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## Main Problem of New Legislature Is Dealing With Liquor Problem

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Of the many important problems with which the next legislature must deal, the man on the street seems to be most interested in what procedure the state will take in handling liquor. A somewhat hastily gathered consensus of opinion is that the only way to put the bootlegger out of business is to make the price of legal liquor low enough that the illegitimate vendor cannot compete with much of a profit to himself.

Governor Herring, of Iowa, has come to the conclusion, after watching his state attempt to control the liquor traffic since last June, that "take the private profit out of the hard liquor business and our state setup will be orderly and systematic."

The Iowa governor intends to ask the next state legislature to place the control of the beer dispensing business in Iowa under that state liquor control commission. He issued an ultimatum last week to county officials to see that beer and liquor control laws are enforced or face ouster proceedings. Governor Herring also linked with his enforcement drive the announcement of his intention to appoint in the near future a special committee of state legislators to study and report on alleged abuses of the state liquor control law by beer vendors. All of this is of vital interest to Nebraska as many legislators are studying the Iowa system in view of adopting it, or something closely akin, in this state.

Governor-elect Roy Cochran, now on a post-election vacation is studying the liquor plan in Colorado and other states thru which he will pass. The state has made the price of liquor so low in Colorado that the bootleggers are compelled to cart their wares into Nebraska to make a profit.

Mayor Towl of Omaha has instituted a plan whereby research will be done extensively with a view to gathering information and making recommendations to the state legislature in the drafting of state liquor laws. He believes that no state or community has yet hit upon a system of liquor regulation that has proved satisfactory. "I believe Nebraska will have to work out a system of its own, he declares. "The new laws should look to elimination of the bootlegger, and to regulations that would offer an inducement to legitimate dealers."

John Havekost, Hooper, veteran democratic legislator in the lower house, stated while in Lincoln recently that he favors state control with a permit system to regulate purchasers and a ban on drinking at places where bottled liquor will be sold. Officials of the Nebraska Beverage Dispensers association suggest that Cochran appoint a commission to study state control in other places and report to the legislature in January.

A move to persuade the legislature to make both sale of liquors and pari-mutuel betting state monopolies has been launched by Barton Green, defeated candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator in the August primary election, and former Lancaster county republican chairman. Green would have the revenue go to persons above 60 years old who have been residents of Nebraska 10 years. His plan would provide funds for the old age pension law which is certain to come up for revamping in the next legislature.

As prohibition repeal now stands, Kansas will be the only neighbor of Nebraska to prohibit liquor. South Dakota voted wet in the recent election, while Wyoming virtually did so, voting yes on a referendum which started the machinery for ultimate legalization. Iowa, Colorado, Missouri and Minnesota already had liquor.

Twenty-nine of the 48 states have legalized liquor under state control laws. Fifteen have statutory prohibition (this includes Nebraska) subject to the will of state legislatures now in session or soon to convene. Three, including Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, still have both constitutional and statutory prohibition, and while Kansas voted to remain dry, the chances are that

the other two will vote the other way when their time comes. One state, Wyoming, has neither a dry law nor a constitutional ban against liquor, but will have no control statute until next March. The only three states that have voted dry are Kansas, North Dakota and South Carolina.

## Father of Mrs. S. J. Weekes Dies At Omaha

Judge Charles T. Dickinson, father of Mrs. S. J. Weekes of this city, died at his home in Omaha last Monday afternoon. Judge Dickinson had visited at the home of his daughter here many times, and was well known to the residents of this city, who will regret to learn of his passing.

Mrs. Weekes went down to Omaha last week and Mr. Weekes went down last Saturday night, so they were at his bedside when he passed away.

The following account of his last illness and his life work is taken from the Tuesday morning issue of the Omaha Bee-News:

"Charles Thaddeus Dickinson, 80, veteran Nebraska attorney and holder of many public offices in former years, died Monday afternoon at his home, 2574 Fort street.

"He was stricken with a paralytic stroke ten days ago and suffered a heart attack, the immediate cause of his death.

"He served eight years on the bench of the district court of the Fourth judicial district and on his retirement from that office was engaged in the practice of law in Omaha, where he lived since 1903.

