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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln—"Hot car sales" in Nebraska will be few and far between if the expectations of State Engineer Tilley and his assistants are fulfilled when the certificate of title law goes into effect Sept. 8. On and after that date every new car must have a "birth certificate" from the manufacturer; the dealer must endorse this certificate over to the purchaser. The county clerk will issue a certificate of title. The latter document must bear on its face a statement of all indebtedness, mortgages and liens.

Full directions for the enforcement of the law have been compiled after conferences between automobile dealers, representatives of the attorney general's office, assistants of State Engineer Tilley and a number of county clerks. Blanks for the enforcement of the law are now being distributed.

Under the provisions of the act, the county clerk has important duties to perform. So have the automobile dealers and finance companies. Severe penalties are provided for infractions of the law. County Clerks are forbidden to make any erasures or alterations on the face of the certificate of title. Fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment of from six months to five years are provided for false or fictitious names, concealed addresses or any other deceit or willful fraud.

The sudden death of State Treasurer T. W. Bass unmasked a most peculiar state of affairs within the board of educational lands and funds. For several months political warfare has raged within this body. Service to the taxpayers has been reduced to zero.

Governor Cochran, Secretary of State Swanson, Attorney General Johnson, and the late State Treasurer Bass made up the personnel of the Board. Politically there was a tie.

At this particular meeting, the governor and the secretary of state refused to permit payment of \$150 a month to Assistant Attorney General Robert Nelson, attorney for the board. The latter is an appointee of Attorney General Johnson and is a republican. The discussion was acrimonious. Dr. Bass took no part in the fracas. He voted with Attorney General Johnson. Immediately after the session he collapsed in his office, his death resulting from heart failure.

The history of the board of educational lands and funds has been stormy. Bitter criticism was leveled at its business methods during the campaign to abolish the office of land commissioner. When the latter office was wiped out by adoption of the constitutional amendment, the land commissioner was dropped from the board membership, leaving but four members. Efforts to place the superintendent of public instruction on the board failed. As a result of criticism a suit was filed against certain bond salesmen and the late treasurer. After a long and fiercely contested trial, a small verdict was won by the people, but no collections were made. Judge Broady, who presided at the trial in the Lancaster county district court, declared that the financial contortions of the board during the period in litigation were puzzling, to say the least. Reporters are not admitted to the business sessions. No one represents the public school systems. Governmental experts pronounce the board of educational lands and funds a case of "publindness in the white spot."

Partisan strife also broke out between the attorney general and the state engineer's office. State Engineer Tilley refused to pay the salary of Assistant Attorney General Beck and a small part of the salary of Assistant Attorney General Don Kelley. Various department heads have appropriations for legal as-

sistance. Heretofore the attorneys have been named by the governor or his appointees. The last legislature passed a bill giving the attorney general power to name all the legal assistants. In some instances, the department heads who are democrats, have refused to authorize the payment of the salaries of the republicans. Secretary Louis Bucholz of the department of agriculture also indicated that he would withhold payment for Assistant Attorney General Rush who has been handling the legal work of that department.

State Senators Edwin Schultz of Elgin and Ernest Adams of Omaha, visiting the state house on business, declared that the next session of the legislature will be confronted by a "little Hitch bill" to prohibit state officials from using the influence of their offices in politics. Senator Schultz declared that the controversy between Governor Cochran and Attorney General Johnson had been foreseen during the last session of the legislature.

"I argued a bill to add another statutory officer to the board and thus prevent deadlocks," he said. These deadlocks are now almost continual. The duties of this board, affecting the public schools of the state, should be discharged without regard to politics."

The senators also criticized the activities of appointees of state officials in political campaigns. One election is scarcely over until the elected ones plunge into another campaign, they declared.

Petitioners for the organization of the Ak-Sar-Ben Public Power and Irrigation district have filed plans and specifications for an on-river, low-head dam across the Platte "in the vicinity of South Bend or Louisville." The plans indicate that the 25 foot dam would raise sub-surface levels as far up the river as Schuyler. The plans show a dam across the river at South Bend stopping the gap in the limestone formation which extends to the eastern section of the state. Irrigation in Saunders, Sarpy, Douglas, Cass and "other counties in southeast Nebraska" is outlined in the petition. Recreation also enters into the picture. One thousand modern, air-conditioned summer cottages are planned to rent for \$150 per cottage per season. A lake five miles long and from a half to three miles wide would be formed. Directors named in the petition are Louis F. Armbrust and Chris Thiessen of Gretna and Martin Blum, Frank Koziol, and George Vogel of South Bend. All are farmers.

R. E. Johnson of Lincoln is the architect who planned the cottages and recreation grounds. The summer homes and community buildings are to be built from native materials. The proposed improvements are to cost \$4,500,000 according to the estimates. One hundred thousand acres of land may be irrigated.

In reply to a query from State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith, Attorney General Walter Johnson has ruled that the deed must show the amount of the transaction in commercial transfers of real estate, and that county attorneys are responsible for enforcing this provision, the same as any other. The matter had been called to the attention of the tax commissioner by the finding of a county assessor that a few deeds on file failed to show the price. Assessors use the transfer figures in determining the valuation of property.

Some 300,000 students will be entering the public schools of Nebraska in September, according to the reckoning of Deputy State Superintendent Charles F. Dienst, who pointed out last week that the taxpayers' investment in the state public school system is nearly \$19,000,000. He stated that nearly half of the 14,000 teachers who will be in direct charge of instruction have been engaged in advanced study during summer sessions. The deputy superintendent estimated the kindergartners at 27,000, and the high school seniors at 17,000.

