

NEBRASKA NEWS

Five Good Roads Bills Up for Discussion in House.

SOME ACTION FOR HIGHWAYS.

Number of Members Declare Plan to Appropriate General Funds for Any County is Not Wise Move—Want State Highway Head.

Lincoln, March 20.—The good roads legislation which the present session of the legislature has been preparing to enact for several weeks will probably be disposed of this afternoon. The five bills drawn up by the special joint committee on roads and bridges, which was made up of both senators and representatives, have been made a special order and will be taken up in committee of the whole.

The bills, H. R. 669, 670, 671, 672 and 673, embody several different systems of road overseeing and it is not probable that all of them will be passed. The provisions of all the others depend to some extent upon the enactment of H. R. 669, which establishes a state highway commission. This commission is to have the engineer of the state board of irrigation as its engineer and the members shall be the governor, the attorney general and the commissioner of public lands and buildings. Three deputy highway commissioners are to do the executive work of the commission.

What Bills Provide.

The other bills include a state aid measure, a bill to provide for the collection of a county road fund, one to allow the commutation of the road labor tax at \$3 a day and one to provide for county road commissioner and deputy.

The state aid bill is the one upon which a fight will probably be made. The expense of giving help out of the state treasury to different counties which may need extra funds to develop their roads would amount to about \$100,000 a year. The bill, as drawn, gives the county board of each county the power to send resolutions to the state highway commission asking for the improvement of any section of road in its county outside of an incorporated village or city. If the state board approve, the county county board plans in a survey of the road and sends and specifications of the improvements. The road improvement district is made up then by the county board and all lands abutting upon or adjacent to the new road are embraced in the district. The owners of these lands are charged with 15 per cent of the cost of the improvement. A protest from 50 per cent of these property owners will hold up the improvement indefinitely.

After the improvement is made the state pays one-half of the bill. The other half is paid by the county, which may issue bonds, assess benefits and make a special assessment of 15 per cent upon property owners within the improvement district.

The joint committee submitted this bill with the hope that it would pass but several members of the committee are in doubt as to its feasibility and it is expected to develop a fight at least.

THOMAS INQUIRY CONCLUDED

Moss and Lindland Complete Evidence Against Postmaster.

Omaha, March 21.—Complete testimony covering every phase of the Thomas-Tillotson controversy is now in the hands of Secretary Moss and Inspector Lindland, and the next step will be in a joint consideration of the case by the civil service commission and the postoffice department.

The inquirers finished their work here, after nine days of diligent pursuit of evidence designed to prove that Postmaster Thomas used his official position to "shake down" subordinates. As soon as the evidence can be transcribed one copy will be sent to the postoffice department by Inspector Lindland and another copy will be laid before the civil service commission by Secretary Moss.

DENVER MAN TO GET PLACE

Former Instructor at Nebraska University Takes Taylor's Place.

Lincoln, March 21.—The position vacated by the resignation of Professor W. G. L. Taylor, head of the department of economics in the state university, will probably be filled by Professor James Edward Rossignol, now head of a similar department in the University of Denver. He was teaching economics in the University of Nebraska in the years 1908 and 1909. Negotiations have been pending with Professor Rossignol and his appointment is likely to be confirmed at the next meeting of the board of regents.

Blackmailers Plead Guilty.

Lincoln, March 18.—Speedy justice will be meted out to the two members of the gang which blackmailed Charles Anderson, an aged farmer living near Davey. Fred Brown and George Lafin, the two members who are now in the county jail, have already pleaded guilty to the justice court to the charge of blackmailing and will be taken before Judge Cornish in the district court to receive a sentence as soon as the information can be prepared.

WOMEN TAKE A FIRM STAND

Will Look After Household Duties, but Will Not Work in Fields.

Gandy, Neb., March 20.—Encouraged by the recent decision of Judge Otto of Brule, who defined the rights of husband and wife relative to work on the farm, Nebraska women are declaring themselves in no uncertain manner. All through this section of the state the women have organized clubs and determined that henceforth farm work shall be done by the men, else it will go undone.

