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POLITICIANS INTERESTED IN PAPER SWITCH

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thus preventing the name of Norman Thomas from going on the Nebraska ballot as socialist candidate for president. Mr. Thomas who addressed the meeting, said his socialist friends in this state would attempt to get his name on the ballot as an independent candidate by organizing a petition campaign.

Nebraska republicans are planning to make a day of it next Thursday, July 23, when notification ceremonies for Governor Alf Landon are held at Topeka. A number of Nebraskans are planning to visit the Kansas shrine that day, going by special train.

The threat of new taxes and especially of a general sales tax apparently put the damper on the proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit use of gasoline tax funds for any other purpose than highway construction and maintenance. Approximately 60,000 signatures were needed but only about two-thirds of the necessary names could be obtained on the petitions.

This was the second initiative proposal to fall by the wayside this year. The Nebraska Anti-Saloon league recently abandoned a petition drive for a vote in November on prohibiting sale of liquor by the drink.

However, Nebraskans are certain of having the opportunity to vote on two proposed constitutional amendments this fall. Both were submitted by the 1935 legislature. One proposes to abolish the state land commissioner as an elective officer, but even in this amendment carries it is likely that the incumbent, Leo Swanson will be legally able to hold on to the office for the

remainder of his present term. The second proposal that will be voted on would repeal the double liability of state bank stockholders. The Nebraska State Bankers association is making plans to get out and campaign for adoption of this constitutional amendment.

Nebraska's governmental finances are in the limelight again, chiefly due to the fact that the state closed its books this month for the fiscal year with a balance of \$20,621,930 in cash and investments. The total balance with various federal allotments taken into consideration was \$21,621,930.

It is interesting to note that the total of direct taxes levied for Nebraska and subdivisions is \$44,000,000, compared with \$68,000,000 in 1927 and \$40,000,000 in 1934. The total of direct and indirect taxes in Nebraska stands at \$87,000,000.

Our sister state, Kansas, has received considerable publicity of late for economy of its state government under Governor Landon. The records make Nebraska look very good in comparison, however.

Nebraska has no bonded debt or outstanding warrants. Kansas has a bonded debt of \$19,000,000 and an over-all levy of .74 mill to meet maturing bonds and interest on bonded debt. Kansas has a state income tax, a cigarette tax and a tonnage tax, which are not found in Nebraska. The average levy in a Kansas subdivision is 24 mills—in Nebraska less than 20 mills.

Kansas pays annually in auto license fees \$3,500,000—Nebraska pays \$1,900,000. These figures do not imply that Kansas has not a relatively economical state government. It has, but state government in Nebraska is more economical.

South Dakota has a bonded debt of \$46,000,000, requiring \$3,500,000 a year for interest and bond retirement. South Dakota will be in the red on its present debt until 1951.

Iowa has a sales tax, income tax, inheritance tax, etc., and a large bonded indebtedness. Ten million dollars in general property taxes were replaced by raising \$15,000,000 in new taxes. Now the general property tax has gone back to the old figure and in addition local levies as a rule have been increased. Colorado and Wyoming have sales taxes. The deduction is that Nebraska is a pretty good place to live where state finances are concerned at least.

The increased cash account balance in the Nebraska treasury this fiscal year over last was due to improved payment of taxes and to reduced appropriations for several

state activities, according to Deputy State Treasurer H. J. Murphy. Farmers especially were better able to pay current as well as delinquent taxes last year than the previous annum because of increased market prices.

Figures compiled by Tax Commissioner Smith indicate an increase of at least \$35,000,000 in the grand assessment roll of the state this year as compared with 1935. Judging by the 51 counties that have already filed returns, the total will be in the neighborhood of \$210,000,000.

This evidence of progress being made toward recovery in Nebraska includes gain in both tangible and intangible property. Mr. Smith said. The former, including real estate and personal goods, is about 1.7 per cent up; the later, about 6 per cent.

Railroads as a group, which are separately assessed, have been raised to \$148,286,095 from last year's figures of \$145,736,852. The Union Pacific accounted for \$2,836,867 of this increase.

Motor vehicles are responsible for \$5,001,748 of the \$13,445,768 increase in the 51 counties reporting. The percentage gain in this division is 38.

The grand assessment roll of \$2,030,243,533 last year marked Nebraska for all time. This year the low point of property values in 1934, but during the boom period it will be back up to where it was in 1925 to 1929 the aggregate was in excess of three billions.

The State House Ween in Review: The official audit of the state liquor commission's books shows total revenue from all sources during the year just passed was \$1,605,595. Expenses of the commission were \$162,739.

