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NEBRASKA NEWS OF STATE AFFAIRS

By James R. Lowell

Governor Cochran's budget to the legislature last week calls for \$33,056,810, of which the legislature is asked to provide \$11,616,064. In his provisional budget, Bryan asked for \$11,628,085 from tax sources, but Cochran's recommends \$16,479 more in his total budget than Bryan did.

Among the major items in the Governor's budget are \$3,584,600 for the state university, compared with a recent request for \$4,164,600. This about \$230,000 more than the institution got last year. Board of control, \$3,914,880, or \$500,000 more than appropriated by the 1933 legislature; teachers' college, \$1,264,500, or \$60,000 more than last biennium; supreme court, \$204,500, or \$10,000 decrease; district courts, \$555,500, or \$3,000 increase; deaf school, adult education, normal training, etc., \$222,000, or \$6,000 more than 1933-35; improvement at state institutions, \$320,900, or \$140,000 decrease.

The \$33,056,810 total budget from all sources compares with \$39,287,913 received in 1933-35.

Two of the few remaining important appointive offices of the state government have been filled by Governor Cochran. C. W. Eubank, 37, world war veteran, and district highway engineer at Lincoln for the state roads and irrigation department, has been named as the new member of the board of control for the six year term beginning July 1. He succeeds Mrs. Nellie Benson. Eubank is the youngest man ever named to the board of control since its creation in 1913. He formerly lived at North Platte.

V. B. Kinney, editor of the Omaha labor publication, the "Unionist," has been appointed Nebraska labor commissioner succeeding Cecil E. Matthews, who held the post four years under Governor Bryan and has been holding over under Governor Cochran. This post pays \$3,000 a year, while the board of control job carries a stipend of \$4,200 per year.

Public hearings will be held during February at Lincoln, Columbus, North Platte and Hastings, to clear the deck for action under the pending \$4,880,000,000 appropriation in congress which is to put 3,500,000 to work at gainful employment. Nebraska's share is expected to be \$35,000,000 in two years, providing the state meets FERA Director Hopkins' request that \$4,000,000 be raised for relief cooperation. The public hearings will be sponsored by Nebraska's newly created state planning board, and worthwhile projects which could utilize federal works funds will be considered.

The governor has appointed a 13-member commission to consider the proposed national parks area on the Oregon and Mormon trails, extending from Bridgeport to old Ft. Laramie in Wyoming. This section of the state already has a national monument in the form of the Scottsbluff project. FERA officials and the people of the Scottsbluff area are now considering ways and means whereby Ellis Burman, youthful Lincoln sculptor, can be retained to prepare a huge Indian statue to be mounted on a promontory on the national monument. Burman has completed one Indian Statue group and is preparing a 15-foot Indian statue which will be placed in a Lincoln park, all of this work being done as a FERA "white collar" work project.

"The song is ended but the melody lingers on" where the state treasurer's bond case is concerned. Hall's \$10,000 premium was satisfactorily arranged for last week, allowing \$1,528,246 in dammed up pay checks to pour forth into the hands of 2,000 state employees who had gone payless since early in January.

A new suit thru which it is hoped to clarify the status of State

Treasurer Hall has been filed in the supreme court. Meanwhile a proposal to prevent any repetition of the tangle, by having the state bond all public officials in Nebraska, has been passed by the house and brought before the senate. Governor Cochran has put the weight of the administration behind the drive for state bonding of public officials, and has also urged that steps be taken to reduce the cost of bonds required by contractors on public works. In a special message to the house last week, the governor delivered a stinging rebuke to bonding companies for their part in closing the treasury for 24 days.

BRIEFLY STATED

Mrs. Frank Pribil, Sr., Mrs. Josephine Stewart, John Pribil and Fred Vitt, of O'Neill, and Casper Pribil, of Inman, were here Thursday to attend Grandma Fiala's funeral.—Spencer Advocate.

Joe Boyle was in from the Boyle Ranch 12 miles southeast of Chambers several days ago and he reported his father, Patrick, Sr., ill several weeks, no better. It was planned to move the sick man to Page.

Mrs. Homer Mullen entertained the Delta Deck Club Wednesday night with dinner at the Grand and later on cards at the home of her mother. Miss Inez O'Connell, Mrs. H. J. Hammond and Mrs. Ira Moir won the high score and prizes.

Mrs. L. C. Chapman and Miss Ruth Simpson drove down to Omaha last Saturday visited relatives and looked after business matters, returning home Monday evening. While away Mrs. Chapman purchased her stock of spring dresses for her style shop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Carson moved to this city last Friday from the eastern part of the state and will make this city their future home. Mr. Carson is district repair manager for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, with headquarters in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conrad and children, of Long Pine, stopped in the city last Tuesday for a short visit at the home of Mr. Conrad's brother, Rev. D. S. Conrad. Mr. Conrad and family were on their way home from a visit with relatives in central Iowa.

Alex Searl, one of the pioneer lawyers of this section of the state and a resident of Holt county for over 50 years, died at his home in Atkinson on Wednesday of last week following an illness of several years. Mr. Searl was 90 years of age at the time of his death and had practiced law in Atkinson for 34 years.

Harry Jaeggars, formerly engaged in the restaurant business in this city and who has been operating a cafe in Columbus for the past year, was in the city last Friday and Saturday visiting old friends. He recently sold his cafe at Columbus and is now looking for a suitable location to again enter business.