Not that in the past Nebraska women have done more outside work than the women of other states, but since the Otto decision they say that they are going to look after the household duties, and if the husbands cannot do the farm work alone, they will have to hire men.

Within sixteen miles of this town the women, through an organizer, have ten societies, with an aggregate membership of 280. The women sign but one pledge, and that is they will not milk cows, feed cattle, work in the hay and corn fields. They lay the law down to their husbands, quoting from the decision of Judge Otto.

CLARK TALKS TO STUDENTS

Says House Will Indorse Reciprocity and Revise Tariff.

Lincoln, March 21.—In an address before the students of the state university Champ Clark declared that the reciprocity bill will be indorsed by the Democrats at the special session and that thereafter revision would receive attention.

Mr. Clark attended the Bryan birthday banquet last night. Senator Owen, Senator Hitchcock, Norman Mack and Governor Shafroth also attended.

"Reciprocity will undoubtedly be indorsed at the next session, said Mr. Clark. "Tariff revision will also receive attention."

Then he discussed education and its effect on political life.

"My one prayer," he continued, "is that every citizen of this nation may be sufficiently educated to read the ballot intelligently and that he be courageous enough to cast it as he pleases, despite all the bosses, whipcrackers and fire leaders in the country."

MANUEL ASKS FOR INQUIRY

Superintendent of Industrial School Wants Charges Investigated.

Kearney, Neb., March 18.—Superintendent C. B. Manuel of the state industrial school here, upon reading the report of the public lands and buildings committee to the legislature, in which they asked for the abolishment of the school if it could not be placed in proper condition for the training of the young men placed there by the state, said he would be pleased to have an investigation of his methods made and locate the cause for "the waste of the people's money." He considered the charges made by the committee unjust and groundless, but refused to make a detailed reply at this time.

GETS BLACK HAND LETTER

Omaha Grocer Receives a Written Demand for \$2,000.

Omaha, March 18.—Threatening him and his family with a terrible death and also promising the speedy burning of his building in case he refused, a Black Hand letter was received by Tony Powell, a wealthy Italian grocer at 798 North Sixteenth street, demanding \$2,000. The letter was immediately turned over to the police, who are devoting much attention to the case, which is a new entry in the annals of crime in Omaha. The postal authorities have also been notified, and the federal officers will attempt to run down the extortionist.

The letter, so Italians say, was evidently written by a Sicilian.

ROSTER OF NEBRASKA VETS

Secretary of State Wait Collecting Names of Soldiers.

Lincoln, March 20.—The roster of soldiers who have seen service and are now living in Nebraska, which is being prepared by Secretary of State Wait, who is to be aided by state and county officers, will be made very complete. Such a roster should be made every two years, but it has not been done. The last one made was done in 1897. At that time there were nearly 25,000 veterans of various wars in the state.

Mrs. Davis Given Life Sentence.

Hartington, Neb., March 18.—Guilty of murder in the first degree, with imprisonment for life, was the verdict that was returned by the jury in the Maggie Davis murder trial. The defendant, with face drawn and pale from many sleepless nights, sat with her eyes fixed on the floor in the manner that she has through the trial and did not change a muscle when the verdict was read. She wore the same military cape she had on every day during the trial and had a black scarf over her head. Her sister, Mrs. Joslin, who had been by her side all the time during the trial, sat at her left and wept bitterly when the verdict was announced.

Sorority House Robbed.

Lincoln, March 20.—The Phi Kappa Phi sorority house, 345 North Thirtieth street, was entered by burglars and \$125 in checks, money and jewelry stolen. The girls were all absent when the house was locked. The burglars took time to ransack every room in the house, throwing open drawers and chests, scattering clothing everywhere.

CLASH ON BORDER

Drag Deserter Across International Line at Douglas, Ariz.

