governor Shallenberger and his family will vacate the executive mansion. Preparations for the change in occupancy will be begun immediately after Christmas. Governor Shallenberger has just returned from a business trip to Chicago and a brief visit at Spring Green, Wis. He says that it is his intention to resume his former occupation as a stock breeder at Alma, as soon as he again becomes a private citizen.

Meeting of Organized Agriculture.

At the meetings of Organized Agriculture, held January 16 to 20, 1911, at Lincoln, after the general day meetings on agriculture, horticulture, dairying and live stock at the university farm, each evening at the university temple will be occupied as follows: Tuesday, a noted speaker under the auspices of the state board of agriculture; Wednesday an address to the state farmers' congress and Thursday a reception at the governor's mansion and a corn carnival at the auditorium.

Pure Food Laws Being Obeyed.

According to the biennial report just filed by State Food Commissioner Mains, the food laws of Nebraska are being as strictly obeyed by manufacturers and distributors as those of any state in the union, and this result has been obtained with a minimum of prosecutions. The total amount of fees collected during the biennium is \$11,324.61, which is an increase of \$6,839.28 over the former commissioner's biennial report, which showed a total collection of \$4,485.33.

National Guards Improve.

The report of the rifle shooting of the national guard for the year 1910 has been compiled in the adjutant general's office. This year the report shows the figure of merit for the entire guard as 16.58, against 33.66 for last year. The figure of merit of the Second regiment is better than that of the First, as follows: Second regiment, 19.56; First regiment, 13.39.

Chief Game Warden Dan Geilus recommends in his biennial report the collection of a general game license upon all persons over sixteen years of age who fish and hunt and some important changes in the open season. His recommendation extending the chicken season one month, commencing September 1 instead of October 1, is likely to be opposed by some of the chief members of gun clubs and sportsmen of the state.

The attention of State Superintendent E. C. Bishop will be called to the law of the state on the disposition of unclaimed bodies, as a result of the controversy that has developed over a criticism of his attitude by the state board of health through its board of secretaries. Secretary E. Arthur Carr will call on the state superintendent this week regarding the matter, but it is stated the board will make no effort to change present conditions unless some medical school of the state which considers itself aggrieved files a formal complaint.

Advocates Their Separation.
In his biennial report to the governor, Warden T. W. Smith of the state penitentiary advocates strongly the separation of the convicts who are not naturally criminally inclined and who are serving sentences for first offenses from the seasoned convicts of which the penal institution is filled. He says that more than 100 young men are daily more or less in contact with the most hardened criminals and if they are not criminals themselves when they are placed in the institution they will probably come out such.

THE ONLOOKER
by WILBUR D. NEBIT

The PLUSH HAT



There's lots of things I'd like to say about the women's fads today. About how they try to get to vote is funny, as to that. But just when my thoughts are getting warm. It happens that I look upon my new plush hat.

The foolish things that women do I really ought to roast, that's true. The way they try to get to vote is funny, as to that. But just when I take up my pen to write about the sense of men. My eyes will wander till they see my new plush hat.

I know that women always wear a pile of artificial hair. In switch and coil and dainty puff and huge and monstrous rat. But as I turn a paragraph designed to make the reader laugh. Upon the book before me looms my new plush hat.

A fuzzy-wuzzy thing, indeed: devoted to meet my casual needs. With the lack of beauty of a dripping, half-drowned cat. Before I think that I should try to pick the note for sister's eye. I meditate a moment on my new plush hat.

An olive green—a dainty green—a cute and cunning tint, I ween. But whither are we drifting and what are we driving at? I give it up in sore despair: I'll jest no more of women's wear. Since I have been induced to don a new plush hat.

Preparatory Work.

Now is the time to begin searching yourself to decide what bad habits you will abandon the first of the year. The trouble about good resolutions is that most of us want to make them for other people. We have overwhelming desires to better the world by building spiritual additions to our friends, or by adding intellectual abilities and conscientious side porches to our acquaintances. We have our dericks ready to hoist the beams from the eyes of the rest of humanity instead of the notes in our own optics.

Also, good resolutions have been permitted to degenerate into a conventional giving up of smoking, swearing, or drinking. There are many other things that may be given up by those of us who neither smoke, swear nor drink.

As a matter of fact, we are not making good resolutions; we are making negative resolutions. If we would say: "I will," instead of "I won't," we might add unto ourselves good traits which would crowd out the evil ones. There must be a substitution. You've got to get a cork leg for the one you perform the surgery on.

If we should seek to add good to ourselves we would not have so much time to find sparable bad in others.

Ended the Voyage.

The intrepid man has bidden his friends good-by and has posed for his photograph, has given out interviews and attended a farewell dinner to himself on the eve of his starting for the north pole in an air ship of his own invention. Next morning his neighbor is astonished to see him on the front porch, as usual.

"Why," says the neighbor, "I thought you were on your way to the pole."

"I expected to be," replies the intrepid man, "but my wife told me last night that she would expect me to be home at 11 each night, as usual—and—well—there you are."

Holiday Terminal Facilities.

"I don't know what this is for and I don't know to whom to give it," says the lady, holding up a fancy-work contrivance.

"Never mind what it's for; give it to the preacher," suggests her husband, with a man's ready method of disposing of problems.

An Old Fogey.

"I'd like to have some stories from young Slingink," says the magazine editor, "but he is so old fogeyish."

"Old fogeyish? Why, I thought his plots were all modern."

"That may be, but he stubbornly refuses to utilize the wireless telegraph or an airship."

Why?

Men take a hundred doses, 'tis said. When for the north pole they explore. But nowhere have we ever read That they bring back a half a score.

Helping Papa.

"Ah," sighs the enamored swain, as the taxicab rolls smoothly and swiftly on its way, "if we might ride on this forever together! Would it not seem heavenly to you?"

"It might be very nice," calmly responds the beautiful creature. "Papa owns a half interest in this taxicab company."

Most of us have given up the search for a woman who looks like the ones pictured on magazine covers.

WAS TOO PUBLIC FOR HIM

Mild Mannered Little Man Has Very Embarrassing Experience, on Street.

He was