

CONDEMN UNSIGNED DODGER

Dodge of Douglas Scores Man Who Will Use This Method in Campaign.

BILL RECOMMENDED TO PASS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—All, or at least a good part of all, the epithets the English language were called down upon the head of a man who uses an anonymous political dodger in campaign work, in a speech by Dodge of Douglas in the senate this afternoon.

The speech was in support of S. F. No. 38, his bill to penalize anonymous campaign attacks by use of unsigned pamphlets or "dodgers." It was called forth by a motion in the committee of the whole by Mattes of Otoe to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Four Bills Affecting Labor for Passage

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Four bills affecting labor were reported out to the house for passage by the committee on labor this morning. They are: H. R. 14, by Drucesow and Foster—Regulates employment agencies and fixes their liability.

H. R. 38, by Howard—Fixes maximum working time of drug clerks at seventy hours per week. H. R. 58, by Drucesow and Larsen—Provides for eight-hour day on all public works.

H. R. 57, by Larsen—Prohibits barber work on Sunday. Lincoln Warehouse is Burned.

LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A large warehouse and barn belonging to the Lincoln Transfer company was burned early this morning.

Fifteen horses and a large quantity of merchandise were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Legislative Proceedings

Bills Recommended to Pass by the Senate. S. F. 38, Dodge of Douglas—Makes it a misdemeanor to circulate or print unsigned political dodger.

S. F. 108, Beal of Custer—Makes it a misdemeanor to sell liquor to a student under 21 years of age. Imposes fine of from \$100 to \$500.

S. F. 228, Henry of Colfax—Abolishes detainers in proceedings in civil proceedings. S. F. 234, Henry of Colfax—Provides for trial of district court cases in order of their priority.

S. F. 3, Saunders of Douglas—Enables people of Omaha to vote on Water board's scheme for lighting business. S. F. 125, Judiciary Committee—Increases number of session laws to be printed from 1,500 to 1,800.

Provides for 1,000 copies each of house and senate journals. Recommended for Postponement by Senate Committee of the Whole.

S. F. 11, Dodge of Douglas—Provides for efficiency commission to report next session on state affairs. Bills Reported for General File by the Senate Standing Committees.

H. R. 128, Minor of Douglas—Allows railroads to take as much as forty acres in any section in addition to right-of-way. Old law, twenty acres.

H. R. 283, Nichols of Madison—Increases salaries of councilmen in all cities of from \$2,000 to \$3,000 population from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

H. R. 301, Nelson—Requires owners of vacant lots to mow weeds. H. R. 274, Calkins of Antelope—Allows partial closing of parks in cities of less than 5,000 population and for admission charges thereon.

H. R. 94, Matteson of Clay and Le County of Frontier—Allows counties to bid in land at tax sales where other bids do not cover debt.

H. R. 225, Douglas County Delegation—Forbids the holding of voters to the polls for registration purposes. S. F. 240, Howell of Douglas—Extends Omaha police pensions to widows of deceased officers.

S. F. 66, Dodge of Douglas—Permits Omaha to establish correction farm. S. F. 121, Mattes of Otoe—Provides for "gross assessed" value instead of "fair" value in issuance of fire insurance policy.

S. F. 224, Mattes of Otoe—Provides that assessors list real estate improvements separately. S. F. 181, Saunders of Douglas—Provides for full valuation for taxation with a 20 per cent levy.

H. R. 6, Hoffmeister—Makes establishment of county high schools mandatory. H. R. 61, Scudder of Hall—Provides for tripartite annual school meeting, making it first instead of last Monday in June.

H. R. 21, Greenwalt—Permits cumulative voting of stock in companies as well as corporations. H. R. 278, Drucesow of Douglas—Gives salaries to registrars of vital statistics to Omaha.

TAYLOR ARRAYS 'HIGHER' EDUCATION

(Continued from Page One.)

Wants to Stay on Farm.