COMPLICATIONS MAY RESULT.

American Authorities Imprison Captain of Rurales—Much Excitement Is Caused on Both Sides of Border by the Incident.

Douglas, Ariz., March 21.—A deserter from the Mexican army at Agua Prieta was caught in Douglas by two Mexican officers and dragged across the line to Agua Prieta. Americans and Mexicans in Douglas became greatly excited during the incident and a large crowd congregated.

Ten minutes later the captain of the Mexican rurales was captured, armed, on a street on this side of the international line and taken to the Douglas jail. The complications may be serious.

Washington, March 21.—Peace is assured in Mexico within the present week if certain influences now at work toward that end prove effective. With the arrival in Mexico City of Minister Limantour President Diaz began a conference which it is expected will result in the announcement within a few days of a reorganized cabinet.

Minister Limantour will present an explanation of the demands of the revolutionists and the changes in the official family of President Diaz, as well as the institution of reforms expected to appease the insurgents.

In the meantime President Taft, who arrived here from Augusta, Ga., this morning, will confer with Ambassador de la Barra and there is good ground for the assumption that the troops now concentrated in Texas immediately will begin a series of maneuvers and return shortly to their posts. The coming of peace in Mexico also is strengthened by the manner in which the revolutionists have commented on the magazine article of Ambassador de la Barra and the significant spirit of expectancy with which the results of Senator Limantour's conferences in Mexico City this week are awaited by organs of the insurgents.

TROOPS BRING RAIN TO TEXAS

Soldiers at Fort Crockett Spend Wet Night in Dog Tents.

Galveston, March 20.—Rain fell in torrents at Fort Crockett and almost drowned out the 2,600 soldiers who arrived from the north on transports and spent the night under the inadequate shelter of their dog tents. It was the first time it had rained here in weeks and the downpour occurred at the worst possible time for the newly arrived troops—before they could get their big tents up.

Several large tents were blown down and the smaller ones that stood were rendered practically uninhabitable. Though most of the soldiers were soaked to the skin, they came up smiling when reveille sounded and entered with enthusiasm into the work of setting their camp in order.

"We had a pretty tough night of it," remarked one of the soldiers, "but it was not nearly so bad as those eight days aboard the transport." It seemed that the discomforts of the voyage were due more to overcrowding than to rough weather, although a heavy sea was encountered the third day out.

Fort Crockett reservation is probably half a mile square and is west of the city on the gulf front. There has been no garrison there since the great storm of September, 1900, but the government has been constructing concrete barracks. Several of the buildings are ready now. The grade of the reservation has been raised to the level of the great concrete wall put up since the storm to defy the sea. Three gun and mortar batteries line the water front.

Insurrectos Near Hermosillo.

Hermosillo, Sonora, March 21.—Runners have brought in the news that 700 revolutionists are within twelve miles of the town. The municipal palace is filled with people, who have been pouring in for an hour, provided with blankets and quilts. Each has been issued a rifle. The town is almost unprotected by soldiers, as 300 men, including 100 Yaquis, marched out Saturday afternoon for Toros, where revolutionists were reported to have taken the Prietas mines.

Both Sides Use Soft Nosed Bullets.

El Paso, Tex., March 21.—Soft nosed bullets, forbidden by the rules of war and being used by both sides in the Mexican campaign. Colonel Cuellar who commanded the Mexican troops at the battle of Casas Grandes, reports officially that nearly all of the wounded men received their injuries from soft nosed bullets. The report also comes from Agua Prieta that almost every federal soldier wounded there was shot with a soft nosed bullet.

Huge Division Bakery.

San Antonio, Tex., March 20.—No feature of the so called maneuver camp here attracts more attention than the division bakery. The bakery can turn out 20,000 two pound loaves daily, and is at present delivering about half that quantity.

Russian Minister Murdered.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—It is rumored here that M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister to China, has been murdered in Peking.

SCENES AT MANEUVERS.

