

SPRECHER ON EXTRA SESSION

Leader of Fusionists in House Explains His Views in Detail.

REFUSED A HEARING IN HIS PARTY OPGAN

Says Needs of the State Should Take Precedence Over Party Politics and Personal Convenience.

The position of Hon. John C. Sprecher on the question of an extra session is outlined in detail in the following communication which was addressed to the editor of The World-Herald two weeks ago.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Nov. 15.—Editor World-Herald: In your issue of Tuesday of this week you devoted a liberal space to me relative to an alleged interview I gave The Bee on the day preceding.

Favors Legislative Restricting.

I want to say to you that I am in favor of an extra session of the legislature, although personally I should regret it, as it would mean my attendance and a month away from work.

I am in favor of this state being restricted as to senatorial and representative districts, because the present arrangement is the roughest kind of an injustice to portions of the state, particularly the western.

MANY WANT BOOKS TO READ

Applications for Sets Are Received Daily by State Library Commission in Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Applications for sets of books are being received by the State Library commission at the state house.

The commission has approximately \$1,200 available for the purchase of books.

Another very important amendment would be to enlarge the field of investment of our permanent school fund so that our public schools could get the benefit of all possible accruing interest and not have that large sum of idle money handled by a state treasurer for the benefit of favorite banks and probable "take-offs" for him.

With such an amendment the World-Herald would not have to be howling at State Treasurer Stuefer to show up.

The demand by the World-Herald of Treasurer Stuefer was right and one might give it credit had it been a sincere one and not simply a piece of political bombast not practiced upon a fusionist predecessor who was in the same boat (on lack of public statements of the whereabouts of money) Stuefer now is.

The present very fearful condition of the World-Herald relative to the public funds was then not manifest.

I might add other important subjects to a special session, on such topics as revenues and taxation, enlargement of the depository laws relative to county and municipal funds, appropriations for the lately-burned Norfolk system, etc.

I must not omit to say that no session will be called to vote more of the people's money for the purpose of placing a Nebraska exhibit at the St. Louis exposition or any other exhibition.

However, I suspect that possibly the true cause of The Bee's desiring an extra session and the World-Herald naturally opposing it is not at the surface, but is hidden and may be connected with some Omaha municipal matter—the Fire and Police commission, for instance, on that I have an opinion also and will express it, even at the risk of offending the World-Herald.

On principle I am opposed to any system of law which takes the full municipal govern-

ment of Omaha or any other city, out of the hands of the people who live in that city. The idea of our Nebraska state legislature being called upon to legislate especially for Omaha or for a governor to appoint fire and police commissioners or any other city officials is an outrageous condition. Just think of a legislature, of which nine-tenths of the members do not live in Omaha and cannot be held responsible by those who are affected by their acts, nor have any interest therein, having legislative authority relative to that municipality, or an executive who has no right whatever to do using executive authority! It is contrary to the foundation principles of our government of the people. The people of Omaha should govern Omaha completely and if it is not governed right they are to blame and must suffer.

So far as possible all municipal officers should be elected by direct vote of the people and where not possible the mayor should appoint, as he is the chosen head of the municipality and responsible to the people. The idea that to take the full control of a municipal government away from the people of that municipality and place it in the hands of a governor or legislature is the rankest kind of sophistry. It simply places it in the hands of machine politics, the worst possible City, as well as all other governments, can be kept clean and outside the worst elements if people would exercise a little horse sense and not be simply blind partisans. The good people of all parties must never become divided by partisanship so as to not be able to unite at any time for the overthrow of the bad and the entrenchment of the good.

Compliments to Bartley's Champions.

The matter of expense for an extra session should be considered and the public funds should not be expended in any instance without due consideration, but I believe that in connection with this matter it would be well expended if a special session did even a portion of its duty the state would be the gainer in a short time through channels of interest on public funds not invested under conditions of the present.

In conclusion I want to say to the World-Herald that I think and act for myself and am not responsible for my utterances and actions. I favor an extra session because I think it necessary and right and do not care what any editorial or politician thinks about it. No political party machinery in any way controls me nor do I ask permission of any party or official to express my individual views on any topic of public interest. Should I seek advice on public matters I certainly should not call upon one who hastens to endorse and applaud the damnable act of a republican governor who pardons or punishes a defaulting state treasurer who robs the people of Nebraska of \$250,000. Executive clemency may excusably be used with a common thief or even with a murderer, because there may be some extenuating circumstances, but not for a defaulting official who not only plunders the state treasury and steals the people's money, but worse still, violates the public trust and confidence reposed in him. For such to executive interference is within the bounds of political decency, and any governor who would so exercise executive authority and any person who upholds such executive outlaws are not worthy of public confidence. Very truly yours,

JOHN C. SPRECHER.