The recently expressed opinion of Justice Harvey M. Johnson of the Nebraska Supreme court that "The expert witness evil . . . is a blight on judicial administration and a discredit to the medical profession," caused the matter to be the subject of discussion at a luncheon meeting of the Interprofessional Institute Saturday. It was the general opinion that a real problem existed in the procedure of expert witnesses during trial cases. Among the remedies suggested was one by Justice E. F. Carter that expert witness fees be reduced to a par with those of ordinary wit-

nesses, and he pointed out that this would equalize the opportunities of rich and poor alike to obtain expert testimony when needed. The discussion was led by Bernard Gradwohl, Lincoln attorney.

Dr. Arthur E. Westbrook, new director of the reorganized school of fine arts at the University of Nebraska, just before he left last week for Chicago, where he served as chairman of judges for the choral finale of the Chicagoland music festival, said: "Community sings are one of the finest forms of civic recreation I know. They provide an incentive to many groups who may wish to organize a musical program for themselves. I feel sure they will be instrumental in arousing all Nebraskans to a keener interest in music. I hope many towns in Nebraska, and rural districts too, will establish their own community singing . . . Music provides a common bond for all people who participate, regardless of otherwise divergent backgrounds and interests."

For the first time in the midwest, the North American Manx association held its twelfth annual convention in Lincoln, Aug. 22-25, the Nebraska association being host to the convention. The chief purpose of the group, according to the Rev. Joseph Partridge of Kansas, Ill., national president, is to preserve the ancient heritage of true Manxians—to keep alive the legends and memories of the little island in the Irish sea among its descendants who have come to another country. A Manx cat is present as a mascot. It belongs to Mrs. John Robison of Elk Creek. The officers of the association for the last year have been Thomas C. Robison, Elk Creek, state president; Mrs. G. E. Humphrey, Crete; Mrs. T. D. Clarke, Exeter; and G. E. Abernathy, Elk Creek, vice presidents; and Mrs. J. W. Morris, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer. Among Nebraskans who were born on the Isle of Man are C. L. Kelly, Nebraska City, past president; Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. Humphrey.

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JUST A GLANCE AT THE PAST
A. Boyd, contractor.
Frank Campbell, insurance.
H. E. Thompson, county surveyor.
Peter Eberle, merchant tailor.
A. H. Corbett, dentist and photographer.
H. Wilson, boots and shoes.
Neil Brennan, hardware.
First National Bank, W. G. Palmanteer, president.
Elkhorn Valley Bank, McGreevey and Hagerty.
Heinerickson, groceries, flour, feed, etc.
J. J. McCafferty, hardware.

Forty Years Ago
August 31, 1899
E. F. Gallagher and T. F. Birmingham went down to Neligh Sunday and purchased a lumber yard. The question of steam heating for the court house is engaging the minds of our county supervisors. Republican county convention held in O'Neill and following ticket nominated: Hay W. McClure, McClure township, sheriff; J. W. Wertz, of Stuart, was nominated for county clerk; John Skirving, clerk of the district court; J. C. Harnish, county superintendent; G. H. Enson, Ewing, county judge; R.

Thirty Years Ago
August 26, 1909
At the primary election held last week the republicans cast 712 votes; the democrats 680; and the populists 360.
The Biglin implement store was struck by lightning Monday morning. Damage \$100.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Downey returned Sunday from a visit in Missouri.
Joel Parker is erecting a cottage 22x24 on Douglas street, between Fifth and Sixth street.
The foundation for the Naylor building is completed and work on the building will start next week.
Married, at the Catholic Church last Tuesday morning, Elmer Hagensick and Miss Catherine Cook.
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H. J. Zimmerman, cream separators.
W. T. Evans, Evans Hotel.
W. F. Gielish, Meat Market.

Twenty Years Ago
August 28, 1919
Mrs. H. J. Reardon and children went to Omaha Thursday morning to visit friends.
R. R. Morrison went to Omaha Monday morning on a short business trip.
Mrs. A. L. Wilcox will leave Friday for Omaha for a short visit with relatives and friends.
Miss Mayme McManus returned Wednesday from a three weeks' visit at Chicago and eastern points.
Mrs. Thomas Griffin left Sunday morning for a short visit with relatives and friends in the east and will then leave for a visit with relatives in Ireland.
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Neil Brennan, hardware.
Fred C. Gatz, meat market.
E. P. Hicks, Palace Meat Market.
O. O. Snyder, lumber and coal.
H. M. Uttley, Duroc hogs and Barred Plymouth Rocks.

Ten Years Ago
August 29, 1929
Miss Genevieve Biglin returned to Sioux City Saturday, after a short visit with relatives here.
A. T. Crumley, the watermelon king, residing ten miles east of O'Neill, brought a few nice melons to the editorial rooms last Saturday.
P. J. Biglin returned home last Friday from a month's trip to the west with his brother-in-law, John Daily and sons.
Chief of Police ordered residents to cut weeds or be arrested.
The C. E. Martin family had a reunion at the ranch northeast of Chambers.
Joseph Cuddy and Miss Zita Donohue were united in marriage

On Thursday of last week. Rev. B. J. Leahy performing the ceremony.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonough on Wednesday of last week.
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Leo Bazelman, Neil Brennan, Brunswick Tires.
Velvet Tobacco.
J. B. Mellor, Ford Cars.
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Warner & Sons, United States Tires.
Seth Noble, Coal, Lumber and Paint.
C. W. Howard, Auctioneer.
L. G. Gillespie, loans.
John L. Quigg, loans.
Sam A. Arnold, O'Neill Laundry.
J. D. Cronin, lawyer.
Dr. W. F. Finley, physician and surgeon.
Dr. L. A. Carter, physician and surgeon.
Dr. Fouts, veterinary.
Hammond Abstract Co.
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Dr. H. Margaret Frost, Osteopath.
Dr. O. K. Tickler, veterinarian.
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