"Judge Dickinson had an exceptional career in Tekamah, where he lived from 1884 until he moved to Omaha. He served as mayor of Tekamah two terms, served as judge of the county court two terms and was prosecuting attorney one term before the district judgeship.

"When he was but twenty-two years old when he was elected mayor of New Richmond, Ohio, his early home and birthplace. Judge Dickinson received his early education and law training at the Cincinnati Law school at Cincinnati.

"He was a member of the Omaha Bar association, the Nebraska State Bar association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Shrine, Knights Templar, Scottish Rite, Tangier Temple and was a 32 degree Mason. He was a reader at the First and Third Christian Science churches in Omaha.

"Judge Dickinson had been in good health until his recent illness and had been actively practicing law, specializing in settling estates. His office was located at his home the past three years.

"Surviving are his son, David W. Dickinson, of Omaha, and his daughter, Mrs. S. J. Weekes, of O'Neill.

"Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Haynes-Christian-Scott Mortuary. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park."

## Details of Corn-Hog Program Soon Ready

Word has been received from Dr. A. G. Black that details of the 1935 corn-hog program will be announced shortly after Thanksgiving. Advance information indicates the contract will call for hog production up to 90 per cent of the 32-33 base with a payment of \$15 per head on the number reduced. The corn acreage is not to exceed 90 per cent of the base period with a payment of thirty-five cents a bushel on estimated production of retired acres. Each individual can receive payments on reduction up to 30 per cent below the base period corn acreage. Unrestricted use of contracted acres shifted from corn is to be permitted except as it affects other adjustment programs. If this program goes through as contemplated only signers would be eligible to seal corn from next year's crop under the corn loan act. More details will be announced in the near future.

The O'Neill Project Club met at the home of Mrs. John Melvin on November 7. Twenty-one members were present. The lesson, "Food Needs at Low Cost," was given by Mrs. Harrington and Mrs. Miller. The Club's next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Protivinsky. After the lesson Mrs. Uhl and Mrs. Porter served lunch.

## Young Attorney Will Handle Business Of Late M. F. Harrington

Cedar County News: Raymond W. McNamara, young Hartington attorney who gained statewide notice for himself and Cedar county last summer as the "candidate from hell for attorney gener-ell" leaves Hartington this week to take over the practice of the late "Mike" Harrington, pioneer Nebraska lawyer, at O'Neill.

McNamara reverses the legend of the small town boy who made good in the big city. He is the local boy who returned from the city and in 14 months broke into civic and professional leadership in his home town and made a name for himself in state politics.

After spending most of his boyhood in Hartington, he enrolled in Creighton university at Omaha where he received his law



RAYMOND W. McNAMARA

degree in 1928. After practicing law for five years in Omaha, he located in Hartington in August last year.

With a growing reputation as a lawyer, he leaped into prominence in May when he filed for the democratic nomination for attorney general of Nebraska. Altho defeated, he received over 20,000 votes in the August primary, practically without campaigning.

Elected secretary of the Cedar county democratic central committee, he extended his political activities in the fall campaign to include a stumping tour of northeast Nebraska as a representative of the state central committee in speaking for the New Deal.

It was his campaigning activity which led directly to the offer he received about ten days ago to take over the Harrington practice at O'Neill.

Since the death of Michael F. Harrington over a year ago, the business has been handled by George Harrington Jr., recently Harrington Jr., received a federal appointment which takes him to Washington as counsel for the new communications commission. His departure makes room for McNamara at O'Neill.

While in Hartington McNamara was appointed attorney for the receiver of the First National bank at Hartington and Crofton, and local attorney for the Burlington railroad. He was elected secretary of the reorganized Hartington Chamber of Commerce and of the county democratic central committee as well as first president of the Northeast Nebraska Creighton Alumni club.

McNamara will complete unfinished legal businesses in connection with his practice here and will make frequent visits to Hartington for consultation with his clients.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary McNamara of Hartington and brother of County Surveyor W. C. McNamara.

The members and friends of the Methodist church had a big Church Night supper at the church Monday evening, eating at about 7 p. m. There were more than 100 present and after the big feed a short program followed. The program: Solo by Mrs. Pete Heriford; solo by Miss Ruth Kroemer; a reading by Miss Hunt. The audience joined in a sing fest featuring Negro spirituals. All the newcomers were introduced. A social evening followed and all report a good time.

