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## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln—Rumors that Governor R. L. Cochran would seek a fourth term as governor of Nebraska, or that he would be a candidate for vice-president at the democratic national convention, were set at rest Wednesday, when he filed as a candidate for the United States senate on the democratic ticket. Omaha politicians, who have been working like beavers to make the 1940 senatorial contest strictly a matter pertaining to the metropolis, are said to have been somewhat taken aback by the governor's terse announcement. The republicans in Douglas county will seek the nomination of Hugh Butler, while the democrats there will do all in their power to give a clear field to Senator Burke. Mr. Butler is already organizing. As soon as Congress adjourns, Mr. Burke will start a campaign for renomination and reelection. His first address probably will be at Columbus, where he will talk to the Swiss colony and other groups.

Well-informed persons in the Nebraska colony in Washington express strong appreciation for the work of Dwight Felton as state administrator of the WPA. The Nebraska setup has been remarkably free from criticism because of politics. In fact, the only vehement outcry came from democrats who protested because republicans hold high-paying positions in the WPA. Partisanism, graft, and the charge of political activity have not been urged in official circles against the Nebraska WPA aggregation. County commissioners city boards, and groups eager to relieve local unemployment have given high praise to Mr. Felton for sympathetic co-operation in handling their problems.

Senator Norris is in better health now than he has been for the last ten years. Pictures taken on July 11, the birthday anniversary of Senator Norris, will be an agreeable surprise to his many friends in Nebraska and the nation. Senator Norris has gained in weight, and he members of the senate. Air conditioning in the senate office building and in the senate chamber brought relief from the excessive heat of Washington. Immediately on adjournment of congress, Senator Norris will go to Wisconsin. Late in September he will return to Nebraska. He will make a tour of the state before returning to Washington for the next session of congress. He laughs at the rumor that he may move to Tennessee.

Several Nebraskans have recently left the federal service and returned to their homes. Recently Thomas Lanigan was let out because of reorganization changes. Donald Gallagher, who was called to Washington several years ago as attorney for the Federal Power Commission, was left without a position for the same reason. Mr. Gallagher has opened a law office in O'Neill.

Congressman Coffee has succeeded in having a pure-seed bill passed by the house, and the measure is now pending in the senate. Congressman Coffee's measure provides that a statement of the history and origin of the seeds be printed on the container, after the manner of the pure-food and drugs act.

The effect of the Coffee bill, if enacted into law, will be most noticeable in the distribution and sale of alfalfa seed. During the last few years, Congressman Coffee declares, Nebraska farmers have been mulcted of thousands of dollars by the sale of alfalfa seeds not adapted to the Nebraska climate. These seeds are grown in southern states

and winter kill in Nebraska. Recently, a large quantity of Argentine-grown seed was sent to Utah. Truckers distributed it throughout the middle west. It was sold as northern grown, and the loss to farmers was terrific.

The Supreme Court, in its recent decision upholding the validity of the Nebraska banking law of 1935, made some important judicial history.

In 1923 the legislature created the Guarantee Fund Commission and gave it power to operate insolvent banks as going concerns and to liquidate them when it should find it impossible to rehabilitate them. The commissioners were selected from the districts. Each commissioner was appointed receiver of the failed banks in his district. In 1929, the legislature deemed it desirable to have an administrative system, so that there would be one general receiver for all banks. Eminent lawyers drafted the bill. They wished to create an administrative system, but after long study concluded that it could not constitutionally be done, and so provided for a judicial system whereby the courts should appoint the secretary of trade and commerce as the sole receiver of all insolvent banks.

The system worked well until a district judge refused to appoint the secretary as receiver and appointed a receiver of his own choice. The Supreme court sustained the district judge. Other judges then appointed receivers of their own choice. The governor and a large number of legislators then selected Franz C. Radke, Lincoln attorney, to draft a bill to create a department of banking and administrative system for the liquidation of banks by that department. But it was the opinion of eminent lawyers that such a law would be unconstitutional. Mr. Radke, however, after several months of study, submitted the draft of a bill, which the legislature passed. The new law created the present department of banking, which was given the power to determine when a bank is insolvent, then to declare it insolvent, and to liquidate it, and also to collect stockholder's liability.

and Judge Eldred of McCook held it to be unconstitutional, on the ground that it unlawfully delegated judicial power to an administrative officer, who could use that power arbitrarily. On appeal the Supreme court reversed the district court and held the law to be constitutional in every respect, because the law delegated quasi-judicial power only; and by providing for a judicial review of the rulings of the department of banking it sufficiently guarded against the arbitrary exercise of that power. Mr. Radke, who was a member of the Constitutional convention, a former legislator, secretary to the governor, and general counsel for the department of banking, by his skill as a constitutional lawyer written a law that has stood every constitutional test. We now have a unified and efficient administrative system for the liquidation of failed banks.

