

### Charges Censorship on Recent Good Will Tour

Senator Harrison of Mississippi Claims News of Trip of President-elect Censored.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Charges of press censorship on Herbert Hoover's recent tour of South America were brought to the attention of the senate today by Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, in a discussion of what he described as the president-elect's censored "goodwill" trip. Senator Harrison said that George Barr Baker, California newspaperman and former chairman of publicity for the republican national party, was the censor. He submitted a story of the censorship charges appearing in a recent edition of the Editor and Publisher.

He said that Mr. Baker had been mentioned for the cabinet, but in view of the request for two white house secretaries it was possible that there should be some "confusion" as to whether George Akerson or Mr. Baker "was to get this particular place." Akerson now is one of Mr. Hoover's secretaries.

"Everybody knows that this censorship was imposed," the Mississippi senator declared. "The senator did not go into details, but was given permission to have the article placed in the record."

Asked by Senator Caraway, a democrat, Arkansas, if the "censor" was the same George Barr Baker mentioned in connection with official documents recently disclosed as stolen from the American embassy in Mexico, Harrison replied: "That's the same George Barr Baker."

The testimony before the senate committee was that Baker was instrumental in conveying the document to the state department after they reached this country.

Referring to newspaper articles discussing possible cabinet appointments Senator Harrison declared that William J. Donovan, the assistant to the attorney general, had been mentioned for the attorney generalship. He said that Donovan was connected with the government's prosecution of Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, after a committee headed by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, had unanimously agreed that there was nothing in the charges against Senator Wheeler.—State Journal.

### LOWER RATES AND BETTER SERVICE

The American Telephone and Telegraph company announces that effective February 1, there will be a reduction in day rates for toll and long distance calls in the Bell system representing an annual saving to the public of more than \$5,000,000.

This reduction in long distance rates is the third that the Bell system has made in two years and four months and is in keeping with the system's policy of providing the best possible service at the least cost consistent with financial safety.

"Earnings more than sufficient to provide such service will, under our policy, either be spent for the enlargement and improvement of the service furnished or the rates charged for the service must be reduced," said the president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. "Both things have happened, the rates have been reduced and the service improved."

### GASOLINE, CIGARETTE AND HORSES'S TAIL BRING DISASTER

We have heard many tales of the serious consequences wrought thru the near proximity of gasoline and lighted cigarettes, but when a horse's tail enters the train of incidents, the effect apparently is overwhelming, judging from the story received from Evanston, Ill.

There, a milk truck driver, smoking a cigarette, parked in the dairy yard to refill the gasoline tank. Fuel overflowed on the ground at the moment he flicked ashes from his cigarette. Instantly, the gasoline flared up and ignited his coat, which, in hastily removing, he threw on the tail of one of 12 horses in a nearby barn. This annoyed the animal so that he switched his burning tail, tossing the flaming coat onto a pile of hay.

Result: A policeman managed to lead out the frightened horses but the fire loss included the barn, five trucks and some wagons; damage, \$10,000. The National Board of Fire Underwriters estimates that careless use of matches—and smoking—caused fire losses of over \$29,000,000 in 1927, while petroleum and its products resulted in losses of more than \$12,500,000. It is well to treat these products with due care.

### 'HOME SWEET HOME' WAS WELCOME, SAYS KELLYS

Nassau, Bahamas, Jan. 22.—The most humorous incident aboard the stranded vessel, according to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly of Omaha, Neb., who were aboard the President Garfield which ran onto a reef, was when the ship's orchestra played "Home Sweet Home" during luncheon. The Kellys said the guests applauded enthusiastically after the piece was played.

Ring Lardner, a passenger on Pan-America, the rescue ship which carried the passengers to Nassau, remarked on landing that "a chauffeur that can't miss a reef in the Atlantic ocean ought to try driving a taxicab on Fourth street."