## O'Neill Will Have An FERA Sewing Center

The City of O'Neill has been so kind as to rent a building to be used for a commodity store house and sewing center.

The sewing center is supervised by Miss Viola Keller, of Chambers, Nebraska, who is adequately trained for this position, having a degree in home economics. Miss Keller is supervising a group of 15 ladies who are being paid through relief funds. They are making comforters, sheets, nightgowns, papamias and other articles of clothing to be given to relief clients as they are needed in return for work.

If anyone in the community has a sewing machine that they would care to loan to the sewing center, they may be assured that it will be greatly appreciated and that the machine will be well taken care of. Anyone who wishes to furnish a machine may do so by notifying the Relief Office.

We are making an appeal for old clothing that can be mended or remade into garments suitable for distribution by Relief authorities. Anyone having old garments which they wish to discard may do so by calling the relief office, No. 47, or leaving them at the Arbutnot house, which is directly across from the Library, on any week day between the hours of 9 and 5.

Doretha Montgomery,  
Federal Relief Worker.

## Mrs. Anton Nimic Dead At Spencer

Mrs. Anton Nimic, aged 51, died at her home at Spencer, Nebr., at 9:10 Tuesday morning, after an illness of several months of cancer. The funeral was held in this city at 2:30 and interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Nimic was born and raised in this city, her maiden name being Clara Zimmerman, daughter of the late Henry Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman. She had been a resident of Boyd county for about 30 years, going there immediately after her marriage. She leaves to mourn her death, besides her husband, three grown children and one little boy eight years old, her mother and three brothers, besides a host of friends in this city and in Boyd county.

## Tariff On Farm Products

There is a good deal of talk about the possibility of agricultural importations, as a result of the shortage of production in this country during the season just closed, says the Omaha Journal-Stockman. A reader wants to know what present tariff protection amounts to, and we are appending the list with the thought that it may be of interest to many right now:

Wheat flour	.....\$1.04 per 100 lbs.
Wheat	.....42c per bu.
Corn	.....25c per bu.
Oats	.....16c per bu.
Rye flour	.....45c per 100 lbs.
Rye	.....15c per bu.
Barley	.....20c per bu.
Flaxseed	.....65c per bu.
Buckwheat	.....25c per 100 lbs.
Bran, Shorts, etc.	.....10 per cent ad.
Hay	.....\$5 per ton.
Straw	.....\$1.50 per ton.
Hogs	.....2c per lb.
Cattle	.....2 1/2 to 3c per lb.
Sheep	.....\$3 per head.
Wool	.....29 to 32c per lb.

A tariff schedule that would let in a lot of stuff would of course have the effect of reducing prices in this country. On the other hand, there is the argument, more or less popular right now, that our entire tariff schedule should be lowered to permit other nations to tell us so that we can sell to them, and also so they can make some headway toward paying us what they owe. Some people think a good idea would be arbitrary tariff rule lodged in the executive branch of the government to permit rapid shifts in the tariff to meet changing conditions. But tariff changes are always upsetting to business and therefore costly. It is highly desirable that they be as infrequent as possible.

## Can Any Remember This Far Back?

The Frontier received a letter from Earnest Beaver, of Deaver, Wyoming, the first of the week ordering this disseminator of cur-

rent events sent to him for the ensuing year. Ernest and his wife were residents of this county for many years and still have many relatives in the county. He has been a resident of Wyoming for many years, but he still has a very warm spot in his heart for the old home, where he spent his boyhood and young manhood.

He also enclosed a clipping telling of the critical illness of one of the pioneers of Fergus county, Montana, which appeared in the Billings Gazette as a special from Lewiston, Mont. The writer cannot recall any family named Burke living in this county in the very early days, but a couple of families of that name came here in the early eighties, remained for a few years and then moved on. This man is supposed to be 72 years of age and he claims to have been born in this county. We reprint the article for the benefit of our readers as some of the very old timers may recall a family of that name, although there were but very few people living in this county, or this section of the state at the time of his birth in 1862. The item follows:

"D. J. Burke, railroad builder, hotel owner and former state representative, who has been in the hospital here the last week, was critically ill Saturday night.

"His niece, Mrs. Kate Stangeer, will arrive here Sunday morning from Chicago.

