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Pension Issue Tops the Ballot for Colorado

\$45 Monthly Payments May Be Repealed in November—Pension Groups Active.

DENVER (UP)—Colorado voters will decide at the polls in November whether to continue the most ambitious social security experiment in American history.

Two years ago a law providing \$45-per-month payments to every resident past 60 was written into the state's constitution. A proposal to repeal that law will appear on the general election ballot this year.

With the election still weeks away, the proposal already outranks the new deal and a torrid republican-democratic battle over selection of a U. S. senator and a governor as a campaign issue.

Thousands of dollars are being spent by sponsors of the repeal plan to finance a statewide publicity campaign. Sound trucks, speaking tours, radio programs and newspaper advertising are being used lavishly.

Pension Groups Active
Old-age pension organizations, sworn to uphold the present law, have announced that they will send a crew of 30,000 pensioners from door to door in their anti-repeal drive.

Back of the repeal battle is an increasing shortage in state funds which has forced pension payments far below the \$45 mark.

The constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1936 guaranteed to needy aged residents pensions of \$45 a month. The figure was half again as much as the highest award under the Federal Social Security Act. The amendment also reduced to 60 the age at which pensions would begin. The federal minimum is 65.

The payments were to be financed by a clause which set aside 85 per cent of all state excise taxes, including sales and liquor levies, the most lucrative source of state income.

Reserve Built Up
The \$45 plan took effect last September. A large reserve had been accumulated under the old \$30-a-month system and state officials had no difficulty in meeting the higher payments.

A unique "jackpot" clause in the new law, however, forced officials to divide the entire surplus among the pensioners last January. The "jackpot" resulted in the highest monthly pension ever paid—an average of \$67.36 per person.

In a few cases where both husband and wife were eligible for the full pension, the "jackpot" payment to \$145.64 per family.

The "jackpot" totaled \$960,147.75 and it wiped out the surplus. Since then payments have been cut sharply. The pension fund has been "living from hand to mouth" and a slump in tax collections made the month of the "jackpot" the last month of full payments.

The state's 37,329 pensioners received an average check last month of only \$25.75, nearly \$5 below the federal standard.

Recent comparative figures showed that California is paying its aged an average of nearly \$6 more monthly. Massachusetts, Nevada and Alaska also are paying more.

Poes of the present system are basing their attack on charges that the \$45 law is throwing the state into bankruptcy. They point to reduced payments as proof.

The repeal plan would return pension administration to the state legislature, which would be asked to restore the \$30 plan and raise the minimum age back to 65—thus cutting thousands from the rolls.

KEARNEY HAS CLOSE VOTE

KEARNEY, Oct. 1 (UP)—Voters here yesterday approved a \$55,000 bond issue for a PWA constructed \$100,000 city hall and fire station. The vote was tight. Final tabulation showed the issue carried by 880 to 575, only 7 votes above the required 60 per cent.

SOUTH BEND

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinke were in Omaha Saturday.

Mrs. Fosberg called on Mrs. Helena Timm Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Braun is quite ill and under the care of a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frahm and baby were dinner guests at J. L. Carnicle's Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Dill and Vernon and Mrs. Bernard Dill and son were in Lincoln Saturday.

Margaret Thieman of Omaha spent the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ida Thieman.

Carl Hoffman and family of Lincoln spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Wm. Blum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson took Wanda Scott to Glenwood, Iowa, Saturday to visit her father, who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mooney and sons drove to Nebraska City Sunday to visit the apple orchards at apple picking time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell and Russell were dinner guests at the Earl Leesley home in Plattsmouth Saturday while attending the Korn Carnival.

The directors of the proposed Ak-Sar-Ben dam project met Tuesday evening in Ashland with Prof. Mickey of the Engineering department of the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. F. J. Knecht motored to Lincoln Saturday to get Bill Rosencrans. He spent the week end at home, returning Sunday evening to be ready for classes Monday morning at the University of Nebraska.