### AMERICAN LEGION DANCE

Plattsmouth, Neb.—Saturday Night Return Engagement — Blanch Brown and Her Rhythm Boys Admission—75c, 35c and 10c

### PAWNEE FRANCHISE SOLD

Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 22.—Franchise to operate and the electric distributing lines supplying Pawnee City patrons of the municipal light plant, were sold by the city council Monday night to the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company for \$123,000. Plant and equipment were leased to the corporation for twenty-five years at \$1,000 a year, and a schedule of rates was adopted by the council on submission from the new distributors, which carries a number of reductions from the former municipal rates.

Two years ago a proposal of sale was snuffed under decisively when submitted on the company's bid for \$120,000.

The new operating company here is nearing completion of its Barneston-Humboldt transmission lines, and the local lines will draw current from such sources.

### Iowa Solons Offer Bank and School Bills

Two Important Measures Introduced as Legislature Gets Down to Business.

Des Moines, Jan. 22.—The Iowa general assembly got down to "brass tacks" Tuesday after a week-end holiday following the inaugural.

Two important features of legislation—one in the house and one in the senate—were introduced following the naming of standing committees by President Arch W. MacFarlane and Speaker J. H. Johnson.

Senator C. A. Benson of Allamakee offered a measure completely reorganizing machinery regulating state banks.

Representative O. J. Reimers of Lyon county presented a bill providing drastic changes in the educational requirements of teachers in rural schools.

### New Bank Board.

The Benson bill would supplant the present state banking board of six members by a board of 11 members, one from each district of the Iowa State Bankers association, and four members-at-large, all to be appointed by the governor for a term of six years.

To the board is delegated the duty of naming the state banking superintendent, who is now chosen by the governor with confirmation by the senate.

The board would receive a per diem of \$10 and expenses. Provision is made for biparty representation.

The salary of the superintendent would be fixed by the board and the whole expense of the banking department defrayed by examination fees paid by the state banks.

### Change Duties.

Practically every duty of the executive council in regard to banking affairs is repealed by the bill and given to the board.

The present eight-day and 12 weeks' normal training requirements for rural school teachers are wiped out by the Reimers bill.

Instead, the member from Lyon would require four years' high school and 12 weeks' normal training until July 1, 1930; the next year, in addition to high school, 18 weeks' normal training, and the following year 24 weeks' normal training in addition to high school. After July 1, 1932, the high school training must be supplemented by 36 weeks' normal training.

The bill is said to have the approval of Miss Agnes Samuelson, state superintendent of public instruction.—Omaha Bee-News.

### WINNING CANDIDATE CLAIMS OPPONENT WON'T LEAVE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—An original action was started in the supreme court today in a county commissioner election dispute from Sheridan county, in which Bruce H. Hewett, complains that though he was elected to the office, John T. Barton, who was a candidate for reelection, has refused to give up the office. Hewett has asked the supreme court to oust Barton from the office.

### SUES FOR DAMAGES

Death of Herman Schneider, farmer who had lived near Waterloo, will not end his suit for five thousand dollars damages because of alleged personal assault, against Clyde W. Drew, Omaha Insurance man, his attorney, John McKenzie said Tuesday. Mrs. Schneider, who is administrator of the estate, will file an amended petition soon and carry through the suit, he said.

Schneider alleged that Drew struck him when asked to pay cash for ponies he was taking from the Schneider pasture, nearly a year ago. Mr. Schneider died in November. Mr. Drew is well known in this city where he spent his boyhood days and has been a frequent visitor in the past year since removing to Omaha where he has been very successful in his business affairs and has in the last few years with his sons, largely engaged in handling the disposal of stocks purchased from stores over the state that were closing their business.

### SLAYER IDENTIFIED IN POLICE "SHOW-UP"

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Leonard Shadlow, one of the four Negroes who police said confessed robbing the Franklin Trust and Savings bank on the south side last Friday, Sunday was pointed out at the weekly "show-up" as the man who shot and killed Matthew Taylor, theater manager, during a holdup three weeks ago.

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