"Burke is one of the best known and reputedly the wealthiest resident of Fergus county. He is a native of Holt county, Nebraska, about 72 years of age, and builder of railroads in Nebraska, Wyoming the Dakotas and Kansas. He constructed all of the Milwaukee branch lines out of Lewistown.

"He once was candidate for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor of Montana."

## Laura Marie Cress

In the early part of the 19th century there was born at Frankfort, in the valley of the Rhine, a young German by the name of Peter Weingartner. Leaving home at an early age he crossed the Atlantic in the great tide of immigration and took up residence in Quebec, Canada. Here he wooed and wed a young maiden of Viking blood by the name of Anne Marie Kromstrom and to this union were born nine children. The third child was Laura Martha Cress nee Kromstrom, born in Quebec, Canada, on December 3, 1860.

Mrs. Cress was truly of pioneer stock. Her activities were varied and the area of them extended from Quebec to California. Her mother died when she was only eighteen and the responsibilities of the household fell on her shoulders. From Quebec the family moved to Hanover, Illinois, where Mrs. Cress worked in the woolen mills. There she learned to spin and weave, an art in which she was very accomplished and even after she reached the age of sixty she returned to Hanover to spin and weave just for the relaxation and to renew old acquaintances.

In the trek west after the civil war the family moved to a farm near Neligh, Nebr., at which place she met and wed Eugene Henry Cress. To this union were born two daughters and one son, Martha, Lucille and Gerald, all living. She was left a widow with these three children when they were only ten, six and four years.

With true christian courage she faced the task of rearing and caring for her family. Christianity was a part of her daily life; she not only believed but she lived her religion. Early in her life she was afflicted with the Presbyterian church and her later years were spent in the Baptist faith. She was also a staunch member of the W. C. T. U. Her life was always cast on the side of righteousness and was filled with the spirit of love, sympathy and helpfulness. She had a fine optimism and a sense of humor which had carried her over difficult places in her life. She spent her life doing for others and creating beauty with her own hands in spinning, weaving and sewing.

Faced with the necessity of rearing and educating her children, she engaged in business. She operated hotels, restaurants, general stores and even homesteaded a farm in

western South Dakota and was successful in her undertakings.

About a year ago she returned from California, where she had spent some ten years, to the scene of her greatest activities and took up her residence in Lincoln. She felt that her time had come. With true Christian faith she set her house in order. She was ready to answer the heavenly call as she stated many times during her brief illness. She had only gone before to prepare a place for her loved ones.

She also leaves to mourn her passing along with her children four sisters: Mrs. E. R. Riley, of Inman; Mrs. J. A. Naylor and Mrs. Art Boehme, of O'Neill and Mrs. George Winters, of Hanover, Ill.; two brothers, Philip and J. F. Weingartner, of Rockford, Ill. Besides there are three grandchildren: Gene Burnett, of Lincoln and Gene and Jimmie Cress of Mason City, Iowa, together with other relatives at a host of friends who knew and loved her.

## Holt County Voters Give All Amendment Questions Good Vote

One of the surprises of the recent election was the great majority given for repeal in this county. According to the official abstract of the votes cast in this county, published on another page of this issue, repeal carried in the county with a majority of 1,789 votes. Every precinct in the county voted for repeal except the following nine: Chambers, Dustin, Francis, Golden, Paddock, Wyoming, Josie, Antelope and Holt Creek. Of the precincts voting against repeal they all voted strongly republican, except Golden and Paddock.

The amendment for the one house legislature carried with a majority of 1,352. This amendment carried in every precinct in the county except the following seven: Dustin, Paddock, Steel Creek, Swan, Willowdale, Wyoming and Holt Creek.

The amendment to legalize pari-mutuel betting on horse races in the state carried the county with a majority of 1,489. This amendment carried in every precinct of the county except six, losing in the following five, Chambers, Lake, Verdigris, Wyoming and Holt Creek, and tying in one precinct, Francis, with 21 for and 21 against.

The adoption of the last two amendments was one of the surprises of the election as those well informed did not think there was a possibility of either of them being adopted.

## Hospital Notes

Miss Margaret McCarthy went home Friday evening.

John Lynch, of Lynch, was admitted to the hospital Friday morning, he expects to remain for some time.