A. T. Crumley, living northeast of this city, was in the city Wed-

nesday and favored this office with a pleasant call. Mr. Crumley says they got another large coyote last Friday, that put up quite a fight before it gave up the ghost. Mr. Crumley is of the opinion that coyotes they have been capturing this last fall and winter must have a good deal of wolf blood in them as he says they are more vicious in a fight than were the coyotes of a few years ago.

Sheridan Simmons was over at Yankton, S. D., last Friday and talked to the people of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota over the radio. Sherd rendered a song and recitation and seemed to make a hit with the people around the station, judging from the applause that greeted him at the close of his broadcast. Sherd evidently likes to talk to a "mike" as he was back again on Tuesday afternoon for another broadcast, and, as before acquitted himself with eclat.

Zeb Warner and Al Strube returned Wednesday afternoon from California, where they had been enjoying the sights and scenery for the past two months. California sunshine was too much for Zeb and he became ill, and is mighty glad to get back to good old Holt. He remained at the home of his daughter at Chambers, where he will rest up for a few days after his journey. They made the trip back in three days and a half, which is some traveling for this season of the year.

The Frontier's special subscription offer expired last Saturday and hundreds of our readers took advantage of our offer, which ran thru the month of January. During the month we added a great many new readers to our already large list. In fact we believe that we added more new subscribers during the month than all the papers in the county have added during the year. Many thanks dear readers for your liberal response during these times of economic distress.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Young, of Omaha, arrived in the city last Saturday evening for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin. They left Sunday evening for Creighton, where Mrs. Young has a lot of seed corn for sale, the property of the estate of her father. Mr. Young served about seven years as a deputy United States marshal under the writer and he is still holding the position, being the only one of the old force that is still on duty at the federal building in Omaha.

The groundhog could see his shadow last Saturday and not half try. It was a lovely day as were Sunday and Monday, and many were of the opinion that the ground hog story was another mythical story of the olden days. But it turned a little colder Monday night and was quite cool Tuesday, and some of the doubters began to wonder if, perhaps, after all, there might not be something to the story. Let us wait and see what the next six weeks brings in the way of weather.

Floyd Crawford, who was a resident of the northeastern part of the county for several years, was before United States Commissioner

Dishner last Friday charged with a violation of the internal revenue laws. He was arrested by treasury agents at Valentine, his present home and brought here before the nearest U. S. Commissioner. His bond was fixed at \$2,000 which was furnished Friday and he was permitted to return home. His case will come up before the United States district court at Norfolk at the fall term.

THE CORN BELT IS THREATENED

The corn belt is threatened by foreign competition, warns the Omaha Daily Journal-Stockman. "Corn and corn products have admittedly been vitally important in the making of modern America," this Corn Belt publication continues. "This wonderful grain has not only contributed most liberally to the creation of our domestic wealth and progress but corn products have always constituted much of the foreign trade of the nation. Today, partly by reason of last year's severe drouth and partly, no doubt, because of the government's crop reduction program, our domestic and export business in corn and corn products has dwindled to pitifully small proportions.

"A story of our commercial statistics today would seem to show that, once the world's greatest exporter of grains, the United States within the last year has been converted into an importing

nation, opening up a new market to foreign countries which formerly competed with us for world markets. Today the United States is buying corn and oats from Argentina, rye from Poland and Russia, and even has brought in wheat from France, Argentina and Canada.

"Just during the last week Argentina shipped 1,831,000 bushels of corn and 462,000 bushels of oats to this country. Despite the 25 cents a bushel duty which is imposed it has been found profitable to buy Argentine corn for use in this country, which has long been the world's dominant producer. Present prospects indicate that the United States will purchase considerably more corn before the next crop is harvested in this country.

"Ordinarily the United States produces all of 60 per cent of the world's corn and uses the greater part of it right here at home. This year, because of the smallest corn crop in forty years, prices have advanced to levels that make Argentine imports possible. That country is reported to have 391,000,000 bushels available for export and our large cities on both coasts have been importing great quantities of this grain from South America.

"All of which simply goes to show that not only is the supremacy of the United States as the leading corn-producing nation threatened, but American agricul-

ture is menaced at a vital point. The American wheat grower has been almost put out of business by other wheat-production countries and the events of the past year demonstrate that the Corn Belt will soon feel the blighting influence of foreign competition.

"The answer to this serious situation certainly cannot be found in a program of further crop reduction and price boosting. Only a greater use of this wonderful grain for domestic purposes and a broader market abroad for maize and its products can save the corn growers of America. Cotton has been dethroned, wheat has been dethroned by world competition and unless the government acts wisely and promptly corn will also lose its throne and its kingdom in the next few years."

District Court Filings

E. H. Luikhart, receiver of the Citizens Bank of Stuart, has filed suit in the district court against Alberta Hoffman, et al., seeking to recover judgment on a note for \$1,764 given to the bank on January 27, 1930. In their petition they allege that there have been



two payments made on the note, both in March, 1932, one for \$50.78 and the other \$262.06. They allege that no other payments have been made and that there is now due thereon the sum of \$2,261.94 and they ask judgment for that amount and costs of suit.

They shot a couple of Rhinelanders in the Sarr campaign every day, and yet they told us that Kentucky was a rough place to hold an election.

Most of the statesmen who are demanding that Henry Fletcher resign, unlike the chairman, didn't get on the firing line until the shooting from the enemy was over.

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