

# THE FRONTIER

## LEGISLATURE KILLS NON-PARTISAN BILL ON COUNTY OFFICES

Fourteen Member Planning Board To Study Building Needs Will Be Set Up.

By the Lowell Service  
Lincoln, Neb.—The people lost several rounds during the last few days. Conversely, the organized lobby won some brilliant victories.

The bill for the non-partisan election of county officers and members of the railway commission was suddenly defeated. Politicians combined with the lobby eliminate this reform. The county manager bill was killed. Also the Omaha police bill. All bills which would decrease the cost of county government were slain.

By a vote of 26 to 17 the legislature killed the non-partisan county bill, which provided for the election of all county officers and state railway commissioners on a non-political ballot. R. M. Howard, author of the measure, said grimly at the conclusion of the vote: "I wish to commend the effectiveness of political organizations in opposing this bill."

Gas tax exemption for the farmers of western Nebraska who use machinery on a large scale, was again defeated. The bond control bill was killed. The mill levy for state building got 28 votes lacking one vote to enact the emergency clause.

It became evident that the secret foes of the unicameral had planned a drive for the last days of the session, seeking to clog the legislative machinery and provoke criticism of the one-house legislative system.

Ambitious members also played their part. During the last two weeks there have been many secret conferences with the republican and democratic party bosses. Some of the members eager for partisan office have been reporting to the political machines.

The power, anti-power fight probably will end in no gain. The acrimonious contest between Tri-county and Sutherland rages without advantage to either side. The bill to create a Nebraska TVA has been killed. So have the collection of bills introduced by W. V. Hoagland and others of North Platte. The representatives of the rural public power districts rewrote LB522, and it has been rewritten to make a few minor amendments in S. F. 310.

As far as the battle between the power companies and the hydro-electrics is concerned, it is certain that there will be no new legislation. The power representatives have failed to amend or repeal any existing legislation.

To study the building needs of state institutions, a 14-member planning board is to be set up at once, by the provisions of a bill passed Tuesday by the unanimous vote of the legislature. The measure was strongly recommended by Governor Cochran. A ten-year building program is to be outlined by the board, which is to report to the governor once in every two years, beginning not later than Dec. 1, 1938. The board is to have an office in the capitol building, and its members are to serve without salary. The state tax commissioner and the state engineer are to be members of the board and the others are to be appointed by the governor.

A legislative control official will be appointed by the legislature itself, be paid out of the contingent legislative appropriation, and hold office for four years, if LB564, which has been advanced to the general file, passes the legislature, where it seems to be meeting unanimous approval. At the opening of the legislature such an official is supposed to be able to give accurate and definite information as to the needs of the various departments.

In Nebraska, now that LB316, with the emergency clause, has passed the legislature, and will doubtless be signed by the governor, no person can vote by proxy more than \$5,000 worth of building and loan association stock; also, fifteen instead of fifty stockholders of associations constitute a sufficient number of persons to vote the majority of stockholders if an adequate number is represented by proxy.

One of the wonders of the uni-

cameral session is the calm unruffled manner in which some of the members toil to preserve the salary and emoluments of Land Commissioner Swanson, whose office was abolished at the last election by a majority of 30,000. This attitude evidently results from the opinion of Supreme Justice Carter, declared by Editor Edgar Howard to be a most amazing composition. Judge Carter held that the constitutional office had been abolished. But the statutory position remained, declared the judge. The attorney general advised the state auditor not to pay the salary. However, Taxpayers' league took up the cudgel for Swanson and actually urged that he be given two years' pay. In order to save the cash, the legislature merely has to repeal the statute. It is hard to understand why the statute is not already repealed since there is no constitutional authority for its enactment.

In the committee of the whole Wednesday morning, John N. Norton's county home rule bill was killed by a vote of 21 to 14. By its provisions a constitutional amendment was to have been submitted at the next general election to authorize the legislature to pass an enabling act permitting counties to adopt any lawful form of home rule. Other bills killed at the same session were the Omaha police civil service bill; also LB485, requiring the state to pay hospitals for the care of indigent persons injured in automobile accidents.

The state building levy of one-half mill for immediate building at various state institutions was defeated at the first roll-call Thursday by a single vote. This was when the emergency clause was attached. Without the emergency clause, the vote against the bill was 21 to 12. Governor Cochran stated that he would have vetoed the measure if it had passed.