Soldiers marking time On the Rio Grand and At San Antonio, Tex.



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START RANGE WAR ANEW

Burning of Wagons and Torture of Herder Inflammes Sheep Owners.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 20.—Arrivals in western South Dakota from the adjacent range country in Wyoming report that bitter antagonism excited by the recent raiding of sheep camps by partisans of Wyoming cattlemen has not abated. The most recent outbreak occurred in Johnson county, where years ago a dispute between the sheepmen and cattlemen over possession of the range developed into a bloody civil war.

Some sheep herders, it is said, ignored an established "dead line"—a furrow plowed through an extensive area and supposed to limit the pastures of sheepmen.

The sheepman charge that the recent raid on the wagons of Jack Allemande was accompanied by an act of torture, of which a sheep herder in the employ of Allemande was the victim. It is said the raiders set upon the herder, bound his hands and feet, and, regardless of his appeals to spare his bed, his pictures, and his keep sakes from home, burned all before his eyes. They then are charged with having flogged him with a whip.

INTERURBAN CAR WRECKERS

McKinley System Charge Three Men With Hand in Plot.

East St. Louis, Ill., March 21.—Following reports from officials of the East St. Louis and Suburban railway and the Illinois Traction company, known also as the McKinley electric system, police arrested here three men who are being detained until an investigation is made of what is believed to have been attempts to wreck interurban cars.

Officials of the Illinois Traction company ascribe the attempts to strikers. The police take a different view, believing whoever tried to wreck the cars intended robbery.

BODIES OF SAILORS FOUND

All Victims of Loss of Tug Have Been Accounted for Except Cabin Boy.

Cleveland, March 21.—Life savers recovered the bodies of Edwin Holmes and Edwin Johnson, who lost their lives, with six others, when the fishing tug Silver Spray went down off Cleveland harbor last week. They were picked up on the breakwater, where the bodies of five others of the crew were recovered, and wore life preservers. This leaves but one body, that of Walter Longonean, fourteen years old, cabin boy, to be found.

THE MARKETS

Chicago, March 20.—Closing prices: Wheat—May, 91@91½c; July, 89½c. Corn—May, 49@49½c; July, 50½c. Oats—May, 21½c; July, 21½c. Pork—May, \$16.67½; July, \$16.00. Lard—May, \$8.72½; July, \$8.72½. Ribs—May, \$9.12½; July, \$9.70. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 91@91½c; No. 2 corn, 47@47½c; No. 2 oats, 30c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 25,000; steady; heaves, \$5.75@6.85; western steers, \$4.75@5.85 stockers and feeders, \$4.00@5.75; cows and heifers, \$2.69@5.85; calves, \$6.25@8.50. Hogs—Receipts, 60,000; 10c lower; lights, \$5.70@7.00; mixed, \$5.50@5.90; heavy, \$6.40@6.80; pigs, \$5.50@7.00; bulk, \$6.05@6.80. Sheep—Receipts, 11,000; steady; natives, \$3.00@5.10; westerns, \$2.25@5.10; yearlings, \$4.75@5.65; lambs, \$5.00@6.50.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, March 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,700; 10c lower; best steers, \$5.25@5.90; cows and heifers, \$3.15@5.45; stockers and feeders, \$4.00@5.75; bulls, \$4.40@4.90; calves, \$4.40@7.50. Hogs—Receipts, 4,800; 10c lower; rough, \$6.25@6.35; light, \$6.35@6.45; bulk of sales, \$6.35@6.40. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; 10c lower; lambs, \$5.00@6.05; ewes, \$3.60@4.70.



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Table listing other products: Canada Sap, a Pure Maple, per qt. 40c; Log Cabin, a Pure Maple, per qt. 45c; Autumn Leaf, a Pure Maple, 1/2 gal. 70c; Beet Sugar Syrup, per qt. 25c; Bonnie, a Pure Cooking Molasses, qt. 20c.

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