Invalidation of the 1935 tax liquidation law by the supreme court lowered the batting average of the two legislative sessions last year. This was the second delinquent-tax-forgiving bill passed by the legislature and both have been killed along with seven other laws of 1935 vintage. A tenth law that was questioned is now pending in supreme court, an eleventh was killed by a lower court and a twelfth is pending in district court.

EMMET ITEMS

Howard and Dewey Newton left for Chambers Sunday, where they will be employed.

Miss Margaret Cuddy spent Sunday at her home in O'Neill.

Orville Banks had the misfortune getting quite badly bruised when a car slipped off the jack onto his feet.

Guy Cole made a business trip to Atkinson Wednesday.

Jim O'Connor has opened his beer parlor for business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell and Peggy and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett and son, James, spent Sunday at the Harry Little home in Wausa, Nebr.

Following is a report of the sale of livestock at the Atkinson Livestock Market on Tuesday, June 14:

Heavy receipts of pigs and continued dry weather forced a further decline in hog prices. Pigs were most affected selling in a range of 6.15 to 7.50 a hundred. Thin sows sold from 6.00 to 6.65 a hundred, while good packing sows brought from 6.65 to 7.15. Medium weight butchers brought from 8.65 to 9.05, while the best top butchers sold in a range of 9.15 to 9.30.

The cattle market carried a somewhat better tone than last week, especially all butcher cows, fat heifers, canners and cutters. Little or no change in stocker cattle. Best fat cows sold at 3.75 to 4.60 while 3.25 to 3.65 bought most of the cutters, with canners bringing from 2.65 to 3.15. Milk cows from \$36 to 45.00 a head, stock steers and heifers from 4.00 to 5.35 a hundred. A fairly good demand for horses, with prices steady to somewhat higher than a week ago.

AS I SEE IT!

Well, the republican and democratic conventions are over at last. Not much accomplished except they just nominated a couple of fellows for president. The republicans built a real platform, while the democrats decided to do away with theirs. It was all torn up anyway. Landon was the unanimous choice of the republicans, so the democrats thought it a good idea to nominate their candidate in the same way. You can't outdo the democrats, no sir, they are good at borrowing other people's ideas.

Sincerely
 An Observer.

Mrs. H. J. Birmingham and children and her father, C. E. Stout left last Monday for Chicago where they will spend a couple of weeks visiting relatives and friends.

SOUTHWEST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders
 A new radio has been installed at the Riley home.

Mrs. Coolidge was a guest of Mrs. Fryreer Monday.

The ultra wets are still much concerned over the forgotten boot-legger.

Lillian Coolidge helped with the cooking at the Young ranch during threshing Monday.

Mrs. William Carpenter and daughter Wanda are guests at the Elliott Carpenter home.

An additional 300 head of South Dakota cattle have been received at Mike McCarthy's.

Two light showers the past week here in the southwest. That hot sun doesn't let it last long.

M. S. Young of Dresdan, Kan., brought in 44 head of cattle for pasture at his son's, the E. E. Young place.

About the only thing the non-partisan ballot has accomplished is to have made a lot of political side steppers.

Holt county has seen nothing yet. One province in China reports five million of its inhabitants have perished from famine.

The southwest has nearly enough hay left over to sustain the stock interests here. This year's crop will be available for needs elsewhere.

If the democrats nor the G. O. P. haven't what you want, there is the socialists, prohibitionists and union party in the field with platforms and presidential candidates.

The southwest is not interested in splitting hairs as to whether the government issues the currency direct or through the banks. Just give us plenty of it.

Partisan prejudice is not confined to adherents of political parties. With a frenzy worthy of a better cause disciples of a Nebraskan that has outlived his usefulness are having his name go on the ballot by petition.

Simultaneous with the statement of the cost of a modern airship—over \$100,000—comes the announcement that the Model T, in a somewhat modified type, is coming back and will sell for \$250. I'd be interested in the latter.

Raymond Bly, a resident of Swan precinct, is employed on the highway construction out of Amelia. Handling four on a fresno is not a picnic at 108 in the shade. You furnish your own shade by means of a big hat when working on the highway.

With unlimited funds with which to carry on federal and state experiments do a lot of things that are not only impractical but prohibitory on the individual farm. The southwest for years has taken care of "soil erosion" by letting it alone. By this method not many seasons pass until the "eroded" spot is grassed over.