Miss Laurretta Burdick and Miss Helen Saunders enjoyed a birthday dinner a week ago Thursday at the Philip Tritsch home in Plattsmouth, honoring Mr. Tritsch. Thursday evening they enjoyed a birthday dinner honoring Miss Burdick's sister, Mrs. Maynard Tritsch.

Mrs. Albert Blum gave a surprise dinner Thursday evening honoring her husband on his birthday. Those present were Mrs. Ida Thieman and Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinke and sons, Martin Blum, Andrew Blum, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blum, Helen and Herbert and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rau and family.

District 57 Plans Benefit

District 57 will present moving pictures taken by Wm. Stoner of Lincoln, that show scenes in the Panama Canal zone, South Sea isles, the Argentine and many other points of interest. Mr. Stoner will explain the pictures as they are being shown. An admission fee of 10 cents for adults will be charged and lunch will be served. Proceeds will be used to buy equipment for the playground. Everyone invited!

OHIO INVENTOR MOLDS POTTERY 'KISSING CUPS'

CLEVELAND (UP)—Romantic persons throughout the country may be kissing cups fashioned to represent Robert Taylor or Mae West, drinking while they kiss, if the idea of Dr. Bernard H. Cooper, dentist, wrestler and inventor, is adopted. The cup patented by Cooper, who collects also first editions and autographed books, has the shape of a head and face. The contents are slipped through the lips of the pottery, enabling the drinker to "kiss and drink up."

The dentist developed the idea while working on sculpture which he exhibited at the Cleveland Museum of Art and in Hollywood. He once won a wrestling championship at Ohio State University, has invented a dental device, and has beaten Joe Louis—in beaten-copper caricature, a type of sculpture.

HOW ABOUT IT, REFEREE?

SYDNEY (UP)—In the middle of a field hockey game, P. Douglass, wing player, suddenly disappeared. Investigation developed the fact that the ground had given away and dropped him into a 6-foot hole. The players filled the cavity with stone and finished the game.

Deeds, Mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal office.

Council for Brotherhoods Protests Cuts

Says Railroads Demands Part of Conspiracy to Cut Wages of All Workers of Country.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (UP)—Tom Davis, counsel for the brotherhood of railroad trainmen told President Roosevelt's fact finding commission today that the demand for a 15 per cent railroad wage cut is part of a conspiracy to cut the wages of every worker in the land.

Davis charged the carriers' demand was part of a plot to delay recovery and discredit the Roosevelt administration.

Davis contended that a wage cut would not solve the railroads' problems. He said these problems would remain if the workers took a 50 per cent cut.

"We will show you" he said "that it is the duty of these railroads to set their own house in order. We will show you the huge amounts squandered by railroads gambling in worthless stock. We will show you the millions of dollars dissipated by the railroads for lobbying and propaganda."

"We will show you the depletion of their revenues through free concessions to favored shippers, wasteful investments in warehouses, grain elevators and loans to favored shippers, all of which is contrary to the law and has met with unqualified condemnation of the interstate commerce commission."

Davis argued that wage cuts had never benefited either farmers or consumers.

SAYS VETS DENIED JOBS

OMAHA, Sept. 30 (UP)—Owen A. Galvin of Minneapolis, national commander, Disabled American Veterans of the World War told a gathering of vets from several states at the Rome hotel last night that "able bodied veterans are being denied WPA jobs, while aliens receive full benefit from such government enterprises. Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri delegates were present."

He also declared that compensation for disabled veterans is being unjustly administered and promised D. A. V. support in the matter.

FIRE AT PRISON FARM

GENOA, Neb., Oct. 1 (UP)—A fire which broke out today in the meat packing house under construction at the state prison farm here, caused damage estimated at \$1,500. Superintendent P. C. Shockley said the blaze started about 7 a. m. when tar which was being heated over a kerosene stove caught fire in one of the cooling rooms. The tar was to be used in applying cork insulation. Inmates prevented the flames from spreading with the aid of the fire equipment and assistance of the Genoa fire department.