Mrs. John Ballantine, of Page, entered the hospital Sunday afternoon and was operated on Monday afternoon for a serious major operation. At present she is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

A very interesting meeting of the Teachers' Study Center Institute was held last Saturday. The next meeting will be held in O'Neill on Saturday, December 1st, at 9:30 in the O'Neill Public School Building. County Superintendent.

## CARD OF THANKS

Thru the columns of The Frontier we wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their many expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of our beloved husband and father. We are truly grateful, also, for the many beautiful floral tributes of remembrance.—Mrs. L. C. McKim and children.

The Superior Journal, of Superior, Nebr., the paper upon which Clyde Templeton was working, was sold last week to a gentleman from Kansas. The editor died a couple of months ago and the paper was sold by the administrator to close up the estate.

There is on be an election in the Saar next January and one of our readers writes in to ask what and where it is. The Saar is the place the Saar-kraut comes from.

## Patrick Stanton Dies At An Omaha Hospital

Patrick Stanton, 76, one of the pioneers of northeast Nebraska, died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha last Sunday night, of pneumonia, following an operation for the removal of a leg. An infection in one of his legs, caused his removal from his home at Tilden to the hospital, where it was decided that an operation was necessary.

Pat Stanton was a frequent visitor to this city, where he had many friends. He was a charter member of the O'Neill council of the Knights of Columbus and for several years never failed to attend an initiation, not only here, but at most of the different lodges in the state. He was a genial companionable man and had a host of friends in all parts of the state.

He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and came to the United States when he was only seven years of age. He had been a resident of Madison county for nearly sixty years. He is survived by two sons, Pat, Jr., and Steve, both of Tilden, and four daughters, Miss Tillie and Miss Anna Stanton, both of Tilden, Mrs. Frank McGahn, Lincoln, and Mrs. Kate Kieley, of near Tilden.

The funeral was held last Wednesday morning at Tilden and a large delegation of the local members of the Knights of Columbus went down from this city to attend the services. The following O'Neillites were present at the funeral: R. R. Morrison, H. J. Reardon, Thomas Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. John Protivinsky, F. J. Biglin, P. C. Donohoe, P. J. McManus, H. J. Hammond, R. E. Gallagher, M. H. Horiesky, John C. Gallagher, J. H. McPharlin, Frank Phalin, W. J. Hammond, F. J. Dishner, J. F. O'Donnell, H. E. Coyne, H. J. Bauman, Mrs. Anna Jordan, Pat Regan, James Carr, M. R. Sullivan, Robert J. Marsh, Frank Barrett and Dr. W. J. Douglas, of Atkinson.

## Frontier Advertising Has Drawing Power

H. F. Stahl, who was in the city Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week demonstrating the de-Graff Machineless Electric Permanent Waver, is convinced that The Frontier as an advertising medium cannot be equalled in this section of the state. Last week he ran a small advertisement in this paper announcing that he would be in this city the first three days of this week, at the Fox Hotel, and to call there for appointment. He said that there was so much business lined up for him when he got here that he will have to come back Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, in order to take care of the numerous applications he had received. The management of the Fox Hotel will make appointments for him until his return.

## SIMEON L. STINEMETES.

Simeon L. Stinemetes, 86, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ray Martin, in this city this afternoon about 5 o'clock, of pneumonia, after an illness of but a few days. The date of the funeral has not been set, as they are waiting for word from his children, who reside in Washington, Ohio and California.

Deceased came to this county 16 years ago from Atlantic, Iowa. For the past couple of years he had been making his home with his daughter in California, returning to this city about two months ago and, since his return, had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Martin. He leaves to mourn his death one son and three daughters. The children are: Edwin Stinemetes, Chelan, Wash.; Mrs. Mary M. Brothen, Glendale, Calif.; Mrs. Ray Martin, O'Neill and Mrs. Roy Dewitz, Cleveland, Ohio.

## TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

As next Thursday is Thanksgiving we are going to try and go to press on Wednesday afternoon so that we can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, and we wish our correspondents would send their items in not later than Tuesday.

Attorney Lyle Jackson and County Attorney Butterfield, of Neligh, were transacting business in this city last Tuesday.

One kind of business that always picks up in the winter time is the trading of baseball players.