Perry Reed, secretary of the

state fair board, has announced that a book of ten tickets to the state fair can now be purchased at \$2.50, a 50 per cent saving to the purchaser. The regular price at the gate will be 50 cents per ticket. A ticket will admit a person to the fair, or it may be used to admit an automobile to the grounds. August 26 is the final date on which a book of tickets can be obtained. Sept. 3-8 are the dates of the fair.

Discussion of the operation of the unemployment compensation act revised by the 1939 legislature occupied a conference held in the capitol city last week by representatives of a number of trade associations and business houses and officials of the compensation division. Among the officials who took part in the discussion were R. T. Malone, director of the division, Vaughn Casler, assistant director, T. A. Griffis, chief of the benefit bureau, and John S. Sidner, legal advisor.

Possible good news for Nebraska disciples of Izaak Walton is in a recommendation recently made by Frank B. O'Connell, chief conservation officer. After spending two days in inspection of the 28 lakes in the Tri-County power and irrigation area, some of them as deep as 50 feet, and having a surface area of 2,800 acres, O'Connell recommended the placement of 25 million pike therein; also the establishment of a pike rearing station in the area.

Neil C. Vandemoor, state assistant director, explained recently that it seems unlikely that monthly payments for old age assistance and dependent children can be raised, even though the legislature did increase the state apportionment by \$600,000. Half of this, he stated, has to go for certification, state and county administration, boarding, home care, and commodity distribution. And the number of recipients is increasing so fast that it seems probable that the entire extra \$300,000 will be absorbed for new cases.

Patrick W. O'Connor, of Omaha, attorney for the Douglas county assistance bureau, has charged Director Vandemoor with failing to keep faith with the Nebraska legislature in administration of relief funds. He claims that the legislature increased the appropriation "in faith that Mr. Vandemoor would do as he agreed," i. e., pay old age assistance grants, aid to dependent children and blind aid grants, all on a 100 per cent basis.

The latest report of State Tax Commissioner Smith shows that government expenses for the state during the last biennium amounted to \$59,556,604, exceeding the estimated budget by \$4,368,611. The cost of government for the last two years exceeded that of 1935-7 by \$6,144,611. The greater part of the increase is attributed to the development of the state assistance program.

A number of improvements are under way at the Lincoln state hospital for the insane, and Rr. Richard Gray, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, has been added to the hospital staff, coming from Brattleboro, Vt. sanitarium. The new dormitory building now under construction is expected to be completed by July, 1940. This

building, according to Dr. A. H. Fechner, superintendent, will bring the hospital population up to about 1,420. A new X-ray room is being installed and the surgery and hydro-therapy department are being remodeled and renewed.

State Tax Commissioner Smith and other capitol officials predict a reduction in the new state property tax levy, which is to be set at the approaching meeting of the state board of equalization. It is thought that the last levy of 2.68 mills on each dollar's valuation may be brought down to about 2 and one half mills. Commissioner Smith reports the state valuation for real and personal taxes for 1939 at \$2,047,419,591, an increase of \$14,117,109 over the valuation last year.

The Nebraska Supreme court has upheld the ruling of the Lancaster county district court that Jack Matthews, former president of the Cosmopolitan Old Line Life Insurance Company, is still liable for \$191,300 for alleged breach of trust, even though the company was released from obligation.

Neither the state nor its subdivisions can collect taxes on Indian lands which are still under the direction of the federal government, says a recent opinion from the office of the Attorney General. The opinion stated that the taxes should be marked off the books in case the federal Indian agency should be unable to pay the taxes. The ruling was made in reply to a query made by Charles Beckenhauer, Jr., Cuming county attorney.

The registrar of the University of Nebraska has recently announced the summer session enrollment to be 2,228, which is only two less than in 1938. An increase of five is shown in the enrollment of the graduate school, which numbers 747. The largest enrollment of graduate students is found in the department of secondary education.

We think there is going to be a surplus of wheat each year from now on each year until some scientist discovers that white bread isn't fattening to the women folks.

According to the news dispatches President Roosevelt is helping to speed the Byrd trip to the South Pole to validate our territorial claims to Antarctica. That sure would be a swell place for a WPA shoveling project.

The purchase of foreign silver by the treasury department at twice its actual value has been resumed. Mexico will therefore be amply supplied with funds with which she can buy supplies from Italy and Germany.

Why wouldn't it be fair to make an epic motion picture around Custer's last fight? We have attended hundreds of western movie dramas and haven't yet seen the Indians win a battle.

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R. W. Fricke, Pastor.

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