PALMTAG WINS CASE

OMAHA, Sept. 30 (UP)—Police Captain Fred Palmtag won his case against four female impersonators at a town night spot when spot when Police Judge Lester Palmer fined the four \$25 and costs each in South-side police court today. The proprietor of the place and another entertainer were dismissed. The four were found guilty of violating a city ordinance by wearing costumes belonging to the other sex.

POPE WEEPS WITH JOY

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 30 (UP)—Pope Pius wept for joy when his secretary informed him at midnight of the Munich agreement. It was reported today from Castel Gandolfo. A prelate said "the holy father then retired to his private apartment where he prayed some time, thanking God for a miracle."

CHIROPRACTORS ELECT

LINCOLN, Sept. 30 (UP)—Dr. L. H. Burdick of Falls City was re-elected president of the Nebraska Chiropractic association yesterday. Assistant officers named were Dr. H. G. Anderson of Beatrice, vice-president; Dr. Josephine Russell of Oakland, re-elected secretary and Dr. A. S. Nielsen of Beatrice, treasurer.

BICYCLE TRAILER FOR DOG

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (UP)—"Corky" takes his ease nowadays as he follows his master, 16-year-old Dick Gringas, a bicycle enthusiast. Because the dog got so tired following him, Dick built a bicycle trailer and put "Corky's" bed in it.

MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rikli were in Omaha Tuesday last week, where they had some business matters to look after.

Wm. Streich and wife, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Streich were in Lincoln last Wednesday, where they transacted business.

W. T. Weddell and A. H. Ward were looking after business matters and visiting friends in Weeping Water one day last week.

Oris E. Bradford of Beatrice was a visitor in Murdock last Sunday, coming to visit with the wife and their little daughter over Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Tool was spending several days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Meyers, at Sioux City, her visit extending over Sunday.

E. H. Schulhof of Plattsmouth was in Murdock last Wednesday, tuning the piano of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaeffer and visiting with his many friends here.

Ray Gamlin was in Omaha Wednesday with a mixed load of hogs and cattle, which he was able to deliver to the stock yards despite the strike situation.

Henry Carson, manager of the Murdock elevator, spent two days at the farm northeast of town, and while he was away, the elevator was looked after by Otto Miller.

Jasper E. Golden was a visitor in town last Wednesday, where he was having the brake rods on his car welded as he was to go to Lincoln the following day and have his auto tested.

L. Neitzel drove to Lincoln last Wednesday afternoon on business and while there had his car tested in conformity with the law. During his absence the store was being looked after by Charles Kupke.

L. Neitzel was in Plattsmouth last Sunday, where he attended the religious parade and program which was the closing feature of the Korn Carnival. He reports a large representation from the different churches and Bible schools of the county.

Henry Amgwert and W. T. Weddell went to Plattsmouth early last week, where both had business matters claiming their attention. From there Mr. Amgwert went on to Omaha to secure a supply of goods for the store, picking Mr. Weddell up on his return.

Our statement last week that Albert Theil had moved from the farm into town was in error for which we apologize, although the item was given and accepted by us in good faith. While we are always looking for and appreciate the news given to us, we much prefer that the same be authentic.

Liking New Home in South

A letter from Louis Hornbeck who with the family are now located at Knoxville, Tenn., says they like their new home in the south. Within a few miles of Knoxville there is a mountain that can be plainly seen from their home. The weather is fine there, but quite cool, and last week it froze. In his letter, Louis outlines the schedule of the first route he is working as auditor for the Modern Woodmen of America in the new territory to which he has been assigned. This routing will take him over most of the state of North Carolina.

His brother, I. G. Hornbeck, has had the Journal sent to the Louis Hornbeck family in order that they may remain in touch with Murdock and Cass county news.

Home from the West

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tool and Mrs. Hannah McDonald, who have been away on an extended vacation trip through the west, arrived home last week. Although they had a fine trip and visited many places of interest, they were well pleased to get back home. Their daughter, Mrs. O. E. Bradford was also well pleased at their return, which relieves her of further work at the bank and enables her to return to her home in Beatrice.