DUSSELDORF ON THE STAND

Alleged Murderer of Arthur Payne Narrates the Tramp's Battle.

SAYS PAYNE WAS FIRST TO DRAW RAZOR

Defendant Says He Used His Own Knife Only to Protect Himself from Attack by His Two Companions.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The state in the case against Joseph Dusseldorf, charged with the murder of Arthur Payne at North Bend in June last, closed its case this morning. Its principal witness today was J. O'Neill of North Bend, who assisted City Marshal Thompson in making the arrest. He said he found Dusseldorf lying down in a clump of weeds near the bank of the Platte river, but in plain sight of a person approaching from any direction. The defendant was at once brought up to the railroad track to where Payne still lay in front of the door of the box car. The witness asked the injured man if he recognized Dusseldorf, "was the one who stabbed you," and received no answer. Payne moved slightly and shook his head, declining to say a word. During that time the boy Dorkin was present, but pretended to be a mute and no information could be obtained from him.

Doctors Davies and Martin were the next two witnesses. They described at some length the wounds on the body of the deceased and the fatal character of the one in the left side.

City Marshal Thompson was recalled and testified that Dusseldorf wore a mustache when arrested and Dorkin had no beard or mustache. The state then rested. Dorkin was not called by the state, but will undoubtedly be a witness for the defendant.

Doctor Says Payne Rode Impudently.

Dusseldorf evidently has two defenses, one that the wound received by Payne was not necessarily fatal, and the other self-defense. In support of the latter the state of North Bend was put on the stand. After again going over the location of the wounds, he said that Payne stated in his presence that he did not know who stabbed him, but that when he got well he would give the man a thrashing. The next afternoon he saw him at the depot as he was being taken to the Fremont hospital. He appeared cheerful and called for a cigarette, which he smoked with an evident satisfaction. The doctor thought the cause of his death was the crowding of the stomach against the lungs through the ruptured diaphragm, and that such pressure was caused by his being brought on the train to Fremont in a horizontal instead of a semi-elevated position. The wound, he said, was not necessarily fatal.

Mr. Davies testified that the examination of the defendant at the Fremont jail. He found him pretty well cut and scratched on his face, one of which was made by a sharp instrument directly over the left eye, and a bad wound on one hand.

Dusseldorf in His Own Behalf.

The defense rested its case this afternoon. Aside from the doctors called to testify to the character of Payne's wounds, the defendant himself was the principal witness. He said he was 25 years of age and was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. For some time before he had been away from home, going from place to place. He met Payne and the two other men at North Bend in the morning the affair occurred. They filled and emptied a beer can several times during the day, the defendant paying for the beer. He made the money by selling cheap jewelry. Late in the afternoon he fell asleep in the car and when he awoke found his stock of goods, which he carried in a tobacco pouch in his pocket, and about \$2 in money gone. A quarrel followed, in which the two pitched onto him. In the course of the fracas Payne pulled a razor and called him a vile name and threatened to kill him. Defendant then pulled out his knife, which he had bought that afternoon, and stabbed Payne.

Dusseldorf was subjected to a short but vigorous cross-examination by Mr. Martin for the state, in which it was developed that he had been tampering around some time and selling his cheap jewelry.

His language was a mixture of tramp terms and the English of a fairly well educated man. His appearance on the stand was good.

OPENS GAGE COUNTY CONTEST

Chairman Tilton of Republican Committee Sues to Prevent Waddington Becoming Sheriff.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman W. S. Tilton of the republican committee of Gage county today filed a suit in the county court contesting the election of W. A. Waddington as the democratic candidate for sheriff. After the recent election the canvassing board gave Waddington a majority of eight votes over J. T. Moore, the republican candidate. The petition filed is a lengthy document and alleges that there were errors in the count and that illegal ballots were allowed to be counted in the county in favor of Waddington which will invalidate the election of him and elect Moore. The case is set for hearing in the county court, January 6.

OFFICIALS INSPECT SIDNEY

Harris, Holdrege and Others of the Burlington Look Over Round-house Site.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A special train of five cars passed through here this morning over the Burlington railway, carrying a party consisting of President George B. Harris, Director B. F. Perkins, General Manager G. W. Holdrege, General Charles F. Manderson, Superintendent J. R. P. Sellan and a number of clerks and employees of the Burlington system. The train remained here half an hour to permit the party to inspect the site for a roundhouse and machine shops, to be built to facilitate the moving of large amounts of ore from Gurnsey, Wyo., to Denver.

Drucker Gets Judgment.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Before Judge Jensen in district court today the case of W. B. Drucker against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company was heard and judgment rendered for plaintiff in the sum of \$2,800. A few weeks ago Joe Drucker, car inspector, was killed in the shop yards of this place.