## Judge Dickson's Brother Puts Top Price Bees On the Chicago Market

Judge Dickson received a clipping from his brother, William Dickson, of Osage, Iowa, the first of the week, which told of his success as an Iowa Cattle feeder. The Judge thinks he might have done better had he entered the farming and cattle game instead of the practice of law. The article, from the Mason City Globe-Gazette was as follows:

"Iowa steers sold at the Chicago stockyards this week for the highest price paid for cattle at this season at any market in the past 17 years.

"William Dickson, well known Mitchell county feeder, made this record-breaking sale here Monday on 24 head of 1,356 pound Herefords that brought \$16.60 a hundredweight, or \$225.10 a head. They were bought by Swift for eastern shipment to the United Dressed Beef company.

"This price was 35 cents above the previous high point of the season and compares with a top of \$11 a year ago, \$14.50 two years ago, and \$7.80 three years ago.

"These steers were the last of a drove of 60 head which Mr. Dickson bought a year ago last fall. They had been on feed for 16 months on his farm near Osage, and they made a nice profit since they ate 50 cent corn until early November last year. Then they were fed the new crop, which was valued around \$1 a bushel, and only recently were fed \$1.25 corn."

## Marriage Licenses

Frank Naffke and Miss Bertha Bauer, both of Ewing, on April 15. John J. Henning and Miss Margaret Barrett, both of Atkinson, on April 16.

Clarence Hansen of Creighton, and Miss Ruth Keyes of Inman, on April 17.

## Birthday Party Given For R. J. Hatch

About forty-six people assembled at the J. K. Ernst home on the evening of April 13, to help R. J. Hatch observe with propriety his 68th birthday. A program of hymns, prayer by Mrs. Mary Cole and an address by Mrs. Ohmart, and a benediction by Roy Cole started the evening gathering. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake. There was a splendid array of cakes, the

birthday cake being a large pink cake with white frosting, with the name of Mr. Hatch on it in red sugar lettering. It was truly a triumph of the ladies art.

In addition to the regular program, the ladies and gentlemen of Center Union sang some songs which will be sung at the anniversary services of the Center Union church. The guests departed for their homes about 11 o'clock, wishing Mr. Hatch many happy returns of the day, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

## Cattle Price Rally A Little From Week Ago In Sale Ring Prices

Atkinson Neb., April 20.—Better action was the rule on all classes of cattle at Tuesday's auction. The market generally ruled from firm to 25 and 50 cents, and in some instances even higher than a week ago. Killing classes and better feeders, also fleshy heifers sold equal to the season's best prices. Cattle were shipped or trucked to South Dakota, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois as well as eastern Nebraska. Two carloads were bought for shipment to Wyoming.

Best yearling steers here brought from 7.00 to 7.50; best steer calves at 7.50 to 8.20; fair to good steer calves at 6.50 to 7.00; best yearling heifers at 6.50 to 7.50; fair to good heifers at 5.50 to 6.00; heifer calves at 5.65 to 6.50; red and roan calves and yearlings at 5.00 to 6.00; fat cows from 6.00 to 7.50; medium killing cows at 5.00 to 5.75; canners and cutters at 3.35 to 5.00; bulls at 5.00 to 5.75. Receipts were lighter than recently at 450 head.

About 235 hogs were on sale. Top fats at 9.40 to 9.55; sows at 8.50 to 9.30; feeder pigs at 7.00 to 10.00.

A little better demand for good work horses with prices showing some advance over the past two sales.

Next auction Tuesday, April 27, starting at 1 p. m.

## Blue Ribbon Heifer Club Reorganized

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Purebred Heifer club reorganized this year with C. V. Robertson of Chambers as leader. This makes four years Mr. Robertson has led a 4-H club and now the members of the club all have one or more purebred heifers of their own. The officers and members are: Jack Alderson, president; Edwin Hubbard, vice president; Floyd Walters, secretary; Elywn Robertson, reporter; Boyd Ressel and Jack Ressel. Delbert Robertson is taking up work in market pigs.

## George Agnes Returns To the Lumber Business

George Agnes has gone back to his old love. A couple of weeks ago he moved from Sioux City, Ia., to Petersburg, Neb., where is manager of the Finkbine Lumber yard, one of the chain of yards operated by this company in several towns in Nebraska. George is an expert in the lumber business and will be a valuable employee for his new employers.

During the last generation the candidates for President always claimed they were born in a log cabin. It is an even bet now whether the candidates in the coming generation will have to say they were born in a hospital or a trailer.

They used to talk of the long arm of the government but the way it's interfering with private business now perhaps we ought to say the long nose of the government.

A minister tells us that the man who is known as an outstanding liberal in politics doesn't always follow out his principles when the collection plate is passed on Sunday morning.