"Why, in my own family," said Mr. Taylor, as he left the speaker's desk and came down on the floor, "we are up against the problem of keeping our own young daughter on the farm. We want her to grow up on the farm, marry some nice young farmer and come home and run the farm, but our neighbors' children are all imbued with the idea that they must go to the town school and then to the high school, with the result that my wife has had to move to town for the purpose of giving the girl an education, while I have to stay out on the farm and suffer."

Arrays Higher Education.

"All of this is the result of our so-called 'higher education,' which has been inaugurated by the university regents in which they have made it possible for any student after they have reached a certain grade in their studies to be admitted to the university and so there is a rivalry among the boys and girls of the farm to get this education as they may be admitted to the university."

Mr. Taylor then paid his attention again to the university and the system used in spending money. "We could get nothing from them," said he, "because they say it would take three months to get together figures to show just what they were doing. There are eighty-five heads of departments at the university with smaller heads."

Post Graduate Work.

Taking the botany department as a sample, Mr. Taylor said there were five professors drawing salaries running from \$2,500 down to \$1,000 per year. Then he said that there were other teachers. He called attention to the system in vogue between state universities in which for instance a student from the Iowa university could come to the Nebraska university and take what is called a post graduate course. He is put in charge of a class and instead of paying for his course we pay him for the instruction which he is getting.

All this system he said was demoralizing and unbusinesslike. "We require the railway commission, for instance," said he, "to submit to us a list of the employees they have and the salary paid each one." Why should not the same requirement be made of the State university? "We turn over to them millions of dollars in a lump sum and only say, 'Gentlemen, here is this money, take it and spend it any way you wish, we don't care!'"

Speaking of the Carnegie method of building universities, Mr. Taylor scored the system strongly, saying it was simply a movement to build great universities for the purpose of corrupting public sentiment.

Peterson Flares Back.

At the close of Taylor's talk, Representative Peterson of Lancaster, a member of the committee whom Taylor had referred to as being influenced by university people, took the floor and hammered the Custer county statesman unmercifully. He said the committee was not ready to report. If the house wanted a committee where all of the members were dummies and the chairman the whole thing, well and good, but as for himself, he did not propose to have any impure his motive or tell him what he should do or what he should not do. "Chairman Taylor brings an indictment against the majority of the committee," said Mr. Peterson, "and on that indictment he wishes a verdict to be given by this house. He says that the university does not use the trust funds from the government in the manner they were intended to be used. I challenge him to prove the contrary."

Government Checks Up.

"The government sends men here every year to check up the use of the funds and so far there has been no complaints. I am deeply grieved that of all the departments at the university, Mr. Taylor should have selected the department presided over by Prof. Bessey, who is now awaiting the last call home at the end of long and useful career."

Mr. Peterson denied that there was any intention on the part of the committee to hamper the work of the chairman, but the work had hardly started and this was no time to come before the house just because the committee could not agree.

Nichols of Madison sent up a substitute to the Taylor motion, asking for instructions from the house whether it wanted the committee to bring in a report for an itemized appropriation. The Nichols substitute simply ordered the committee to get to work without instructions from the house and carry out the work they were appointed to do.

Much Time Wasted.

"We have spent half a day," said Mr. Nichols, "discussing a matter which is not before the house and we ought to quit and get to work."

"I want to know if this house wants our committee to bring in an itemized report or a blanket report," said Mr. Taylor.

"If you want a blanket report, say so, for I am not going to work all the session on an itemized plan when I don't know whether this house is going to want it or not."

Mockett of Lancaster said he was opposed to leaving this matter to a man who was an enemy of higher education and always had been.

Trumble of Sherman was mad. He walked up front and turned his heavy gaze on Mockett. Peterson and the rest of the opponents of the plan. He scored the university, the regents and everybody else connected with any work which kept from

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the people the right to know how their money was being spent.

University People Scored.

"Every other business on the face of the earth calls for an itemized account of expenditures," he shouted, while he shook his fist in the direction of Mr. Mockett, "and the university is no better than anybody else."