In the case of Lulu Taylor against C. Lawrence Stull the court gave the defendant until next Monday to put up a bond of \$2,000 for the support of his child or to go to jail in default. Court was adjourned until Monday morning.

William Brown Dies in Asylum.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—William Brown's death at the Asylum for Insane at Hastings this morning has been reported here. He was 76 years old and was sent to the Lincoln asylum one year ago and later to Hastings as incurable. He leaves a divorced wife and six children.

WRECKED CATTLE ARE WILD

Attack the Men Who Rescue Them from Overturned Cars Near McCook.

MCCOOK, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Ae B. & M. special stock train No. 76 was pulling into the yards here this morning from the west it ran into a broken switch, which caused its cars to leave the track, turning one car completely over and leaving the other on its side. The cattle in one car were able to get out, but the roof of the other had to be removed before they could be liberated. Three of them were killed and a number crippled. After being liberated the cattle were crazed for the time and attempted to attack the persons present. The slow speed at which the train was going is all that saved a serious wreck. The stock were being shipped from Denver to South Omaha.

Pet Stock at Osceola.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special.)—Osceola, Shelby and Stromsburg have united here this week in a pet stock show, which opened this morning and which has drawn an exceptionally good display of poultry.

To Get Rid of a Troublesome Corn.

First soak it in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing the blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days to protect it from the shoe. As a general unguent for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by all druggists.

WILLIAM M'KINLEY ESTATE

Total Personal Valuation is \$135,800, of Which One-Half is Life Insurance.

CANTON, O., Nov. 26.—The appraisers have filed their report of the appraisal of the estate of the late President McKinley.

The report shows that the deceased died possessed of personal goods and chattels to the value of \$2,055.89, of securities, bank deposits and life insurance, \$135,800.15; money, \$129.15; total personal estate, \$135,800.15, of which \$60,132.15 was life insurance. The real estate was not appraised, as under the will it goes to Mrs. McKinley for life and at her death to his family. It is believed to be worth \$60,000 to \$75,000.

DUNNE HEARS WHOLE STORY

Chicago American's Employees' Attorney Reads the Judge Report of Proceedings Before Hancay.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The habeas corpus case of Andrew M. Lawrence and H. S. Canfield, convicted of contempt of court by reason of their responsibility for articles appearing in Hearst's Chicago American, came before Judge Dunne today. The forenoon was occupied by Attorney Samuel Alschuler, acting for the editors, in reading the Judge Dunne's complete report of proceedings of the contempt case heard by Judge Hancay a fortnight ago. It is thought the hearing will last till the end of the week.

RAISE IN TRAINMEN'S PAY

Conference of Rock Island Officials Results in Favor of Advance in Wages.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The management of the Rock Island railroad has completed its annual session with the board of adjustment representing the engineers of the entire system. The result of the session is a raise in wages of about 100 men as follows: The pay of engineers on local freights increased 20 cents per 100 miles. The pay of the engineers on certain switch engines of big draft increased from \$2.75 to \$2.85 for every ten hours worked.

CONWAY CASE IS DISMISSED

Prosecution Moves it After Girl's Statement is Ruled Out.

GREAT CROWD HEARS FOUR WITNESSES

Doctor's Friends and Members of Mabel Helrick's Family Fill York Court Room to Get the Details.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Great interest was taken in the preliminary hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska against Dr. J. B. Conway of this city, which resulted in dismissal.

Dr. Conway was arrested on a warrant of the county coroner charging him with performing a criminal operation on Mabel Helrick of McCool, which was the alleged cause of her death.

The parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased are in attendance and County Judge Wildman's room was not large enough, so the hearing was held in the district courtroom, which was crowded. A large number in attendance are from south York county.

Four witnesses were examined today, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Helrick and Carrie Helrick, parents and sister of deceased, testified to the illness of Mabel Helrick and to a certain date that Mabel Helrick visited York. Mrs. E. E. Lincoln of McCool testified to the illness of Mabel and corroborated the testimony as to the date she was at York, which is supposed to be the time the operation was performed. Maude Stein, a sister, was on the witness stand after dinner.

Attorneys for the defense objected to the dying statement of the deceased and most of the afternoon was consumed in arguing the admissibility of the statement. Later the judge ruled that it was not admissible and the prosecution moved to dismiss the case.

Today take Foley's Honey and Tar. It positively prevents pneumonia, or other serious results from colds. It may be too late tomorrow.

OFFICIAL RETURNS FOR NEBRASKA

Vote for State Officers Cast at the Last Election as Tabulated by the Secretary of State.

FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT.

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"FOR CATARRHAL TROUBLES

Pe-ru-na is One of the Best of Remedies."

SAYS GENERAL JOHN B. CLARK, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