A fashion note from Paris says that ladies' millinery has taken the military mode this spring. The hats we have seen follow the culinary route—potato pancakes.

Some of these days we expect to hear that an inventor has perfected a sit-down striking machine.

## The Weather

The past week has been a little dry. A small-sized dust storm visited this section last Monday and that evening it clouded up and we were treated to .28 hundredths of an inch of rain. It started raining about 10 o'clock that night and continued for a couple of hours. Looked like rain Wednesday but none received. The weather predictions are for showers in this section of the state for today and tomorrow.

	High	Low	Mois.
April 16	74	51	
April 17	63	43	
April 18	69	38	
April 19	75	38	.28
April 20	72	46	
April 21	77	37	
April 22	77	50	

## Southern Holt County Farmer Is Found Dead

Axel Stromquist, residing seven miles south of Chambers, was found dead in bed at his home last Thursday morning. County officials investigated and found that he had died from natural causes, having been sick for several weeks. Biglin's went after the body and it was brought to this city. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in this city last Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the Methodist minister from Chambers officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born in Sweden August 22, 1882, and came to the United States after he had reached manhood's estate. He was united in marriage at West Point, Neb., on May 28, 1922, to Miss Melvina Martin, who with five children, two daughters and three sons are left to mourn his passing. He came to this county from Beemer, Neb., in March, 1936, and had been residing on the farm south of Chambers since his arrival in the county up to the time of his death.

## Recommends Sorghums As One of Best Known Forms of Crop Insurance

Crop insurance in the form of sorghums is one means of partially insuring a feed crop in 1937. That's the suggestion passed on to Holt county farmers by agronomists at the Nebraska college of agriculture in their proposed five-point soil and crop program for this year.

Five to 10 per cent of the normal Nebraska corn acreage could well be replaced by sorghums, they say. Recent dry years have demonstrated that sorghums are highly resistant to drought, heat and insect damage.

For fodder and silage, Atlas Sorgo is the outstanding variety. In normal seasons it can be expected to produce a tonnage about double that of corn and in dry years will far exceed this relative amount. Seed of Atlas Sorgo is none too plentiful though and such varieties as Kansas, Orange, and Red and Black Amber may need to be substituted. Kansas Orange will yield nearly as much as Atlas but it is not lodge resistant. Red and Black Amber are earlier and yield less. Hegari seed will likely be plentiful again this year.

Hegari is a satisfactory sweet-stalk forage variety and in good seasons can be expected to produce a heavy yield of grain in eastern Nebraska. Sweet-stalk, white kafir or Cheyenne is a very early maturing dual purpose fodder and grain variety. It is extremely popular in southwestern Nebraska where Atlas and some of the other larger types mature too late.

## HAPPY HOUR PROJECT CLUB

The Happy Hour Project Club met at the home of Mrs. John Hynes Wednesday, April 14, for a social meeting with a good attendance. A delicious dinner was served at noon by the hostess. Games and cards were played, prizes being won by Mrs. John Grutches and Mrs. Bernard Hynes. Four visitors were present. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. D. L. Moler's April 28.

A twenty-nine year record kept in Iowa shows that the sex ratio of calves born is 112 males to 100 females. Well, with the amount of bull constantly increasing that shows why the state has started going democratic.

If a man doesn't answer your question it doesn't mean that he is ignorant—he may be just smart.

## Arthur Mullen and His Brother Visit A Day In the Old Home Town

Arthur F. Mullen of Omaha and Washington, D. C., and his brother, John of Omaha, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for a short visit with old time friends. While the years have added a touch of gray to the former long, black locks of Arthur, he is looking good and is about as slender as he was in the good old days when he was a prominent resident and political power in this county. They left for Omaha this morning.

## Local Church Host To Niobrara Presbytery Two Days This Week

Tuesday and Wednesday members of the Niobrara Presbytery of the Presbyterian church held their annual meeting here. Rev. H. D. Johnson of this city, state clerk and treasurer, was host to the visiting clergymen and laymen, of whom there were twenty-five in attendance. The Niobrara Presbytery takes in northeast Nebraska.

The session of Tuesday was addressed by Dr. J. W. Pressly of Omaha, who gave seriptorical views and a lecture on the national mission field of the church. Rev. W. F. Dierking of Wayne, preached the sermon at the popular meeting on Tuesday night.

The business session was held Wednesday afternoon, at which meeting Rev. R. C. Propst of Valentine, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. Reports of the various churches in the Presbytery were received at this meeting and they were very encouraging and all members, both ministers and laymen, were looking forward to a very successful year.

