

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

(Continued from page 4.) chairman of the commission select- as republican nominee, and his closest contender will be Harry W. Scott of Lincoln, the editors believe.

Secretary of State: Harry R. Swanson, incumbent to win the democratic domination. However, the republican contest is much less clear cut, with George C. Snow of Chadron being given a slight edge over George L. Williams of Lincoln for top honors. Ralph S. Smith of Lincoln will place third, if the straw vote is correct, with John D. Forsyth of Niobrara, Ralph S. Moseley of Lincoln, and William Burkett, of Omaha, also in the running.

State Treasurer: The democratic contest appears to be any man's race, but H. J. Murray, present deputy who has been running the office for the past few months is

slightly favored in the poll. Close competitors are Walter H. Jensen of Lincoln and Cecil Matthews of Lincoln, while James M. Roncka, Omaha, and Fred Brecht, Falls City, look best in the eyes of a few of the editors. It will be "no contest" for T. W. Bass, former state treasurer in the republican contest. Sixty-eight editors agree he will win, Crawford J. Mortensen of Ord looks like a winner to 10 editors, and five pick William E. McCloud of York. Ernest M. Bair of Lincoln is the only other candidate mentioned as a possibility.

State Auditor: Fred C. Ayres, incumbent, will be the democratic nominee, or the editors are badly mistaken. A few of the editors pick the youthful William H. Price of Omaha as a possible winner, apparently in the belief that many voters will mistake his name for that of the late William B. Price who died in office. George W. Marsh of Lincoln gets 77 votes on the republican side, and Harry L.

Babcock, Lincoln, gets 2.

Attorney General: This appears to be the "dog fight" of the election. Democratic—Francis V. Robinson, Lincoln, 27; Paul Chaney, Falls City, 26; Richard Hunter, Omaha, 12; and Fred G. Hawxby, Auburn, 5. Republican—R. O. Johnson, Lincoln, 32; Clarence M. Davis, Ord, 31; and Golden P. Kratz, Sidney, 12.

In the republican contest for attorney general there are no burning issues, so the vote will be based on personalities. R. O. Johnson, who served his time in the school of hard knocks, financing a university education by working in the Havelock railroad shops, is conceded to be one of the best campaigners anywhere on the republican ticket, as well as being assured of a large labor and Swedish vote. His closest opponent, Davis, can count on votes, however, for the name which another Clarence Davis once carried into the attorney general's office.

The race for the railway commission has the largest number of candidates of any contest on the primary ballot. Hugh Henderson Drake apparently is assured of the republican nomination, but the element of chance and blind voting enters largely into the democratic ticket with its eight candidates.

Another candidate who has raised a vital issue in the campaign is Anton H. Jensen, running for governor on the democratic ticket. He has a "For-Nebraska" program wherein he would amend the state constitution so as to eliminate taxation of many tangible items such as household goods, tools and farm implements, and impose a tax bill on all property and money under franchise as listed upon public records.

Mr. Jensen would pass a "For-Nebraska-Prosperity-Act" providing for taxation of thousands of concerns taking money out of the state without paying a penny of

taxes. "If a company under jurisdiction of the state railway commission is worth \$10,000,000 for purposes of rates to the public, why isn't that company also worth \$10,000,000 for the purposes of assessment?" he asks.

Still another issue of immense interest to the state, especially the voters of the 1st district, is whether the state university should have a woman upon its board of regents. The woman who would break a precedent and attain that honor is Bertha Roach Smith of Lincoln, experienced educator, holder of two degrees from the state institution, and mother of a boy attend Nebraska university. She thinks a more intimate knowledge of what the university is and is trying to do on the part of Nebraska parents would be more germane to the development of the institution than political lobbying.

Finally, in the 43 legislative districts there is a difference as among candidates. Without excep-

tion there are one or two in each district who are outstanding as compared with others who have filed. The quality of legislation enacted by the first unicameral legislature will depend directly on the quality of the legislators, so it behooves every voter to satisfy himself that the vote he will cast will be an intelligent one.