Our esteemed friend J. A. R. has expressed himself in print again in large measure. Perhaps somewhat dull of perception, I do not get the full drift of this last onslaught; yet it is clear a tender spot was touched in my brief reference to the mother of six walking nine miles a day and laboring under the dictation of a New Deal sub chief. It is enough to have made the pigs at J. A. R.'s blush. To allay any disturbance of his mental tranquility and sense of justice a foreign subject is introduced. He is grieved at heart that two capable young republicans—husband and wife—are doing something worthwhile to ease the credit situation among stock growers and farmers in Holt county, through the medium of a corporation that is not beholden to any political faction. John's reference to his hog returns during war time prices when common laborers were receiving \$7 a day is amusing. But no reference is made to Mr. Wilson's large loans to European governments that have not and probably will not be paid. Perhaps it is well he has made his stake on hogs. Weaned pigs were being offered the other day for a dollar. Maybe 50 cents by today. Our concern may well transcend the price of farm animals under this president or that president. Shall we survive as a free people or surrender the heritage of our fathers bought at the price of blood and tears?

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Junior Sunday school 9:00.
 Senior and primary Sunday school 10:00.
 Morning worship 11:00.

Evening service 8:00. This will be a union service. Special music is being prepared for all of the services. We urge all to be present Sunday because the summer vacation begins with the following Sunday.

H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Leone and Leroy Spindler and Elverton Hayden were guests at the Herbert Rouse home near Inman on Sunday.

The Old Settler's Picnic meeting was held Saturday evening at the Meek store. The picnic will be held August 18 in the grove on the Clarence Simonson place, where it has been held for the past several years.

Mrs. Charles Griffith and daughter, Opal Jean, have been visiting at the Frank Griffith home the past week.

Those who spent Thursday evening at the Frank Griffith home were Bill Fosburg and Helen Spindler, of O'Neill; Mrs. Charles Griffith, of North Platte; Mrs. R. D. Spindler, Leone and Leroy; Mable and Lucille Jones; Walter Devall and Elverton Hayden.

Ralph Rausch is recovering from an attack of appendicitis. He is staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. William Hubby.

Mrs. C. E. Griffith and daughter, of North Platte and Mrs. Frank Griffith and Cecil, were guests of Miss Maude Rouse on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Langan and children were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. E. H. Rouse.

Mrs. Charles Griffith and Opal and Mrs. Frank Griffith and Cecil, were supper guests at the Elmer Devall home.

Some from here enjoyed a fishing trip to the Niobrara river a few nights ago. The water had been shut off at the dam and several large catfish were easily caught.

Funeral services were held at Spencer for Hans Storjohann on Monday. Mr. Storjohann formerly lived in Holt county but had lived at Spencer for several years where he was engaged in the general mercantile business. He leaves many friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

SPECIALS

July 17 - July 24

COFFEE
 Super Vacuum, 1 lb can 25c

CORN FLAKES
 Large package 10c

ICE TEA
 Glass tumbler 09c

CLEANSER
 Lighthouse, 3 cans 10c

KLENIT
 Pumice Soap. You can clean from 600 to 800 pairs of greasy hands with each pound, only 45c. Small size 10c

OLEOMARGARINE
 2 pounds 35c

Try a pound of our Star SALAMI, pound 25c

BALOGNA
 Pound 15c

J. P. PROTIVINSKY

The Modern Shop

I will open the Modern Beauty Shop in the old Nebr. State Bank Building, entrance on Fourth St.

Sat., July 18

I have equipped the shop with new and modern up-to-date equipment, and will be pleased to receive a share of your patronage.

ELMA EVANS
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The O'Neill National Bank

of O'Neill, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business on June 30, 1936.

Published in response to call made by Comptroller of Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 87,645.54
Overdrafts	68.29
United States Government obligations, direct and-or fully guaranteed	198,541.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	87,552.46
Banking house, \$3,050.00. Furniture and fixtures, \$1,520.00	4,570.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	1.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	\$102,079.43
Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	206,879.52
Other assets	308,958.95
	1,038.65
Total Assets	\$688,375.89
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$283,174.37
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	114,788.93
State, county and municipal deposits	125,023.75
United States Government and postal savings deposits	953.85
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	29,756.32
Total of above five items:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and-or investments	\$ 40,577.61
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and-or investments	513,119.61
(c) Total Deposits	\$553,697.22
Capital Account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100 per share	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits—net	34,678.67
134,678.67	
Total Liabilities	\$688,375.89

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure United States Government obligations, direct and-or fully guaranteed \$ 46,000.00
 Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts) \$ 46,000.00
 Pledged:
 Against public funds of states, counties, school districts or other subdivisions or municipalities 46,000.00
 Total Pledged \$ 46,000.00

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss:
 I, S. J. Weekes, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 S. J. WEEKES, President.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of June, 1936.
 [Seal] MARJORIE DICKSON, Notary Public.
 My Commission expires June 5, 1941.
 Correct—Attest: Emma Dickinson Weekes, E. F. Quinn, F. N. Cronin, Directors.

(This bank carries no indebtedness of officers or stockholders.)
 MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION