

PARTY GROUPS ARE HOSTILE TO SINGLE LEGISLATIVE BODY

Truckers And Railway Commission Come To An Agreement On Regulation Measure.

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln, Nebr.—Bicameralites, eager to restore the old regime in legislation in the state, are quietly organizing for a major drive against the unicameral. The lobby, never more pissant than this year, is solidly against the new system. An effort will be made to get as many groups as possible to condemn the new system.

Both the major political parties are hostile. The summary execution of the bi-partisan primary amendment bill aroused the anger of both the republican and the democratic organizations. Following this action came a favorable opinion for the election of county officials on a nonpartisan ballot. Next was the legislative approval of the short ballot.

The unicameral has proved a menace to party organization. Take the county officials out of the picture, and remove the railway commission from the partisan ballot, and the inroads into political prestige will be terrible indeed. When the suggestion comes that the state offices be reduced to Governor, Lieutenant governor, and comptroller, the chronic party worker shrieks with pain.

Efforts will be made to secure resolutions of disapproval of the unicameral within the next few weeks. Overtures are now being made to farmers and laboring men.

Without any clash of cymbals, the proponents of better local government are making headway in the legislature. County government in Douglas and Lancaster will be chastised, and legislation reducing and curbing local expenditures will be passed in some form. Heretofore such legislation has been opposed by the party machine.

"We hope the legislature will not overlook the additional needs of the state agricultural college arising from increased enrollment, nor the necessity of maintaining personnel on salaries that will induce them to remain at Nebraska. The help of this department has been beneficial and has aided the growth of this cooperative group-processing, one of the most successful products of the farm." This is a part of the resolutions adopted by the Nebraska Co-operative creameries at their convention last week. A resolution to the 1939 legislature. Expenses are provided by a \$15,000 appropriation.

"Something must be done to simplify government and reduce its cost," insisted Aros Thomas of Omaha, and as a result of his earnest insistence, LB524 has been approved by the legislative appropriations committee. The bill provides for a commission composed of five public-spirited, unsalaried persons selected by the legislature to investigate state and county departments and to report its findings to the legislature. Expenses are provided by a \$15,000 appropriation.

LB50 which provides for the regulation and licensing of itinerant peddlers, has been advanced to select file in the legislature. Provision is made for an annual license fee of \$25, an annual occupation tax of \$10, and a surety bond of \$250 to guard customers against fraud. Itinerant peddlers of trademarked products are exempted. The measure was advanced by a vote of 27 to 6. Its supporters claim that the bill is intended for the protection of small-town merchants against so-called unfair competition.

The seven toll bridges along the Missouri river are to remain toll bridges, it seems, since the defeat in the legislature of the free bridges resolution introduced by Robert Armstrong of Auburn and others. Opponents of the measure claimed that if the state purchased the bridges, as proposed, money would have to come out of the gasoline tax fund, and that that was needed for interior roads.

After long discussion, Nebraska truckers and the state railway commission have ironed out their differences, and a bill has been placed on the legislative general file pending power to regulate trucking within Nebraska in the hands of

the state railway commission. Among the exemptions to regulation under this measure come buses which are operated in connection with street railway systems, motor carriers hired to transport school children, those operating wholly within a municipality, taxicabs, and all farm vehicles used in the transportation of the farmers' own commodities. Permits are to be issued to truckers operating before April 1, 1936. The original permit will cost \$10, and there will be a renewal fee of \$5 annually for each truck operated.

Cattle Show Upward Trend In Sale Held Tuesday At Atkinson

Atkinson, Nebr., March 23—Altho it was raining and travel slowed by slippery roads, one of the largest crowds of the season attended the local auction sale here last Tuesday. Over 800 cattle, 275 hogs and 55 head of horses made up the days offering and altho bidding was very spirited and selling moved along at a rapid rate the sale was not concluded until 9 p. m. The market generally was a big 25 cents higher and closed very strong.

Choice steer calves from Valentine sold at 8.55; another load from Bassett at 8.50; best yearling and two year old steers at 7.00 to 8.35; even reds and roans selling at 5.50 to 6.75; choice fat cows at 7.00 to 7.50; good butcher kinds at 5.00 to 6.50; fleshy heifers at 6.00 to 7.50; stock heifers at 5.50 to 6.50; canners and cutters at 3.25 to 4.50; bulls at 5.25 to 5.65.

The hogs sold about steady at last week's sharp advance. Best fats at 9.75 to 9.95; sows at 9.00 to 9.45; feeder pigs all weights at 8.00 to 9.65.

Altho prices were no higher, a little more interest was shown in horses with only four no sales being called out of the 55 head offered. Next auction Tuesday, March 30 at 12:30 p. m.

Soil Conservation Meetings Started

Meetings are being held in the various precincts this week for the purpose of obtaining "Statements of Intentions" from producers for their 1937 farming operations, especially those who will be interested in the 1937 agricultural conservation program.

Producers should note carefully if their bases are satisfactory and if not contact their community committee or county committee at one of these meetings.

Holt county producers should especially note that they are automatically considered in the Dryland area unless by May 1 they make specific request to be considered a general Cornbelt farm, on which they will comply by getting a stand.

Ranchers interested in the range program should sign up at the meeting in their precinct. Meetings will continue next week in the various communities as follows:

March 27: Iowa-Antelope, Allen School Dist. 128; Atkinson, at Memorial Hall.

March 29: Sheridan, Memorial Hall; Saratoga-Coleman, Phoenix Store.

March 30: Grafton, Old Court Room; Scott, Town Hall.

March 31: Chambers-Shamrock, Town Hall; Rock Falls, Vequist School.

April 1: Willowdale, District 96; Swan-Josie, Swan Lake Store.

April 2: Conley, District 120; Shields, Town Hall; Sand Creek, Celia School.

April 3: Steel Creek, District 4; Inman, Finkbine Bros. hardware.

School Board Petitions Are Being Circulated

Petitions are being circulated in the first of the week placing in nomination for members of the school board at the coming election, Dr. H. D. Bennett and Miss Anna O'Donnell. They are at the present time members of the board and their time expires this spring.

John Davis, who has been an employee of the O'Neill Hatchery the past three years, resigned his position last Tuesday for the week and has started to work for the Miller Bros. Chevrolet company as a salesman. John is a hustling young man, lots of pep and energy, and will make good in any line of work.

Holt County Wool Growers Organized

Wool growers of Holt county met in the court room at O'Neill Saturday, March 20, and decided to organize a county association. There will be no membership fee in the organization and its express purpose will be to sponsor 4-H sheep clubs, hold ram shows and exchanges, assist wool growers in marketing their wool, discuss problems of sheep feeders and assist in the distribution of bags and twine.

Officers elected were: Henry Vequist, O'Neill, vice president; James Curran, O'Neill, president; F. M. Reece, secretary, who with J. I. Blair of Ewing, and Walter Sire of Inman, will constitute the Board of Directors.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

While the supreme court reform row is occupying the center of the stage at Washington the politically wise boys are pulling strings in Nebraska. It seems that the idea of appointing assistants to federal judges other than the supreme justices is meeting with favor in many parts of the country. If there should be an appointment in the South Platte territory, the politicians do not mean to be caught napping. The names of Legislator Charles Dafeo, Ralph O. Canaday, Paul F. Good and C. J. Campbell are most frequently mentioned. J. C. Byrnes still holds the place of United States Marshal by reason of a bench appointment made by Judge Donohoe. Just what will happen to Mr. Byrnes, the Washington political dopesters decline to state.

A three-fold program for state government during the next two years was advocated by Governor R. L. Cochran at a public affairs luncheon held last week at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. He urged a continuance of the five-cent gasoline tax for social security and the federal-state highway building program; the shifting of responsibility for the care of the poor from the state back to local and private agencies; and a ten-year state building program for the University of Nebraska and other state institutions. "A sound, gradual, and intelligent program," comments J. E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Daily Star.

At an international symposium on early man recently held in Philadelphia as a part of the 125th anniversary celebration of the Philadelphia academy of natural sciences, a paper by Dr. A. L. Lugin, geologist of the University of Nebraska, and member of the Nebraska geological survey, was presented, calling attention to the importance of Nebraska as a field for anthropological research. Dr. Lugin said in part: "Western Nebraska, as an area, has yielded the richest results to date, and will in all probability continue to reveal the most convincing evidence of the antiquity of man in this country. And just as significant, the deeply eroded canyons of the high plains area of western Nebraska offer the world the greatest opportunity for dating these discovered evidences of human habitation. The importance of this area is due to the loess deposits (dust from ancient dust storms) which connect the glacial formations in eastern Nebraska with the elevated terraces in the high plains to the west. No other state offers such an easily distinguishable multiplicity of soil formations."

W. B. Banning, director of the state department of agriculture, attended two meetings of the Nebraska Potato Grower's association last week, one at Scottsbluff, and one at Alliance. At Alliance, dry-farming of the potato was mainly discussed, while at Scottsbluff, irrigated methods were considered.

State Engineer A. C. Tilley and Governor R. L. Cochran attended a hearing at McCook last Tuesday on the plans made for Republican river flood control by army engineers. The plans provide for a series of dams along tributary streams, and are much like those made by the Nebraska planning board. (Continued on page 4, column 4.)

Will Close Stores For Three Hours On Good Friday

Following a custom established here a good many years ago, the business places of the city will close Friday noon and remain closed until 3 o'clock, in observance of Good Friday.



Half A Billion for Dog Food

There are a lot of dogs in Washington that have better care than children. There is a parade around town nearly every evening with people leading dogs on the leash, as they are not allowed to run loose in this town. The latest figure members have is that \$547,000,000 is spent for dog food every year in the United States.

Chief Justice Smiles on Lemke

Congressman Lemke recently appeared before the Supreme Court where he argued in favor of his farm moratorium bill. He spoke for thirty-five minutes and was not questioned by the justices. It was noticed that Chief Justice Hughes smiled kindly to this man. Congressman Lemke was there to show his bill is constitutional.

Fear Relief A Permanent Problem

The general impression gained by members of Congress from discussion with department chiefs is that the relief question will continue to be the big question in congress for years to come. Conversations with these chiefs indicate that they feel that the relief program will be made permanent in our future government set-up. They feel that we will continue to have around six and a half million relief units on our list and that permanent relief works programs will be the order of the day for our future. Some indications are that annual appropriations of over two billion dollars for relief can be expected.

Washington Sees Millions in Cherry Blossoms

For a month now, the commercial club and other business organizations have been carrying on a big publicity campaign about the Japanese cherry blossoms here. They will bloom in the springtime and remain in blossom about two weeks. From now on folks at home will be reading in the newspapers and magazines the stories of these blossoms. They will be hearing about them over the radio and they will be seeing pictures of them in the rotogravure sections. The railroads and steamship lines, airplane companies, bus lines, hotels and others are now in the heat of the campaign to bring people here to see the blossoms. They estimate they can attract 500,000 people to look at the blooms. The flowers will be pretty but the real idea is to bring people here. It will make millions for the Washington merchants.

Court Proposal Compromise Is Rumored

The supreme court fight continues to overshadow everything in Washington. Crowds of women and men jam into the supreme court building to get a glimpse at the nine justices. Crowds jam into the senate committee room to listen to the hearings on the President's supreme court bill. The same bill is in the hands of the House committee but it is merely being held there because the House committee is waiting to see what happens on the senate side.

There are all kinds of rumors and reports flying around the congress about what will happen in this court fight. One report which is prevalent today is that the whole matter will result in a compromise and that this compromise may make its appearance around next August. If this compromise goes thru it would result in giving the President power to add only two more new justices to the court.

This addition would not be flexible and the number would remain at eleven justices instead of nine and the President's demand for "prompters" or "assistants" to the justices would not be carried out. In any event, the matter is one

which is mere speculation, but the fight is one which every member of congress is watching with minute attention.

Diplomats Crowd Washington

Conspicuous is the word for the number of foreign diplomats and foreign business men in Washington today. Old time members say there are as many of these foreigners in the nation's capitol today as there were during the war. Many of the central and South American countries have delegations numbering twenty to fifty here today. Many Canadians and European and Oriental business men and diplomats are here. These do not take into account the usual number of diplomats at regular embassies.

Most noticed are the Central and South American people. One whole floor in a big hotel here is taken up by delegations from one central American market. Some are here regarding tariffs. Some are here to discuss boundary lines but there are some who agree that there is something bigger in the wind. With the countries of the world, including America, appropriating great sums of money for arms and ammunition it is frequently said that a great world conference is in the making and that perhaps the seat of that conference may be the United States.

Believe Feed and Seed Aid Assured

As a result of considerable work in the third congressional office, the feed and seed loan situation for Nebraska drouth counties will probably be relieved with the culmination of the campaign to sensitize the "powers that be" in Washington to the fact that the suffering in the third district in Nebraska, as a result of the crop failure, is as bad or worse than the suffering caused by the recent floods in the Ohio-Mississippi valley.

Delegations from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Missouri were here for several days working out the details for more leniency and more money for feed and seed loans in the drouth counties.

The third congressional office made it possible to call meetings of the Prairie States group, where a sub-committee was selected to see the Secretary of Agriculture and also the President himself to whom arguments for the needy farmers in drouth counties were presented.

The President, who has gone to Warm Springs, Ga., left the matter in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture and it can be said that as the result of this work some relief will be given to our district from which hundreds of complaints have been received. The President in the near future will send to the "hill" a request for more emergency relief funds to be given to the WPA which has spent a lot of money, which was hoped to be spent in the drouth districts and the Ohio-Mississippi flood area. This will indicate that more WPA money will be available in the near future. The agriculture office will probably work out details to give relief for feed and seed.

Believing that this situation has now been solved, several members of congress are working on farm legislation and giving their attention to backing a bill to provide funds for the eradication of noxious weeds, especially bindweed, which is and has been doing so much damage to Nebraska farmland. C. Y. Thompson, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau of West Point, is taking a leading part in informing the farmers in Nebraska about what is being done and what can be done to eradicate bindweed. This is a question on which the Prairie States group has been working for two years.

Nebraskans Present Need for Aid

Among the Nebraska delegation here on the feed and seed question were Everett Winter, state secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; W. H. Brokaw of the Nebraska Agricultural college; E. W. Rosier of Hartington, and Professor Gramlich, also of the Nebraska College of Agriculture. These men report that hundreds of farmers are quitting the farm business in Nebraska. Members have hundreds of telegrams, letters, and many resolutions indicating deplorable conditions on farms in the state.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Birds of America by Persanson; Etiquette by Eichler; The Outline

of History by Wells; How to Write Letters by Crowther; Practical Everyday Chemistry by Bennett; The Care and Handling of Dogs by Leonard; Selected Prose and Poetry of Kipling; The Complete Works of O. Henry; British Agents by Lockhart; Prison Days and Nights by Nelson; Test Pilot by Collins; The Travels of Marco Polo by Komroff; The Heart of A Dog by Terhune; Count Lunckner the Sea Devil by Thomas; Treasure Island by Stevenson; Practical Amateur Photography by Davis; Animals of America by Anthony.

Holt County 4-H Club Members Invited To Aberdeen Angus Show

Monday, April 5, the State Aberdeen-Angus Breeders association is holding their annual show and sale. They are also sponsoring a Junior Judging contest to which all 4-H club members of Holt county are invited. This annual event is to be at Columbus, Nebr.

There are six sheep clubs and one Feeder Calf club already organized and one or more members from each club will be taken to the contest by Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece. Livestock clubs already organized will be led this year by O. R. Yarges, Stuart; Lloyd Thompson, Atkinson; John Tipton, Atkinson; Henry Vequist, O'Neill; Mrs. W. J. Fronek, O'Neill; Luke Rakow, Page, and Irwin LaRue of Ewing.

BRIEFLY STATED

F. J. Biglin drove to Norfolk this morning after Mrs. Biglin and son, Joseph, who were returning home from Omaha. On account of the storm the train was held over at Norfolk and Mr. Biglin went to Norfolk after them.

Mrs. F. J. Biglin and son, Joseph, returned to day from Omaha where they had been the past three weeks while Joe was receiving medical treatment for his eye. The eye has been responding to treatment but he is expected to return to Omaha next week for another term of treatments for three weeks or more.

John Medairy, of Omaha, an auditor for the state PWA arrived in the city last Sunday night to complete the final audit for the government on the court house. Monday evening he was called out of the city to work on another project, but expects to return at the end of the week and complete the Holt county project.

U. S. Civil Service commission has announced an examination for Automotive Mechanic, Soil Conservation Service at \$1,680 per annum. For information in regard to the requirements and the character of the examination, and for application blanks, apply to Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, postoffice, at O'Neill, Nebraska.

Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell went to Omaha last Friday and James went down Sunday to be with their daughter, Mrs. Z. W. Credle, who was operated on in a hospital there Monday for an attack of appendicitis. The operation was successful and Mr. O'Donnell left Omaha for home last night, but the Northwestern passenger was annulled at Norfolk, so he will be back some time today.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Donohoe returned Sunday afternoon from David City, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Donohoe's brother, Daniel Holland, which was held Saturday morning. Mr. Donohoe said they had a lot of snow south of us last week and that it was piled up in drifts along the highway in the vicinity of Albion and that the roads were not in very good condition in that vicinity.

C. B. Yarnall went to Holdrege last Sunday to attend the funeral of E. E. Brown, president of the Brown-McDonald Company, owners of the chain of Golden Rule stores throughout this and adjoining states. The funeral was held Monday and Mr. Yarnall returned home Tuesday night. Mr. Brown had been in the general mercantile business in Holdrege for many years and was one of the most prominent merchants in the state.

O'CONNELL DRAWS A THREE TO FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

Ainsworth Trio Sentenced to One Year In the Reformatory For Tool and Parts Theft.

The trial of the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Frank Sesler of Emmet, on trial at the time of going to press last week was concluded Thursday afternoon and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, Friday morning. Sesler was tried for having accepted liquor knowing it to have been stolen and the complaint fixed the value of the liquor at \$75. In returning their verdict of guilty the jury fixed the value of the liquor at \$34.

Judge Dickson sentenced Sesler to serve thirty days in the Holt county jail and pay the costs of the prosecution, amounting to about \$125. He is now serving his sentence in the county jail.

Last Saturday morning Dale Herring, Everett Ensley and Ernest Cornish, all of Ainsworth, who were arrested the forepart of March for having stolen some tools and equipment from the parked car of J. R. Jarvis in Atkinson, and who were arrested and brought to this city on March 3, and plead guilty to the offense against them before Judge Dickson in district court March 4, were sentenced last Saturday by Judge Dickson to one year in the state reformatory.

George O'Connell of Emmet, who was convicted by a jury in district court last week of having assisted in the stealing of a quantity of liquor from the Weber liquor store at Atkinson last November was sentenced to the state reformatory to an indeterminate term of from three to five years.

Mrs. Mary Bausch, who was arrested last August charged with attempting to perform a criminal operation upon a young Holt county woman and who entered a plea of guilty to the charges preferred on Sept 12 last, was before the court for sentence. She was sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$500. Mrs. Bausch started serving her Nov. 12 last, was before the court sentenced Monday. Mrs. Bausch claims to be 76 years of age.

Trains And Busses Delayed By Snow

Weather in this vicinity has been quite cool the past week. It started to rain Monday and continued intermittently until Wednesday, shortly before noon, when it turned to snow and continued most of the afternoon and into the night. The snow fall here was very light, however, but in parts of the state it was very heavy, reaching a depth of one foot at Chadron, and to a depth of several inches in the eastern part of the state.

Wednesday night the west bound Northwestern passenger train was stopped at Norfolk and no mail reached this city Wednesday night or this morning by either bus or train.

According to Weather Observer Bowen the precipitation here was .58 of an inch, the heaviest rainfall in this section in several months. A great deal of rye was sown in this county last fall and much of it never came up, on account of the dryness of the soil. Farmers believe that this rain will give the rye crop a chance and many are looking for a good rye crop this season.

	High	Low	Mois.
March 18	61	36	
March 19	58	24	
March 20	49	20	
March 21	45	31	
March 22	39	23	
March 23	44	26	.26
March 24	40	27	.32
March 25	—	8	

Small Boy Scalded By Boiling Coffee

Little Bobby Johnson, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson met with a painful accident last Monday morning about 8 a. m. Bobby had just arisen and his mother called to him to come to breakfast. While she went after his highchair Bobby approached the stove, reached up and got hold of the coffee pot pulling it down on him. He was severely injured on the right side and foot from the boiling coffee. He was given medical attention at once and is getting along nicely, and it is believed that no permanent injury will result.