Hostettler scored the university people for trying to run things. "They even tried to make me pledge myself before the primary as to how I would vote on university removal," said he, "and they sent me a petition to circulate."

"That was not the university people," shouted someone. "Well it was the university home camp extension camp outfit, which is the same thing," shouted some other member.

"It all came from Lincoln people anyhow," yelled Trumble. Bates of the committee opposed the Taylor motion, while Cronin of Holt said it would be a disgrace not to continue the investigation.

Need of Investigation.

Liggett, another member of the committee, said that an investigation ought to be had of some kind. "Why, out at Curtis, where there is a substitution of the university agricultural school, they have spent \$107,000 the past biennium, and they only have a little over a hundred pupils, and over fifty of these are from Curtis and surrounding counties. They have even cut out the high school there, for it is cheaper to educate the students at the state expense."

Labouty disputed this, but Liggett read from the records and Labouty sat down, only calling attention to the fact that a part of the appropriation was for a new building.

Norton thought the investigation should go on, while Osterman believed the house ought to tell the committee what they wanted them to do. Hoffmeister was for the committee keeping to work.

After a great deal more talking a vote was finally taken on the Nichols motion, which carried by 25 to 15. Anderson of Boyd, Blauser, Clayburn, Conley, Dan, Elmstead, Gormley, Hornby, Hynek, Kline, Kock, Korff, Lindsey, Mears, Meyersburg, Orr, Osterman, Patterson, Reuter, Reynolds, Saw, Smith, Sorenson, Stern, Sternmeyer, Taylor and Trumble voted to sustain Taylor.

Overruled in Committee.

In the standing committee meeting Thursday, Chairman Taylor was overruled by a vote of 5 to 2 on his proposal to make the state farm and College of Agriculture independent of the university chancellor and financial department. His idea was to make Dean Burnett, the official head of the agricultural college, with the same authority over its affairs as Chancellor Avery exercises over the university. He proposed also to have a separate financial officer, and to administer all affairs of the two schools separately, subject only to the general supervisory jurisdiction of the Board of Regents over both.

When the committee voted against Taylor on this program, he announced that he would bring the question before

the house. His motion, however, did not cover the question of separate administration for the university and the state farm, but only the proposition to itemize appropriations for specific purposes.

Doctors Disagree And Bill is Sent Over the Transom

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Representatives sat back in their chairs today and enjoyed the fun while Dr. Hoffmeister of Chase county was taking a hard fall out of Dr. Meredith of Saunders.

The tilt lasted for about three minutes and resulted in killing Meredith's bill, H. R. 33, to require the burial of corpses infected with contagious diseases in airtight and water tight cement vaults or steel cases.

As soon as the bill had been read Dr. Hoffmeister moved to indefinitely postpone it. Looking over at Dr. Meredith he declared that anybody ought to know that when a corpse is buried six feet under ground no germs can escape thereafter.

"This bill is in the interest of the undertaker trust, the biggest trust in the United States, was Hoffmeister's emphatic declaration.

Replying to this attack, Meredith said that many cemeteries have wells from which water is taken for drinking purposes and that decomposed matter from corpses is likely to find its way into these wells unless precautions are taken against it. He did not believe the expense of providing vaults or steel cases would be great.

There was no further discussion. The vote to kill the bill was almost unanimous and chairman Nichols, in committee of the whole officially pronounced its demise.

Senate Will Not Meet Until Next Tuesday

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—After the usual fight by the usual minority against a long week-end adjournment the senate voted this afternoon to adjourn until Tuesday at 5 o'clock.

GATES ASKS ANOTHER CHANCE FOR ANTI-ALIEN MEASURE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Gates of Sarpy in the senate this morning resurrected senate file No. 27, his bill making it unlawful for aliens to take title to Nebraska land. The bill was reported for indefinite postponement by the standing committee yesterday morning and the senate concurred in the report under the mistaken impression that Gates himself was willing.

When the senator explained that as Senator Shaw was the author of the bill and wanted a hearing upon it.

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