Second Carload of Cows

Paul Stock last week received a car load of Jersey cows, shipped in from Missouri. This is the second car lot shipment of thoroughbred cattle which Mr. Stock has received.

Talk of Community Building
Considerable talk is heard of the possibility of Murdock getting a new

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community building similar to that many other towns are getting thru the medium of PWA. Murdock has gotten along many years with the Woodman hall, now owned by the Royal Neighbors of America, as a place of meeting. The room is not large, and gatherings of any size must be accommodated at the consolidated school auditorium.

Those favoring the securing of a new building say it is important to have a place of meeting nearer to the center of town and point to the grant of aid to Weeping Water for a similar building, which they feel Murdock should be able to secure at a moderate cost. Office quarters for the town board and a large assembly hall for public gatherings could be provided in the building.

The inclination all over the country seems to be to share in the federal appropriations for buildings and other municipal improvements while a goodly portion of the cost can be secured from the government.

Just what steps will be taken to bring about such a program in Murdock, we do not know. Perhaps it will be undertaken under WPA inasmuch as the time limit for filing PWA applications has now expired, and it will be several months at least before congress appropriates additional money that will open the way to filing further applications with that agency.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this means to thank the friends and neighbors, also the Murdock and Elmwood Firemen for their kind assistance at the time of the fire.—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Towle.

RULES CANNOT CANCEL LICENSE

LINCOLN, Oct. 1 (UP)—District Judge E. B. Chappell was on record today with an opinion that municipal or district court has no authority to cancel a driver's operating license. He ruled in a case appealed by Dan Danielson of Lincoln from the municipal court that the power of cancellation rests exclusively with the state engineer.

Danielson was fined \$50 and costs in the lower court for drunken driving and the municipal judge entered an order "license to drive cancelled for one year." Judge Chappell reversed the ruling on the ground the municipal ordinance gave the authority only to order convicted persons "not to drive a car for a year"—suspension rather than cancellation.

In another case before District Judge Frederick Shepherd, Bernard Knudson of Lincoln contends that the state engineer has no power to cancel driving licenses if the court does not include cancellation in its judgement.

In a third case which is pending before the supreme court it is argued that a municipality is without power to prosecute drunken drivers under a city ordinance because the state already entered that field.

CHARGE SWIFT CO. AS VIOLATORS

SIoux CITY, Ia., Oct. 1 (UP)—A complain charging Swift and Co. with violating the national labor relations act was filed with the NLRB today by striking employees of the Sioux City plant. The complaint charged the management has refused to accept a union grievance committee. The strikers, members of the United Packing Workers of America, an affiliate of the CIO today prevented movement of two refrigerator cars filled with meat but later permitted them to pass.

TRUCK STRIKE AT STANDSTILL

LINCOLN, Oct. 1 (UP)—Negotiations between the General Drivers' Union here and the truck operators remained at a standstill today after a meeting yesterday in which attempts were made to end the 16 day tie-up. Spokesmen reported only about half of the city trucks were operating and that no over the road trucks were being moved.

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Students More Wholesome than in the Past

Chancellor Boucher of the University of Nebraska Speaks at Native Sons-Daughters Banquet

LINCOLN, Oct. 1 (UP)—Chancellor C. S. Boucher of the University of Nebraska, said present day college students are "more intelligent and more wholesome on all scores than in my days at college or in any previous generation," before a joint banquet of State Historical Society and native sons and daughters of Nebraska Friday night.

"They are, as a group better prepared for college; they think and talk more intelligently and more honestly about their educational objectives," he added. Boucher said that a larger portion of them work harder; though they have less respect for mere precedent and unreasoned authority.

Chancellor Boucher said college students "can be appealed to basis of reason and they are capable of greater loyalties when built upon sound bases."

He observed that current talk about the younger generation being irresponsible and possessing no moral standards simply as repetition of views held by each generation. Boucher's topic was "calamity howlers in historical perspective."

DAMAGE SUIT DISMISSED

CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (UP)—Dr. Allen Dafeo, Canadian backwoods physician, was surprised the night the Dionne quintuplets were born but he hasn't been surprised by anything since then.

He wasn't surprised even when Ivan Spear, Hollywood promoter, filed a \$1,000,000 damage suit against him, charging that he, the S. S. Kresge and W. W. Woolworth companies, Pathe News and others had conspired to abrogate a contract Spear had made with Oliva Dionne, the quintuplets' father, for exhibition of the babies at the 1933 World's Fair.

Dafeo was calm, when federal Judge John P. Barnes dismissed the case late yesterday on the ground that, although Dafeo "did interfere with arrangements made by others for the babies, he was responsible for their lives and acted according to his responsibilities."

"The decision didn't surprise me," Dafeo said. "I haven't been surprised since the night the babies were born."

BRITAIN RELEASES RESERVES

LONDON, Oct. 1 (UP)—Great Britain began demobilizing today the reserves she called to the colors during the height of the Czech crisis.

The air ministry announced that the personnel of the observers corps called to service last Sunday were being released on the understanding that it could be recalled on two hours' notice. The admiralty ordered commanders to grant leave over the weekend to all officers and men who could be spared.

ICE FACTORY OPERATES OUTSIDE ADDIS ABABA

ADDIS ABABA (UP)—Italian East Africa has just opened its first ice-factory.

Capable of a daily output of five tons of ice in bars, the factory is situated not far from the city on the Addis Ababa-Addis Alem-Lakemi road. The region is supplied by a natural water supply, the water flowing directly into the forms thus eliminating the necessity of transport from a distance.

CHADRON VOTES DOWN BONDS

CHADRON, Neb., Oct. 1 (UP)—A special election on a \$55,000 bond issue for a \$100,000 municipal auditorium here lost by a margin of 70 votes short of the required 60 per cent. The vote was 609 to 522.

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Wabash News

Frank Marshall was in Omaha last week with a load of cattle which were being shipped to market by George Beckert of west of Elmwood.

Warren Richards and wife were in Plattsmouth last Sunday, where they attended the county wide religious parade and program that was arranged as a fitting climax to the King Korn Carnival.

Mrs. Albert Bornemeier, who was a patient at a Lincoln hospital several weeks following an operation, was able to return home last week and since coming home has been making further improvement, which will be good news to her many friends.

LeRoy Stanley was in Lincoln on last Wednesday, where he went to secure a load of groceries for the store. The truck strike has not affected Mr. Stanley's business as he generally goes to the wholesale market for his supplies and so is independent of the truckers.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hinds entertained a group of friends and relatives at their home last Sunday. Those present included Mrs. Ellen Smith, mother of Mrs. Hinds, and Thomas Smith, brother of Mrs. Hinds, together with Ernest Andrews and wife and Edward Smith, of Calloway, Nebr., who have been visiting at the Ellen Smith home west of Elmwood.

Attend Night Ball Game

A night baseball game at Lincoln between the House of David team and the Monaches, a colored aggregation from Kansas City attracted a group of fans from Wabash to the capital city Tuesday evening. Two cars conveyed the fans to Lincoln, the occupants of one being John C. Browne and son, Happy Browne, Ralph Dorr and son, Neal Dorr, and of the other John Wood, Lester Bosworth and Frank Marshall.

John Browne who sees the amusing part in all things, says the game proved to be more of a circus than a contest for supremacy on the diamond.

Make Trip to the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hardaway who have longed to see the west in its real western clothes, and as time went on had begun to fear they would never be able to realize their desires, but a friend of this excellent couple with his wife had occasion to make a trip to the western part of the state, and extended an invitation for Mr. and Mrs. Sherman to accompany them. The invitation was accepted and last week the Wabash couple made the trip and really enjoyed it. No, they were not scalped by bad Indians, but found lands bare of vegetation and in other places good crops.

CONTINUE HEARING

LINCOLN, Oct. 1 (UP)—The state railway commission today continued a hearing of the eastern Nebraska public power district's application for authority to build additional transmission lines in Cass and Saunders counties from October 7 to October 13. The Nebraska Power company has filed the objections.

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