Next Monday will mark the first time that Thomas Jefferson's birthday will have been observed officially in Nebraska, as the result of a bill passed by the legislature in 1935. Incidentally, considerable interest is attached to this event, in view of national politics wherein republicans and democrats alike are claiming Jefferson for their own.

Thomas Jefferson was born April 13, 1743, and held many high positions of state before becoming president. He is known as the great believer of democracy, and maintained that "Those who labor

in the earth are the chosen people of God, if ever he had a chosen people, whose breasts he made his peculiar deposit for substantial and genuine virtue."

By proclamation of Governor Cochran, Jefferson's birthday is to be observed this year by displaying the flag of the United States on all public buildings, and with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

The trend instate banking circles is distinctly upward, according to reports issued recently by the state banking department. Altho there are still more than 250 failed state banks now in receivership, there has been no bank failure in Nebraska during the past year.

There are now 301 state banks operating, a gain of four since the beginning of the fiscal year July 1. Altho there are approximately 100 less banks than existed in 1932, their condition is healthier, Bank-

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Sample Democratic Primary Ballot, April 14, 1936

National Ticket

For President

Vote for ONE

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

For Vice President

Vote for ONE

JOHN NANCE GARNER

For Delegates at Large to National Convention

Vote for FOUR

HOBERT L. BLACKLEDGE

I. J. DUNN

For Alternates at Large to National Convention

Vote for FOUR

For Delegates to National Convention—Third District

Vote for TWO

P. H. PETERSON

SEYMOUR S. SIDNER

For Alternate Delegates to National Convention—Third District

Vote for TWO

ELLA ULRICH

ADOLPH E. WENKE

For National Committeeman

Vote for ONE

DAN V. STEPHENS

TERRY CARPENTER

EDWARD R. BURKE

For National Committeewoman

Vote for ONE

EVELYN A. RYAN

For United States Senator

Vote for ONE

TERRY CARPENTER

GEORGE E. HALL

EMIL E. PLACEK

JAMES C. QUIGLEY

State Ticket

For Governor

Vote for ONE

R. L. COCHRAN

ANTON H. JENSEN

For Lieutenant Governor

Vote for ONE

WALTER H. JURGENSEN

EDGAR HOWARD

For Secretary of State

Vote for ONE

HARRY R. SWANSON

OTTO E. DUDSCHUS

B. F. PERRY

For Auditor of Public Accounts

Vote for ONE

FRED C. AYRES

EDWARD J. WOUOLF

WILLIAM H. PRICE

For Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings

Vote for ONE

HARRY E. REAVIS

ARTHUR E. OLSON

CHARLES M. JACK

For State Treasurer

Vote for ONE

WALTER H. JENSEN

H. J. MURRAY

FRED BRECHT

CECIL MATTHEWS

JAMES M. RONCKA

For Attorney General

Vote for ONE

PAUL P. CHANEY

FRED G. HAWXBY

FRANCIS V. ROBINSON

RICHARD C. HUNTER

For Railway Commissioner

Vote for ONE

GEORGE L. GOOD

FRANK J. RIHA

WARREN R. POOL

JOHN P. SULLIVAN

BUEHLER METCALFE

BEN M. JOHNSON

F. A. GOOD, Lincoln, Nebraska

B. E. FARLEY

Congressional Ticket

For Congressman—Third District

Vote for ONE

JOHN HAVEKOST

S. TOLEDO SHERRY

Precinct Ticket

For County Supervisor—Second District

Vote for ONE

ROBERT E. TOMLINSON

ORA L. ROBINSON

For County Supervisor—Fourth District

Vote for ONE

LOUIS W. REIMER

MIKE ROTHERHAM

For County Supervisor—Fifth District (To fill vacancy)

Vote for ONE

J. H. GIBSON

For County Supervisor—Sixth District

Vote for ONE