## Joseph Patterson Rites Held Tuesday at Page

Joseph Patterson died at his home in Page last Saturday afternoon after an illness of four days, of cancer. The funeral was held at the Gospel Mission church in Page, Rev. Zook officiating and burial in the Page cemetery.

Deceased was born in Winn county, Iowa, April 17, 1875, and was 62 years of age at the time of his death. In 1882 his family moved to Knox county, where he resided for several years. He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Sanford who died in April, 1918, and he later married Nina Dobney, who with two children, a son and a daughter, survive. The children are: William Patterson of Orchard, and Dorothy Bababuskey of O'Neill.

## WEST SIDE PROJECT CLUB

The West Side Project club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. W. Hickey. The lesson, "Planning the Leisure Hours," was given by the leaders, Mrs. J. W. Hickey and Mrs. L. O. Johnson, which was ably demonstrated. Two members were absent. Games were played and Mrs. Vic Johnson won the prize, a lovely candy dish. Luncheon was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Joe McNichols.

## GOLDEN ROD PROJECT CLUB

The Goldenrod Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Frank Clements. A very interesting lesson was given on planning the leisure hours, by Mrs. Cunningham and Mrs. T. Conley. Officers were elected as follows: Mrs. T. M. Harrington, president; Mrs. Teresa Connelly, leader A; Mrs. Frank Clements, leader B; Mrs. C. E. Cunningham, news reporter; Mrs. Mary Uhl, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. John Donohoe, social leader. Plans were made for Achievement day. Two visitors were present, Mrs. Ray Marcellus and Mrs. Vance Suchy. A delicious lunch was served at the close of the meeting by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Cunningham.

## Crippled Children's Aid Directed Thru County Assistance Office Here

According to a statement released today by Harry J. Becker, Acting Director of the State Child Welfare Bureau, the crippled children's division of the bureau has given care to seven children in Holt county. In addition to this number that are receiving care, six are receiving services or awaiting plans for further care.

The crippled children's service administered by the state child welfare bureau is made possible thru a joint state and federal plan, using funds appropriated by the state and federal governments for social security. The funds are used for the treatment of crippled children needing the services of a specialist.

The child who receives services under this program must be under sixteen years of age and must be one whose parents are financially unable to provide necessary medical treatment. Children are referred to this division by the family physician or county assistance director.

## Special Board Session On Road Application of Cleveland Precinct

A large delegation of the citizens of Cleveland precinct were before the county board, in special session, last Tuesday upon the hearing of a petition for the establishment of a new road, or the completion of a road partly established in that precinct.

One of the things brought out at the hearing was the fact that Charles Peterson, large rancher living southwest of here, was a large land owner in that precinct and that he had fenced and was still fencing his holdings of several sections in one body. This was objected to by some of the landowners in that vicinity, although Mr. Peterson, on the land already fenced, had installed gates on all roads so that travelers could drive thru. Mr. Peterson was represented by a lawyer at the hearing. The hearing was not completed at the adjournment of the meeting and was postponed until a later date.

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess drove to Norfolk last Sunday. Dr. Burgess returned home that evening while Mrs. Burgess remained in Norfolk to be with her sister, Mrs. Henry Fowler, who underwent a major operation in a Norfolk hospital Monday. Mrs. Burgess returned Tuesday night and reports that the operation was successful and that her sister was getting along as well as could be expected.

Daniel Stroup, a former resident of southern Boyd county, and well known by many of the old timers in the northern part of Holt county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hazel Kukuk, at Sioux City, Iowa April 9. The funeral was held at Plainview, Neb., where he lived for several years, and burial was in the Plainview cemetery.

Miss Betty Biglin and brother, Joseph, returned from Omaha Tuesday afternoon, where the latter had been receiving medical treatment for his eye the past two weeks. Physicians there are of the opinion that their treatment will be successful. Joseph will have to return to Omaha in about two weeks for further treatment.

Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Stuart Meech of Chicago, and Mrs. J. J. Harrington drove to Omaha last Sunday where Mrs. Meech took the train that evening for her home. Mrs. O'Donnell returned Tuesday afternoon, while Mrs. Harrington remained in Omaha for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Ila Anderson, who has been employed in the WPA office here for the past two years, has been transferred to the Norfolk office of that government division, and left here Sunday for her new position. Her place here will be filled by Miss Violet Fleming of Atkinson.

Abe Saunto closed a deal last Tuesday for the purchase of the Harry Radaker home on Clay street, between Fifth and Sixth, and expects to take possession the first of the month.

Mrs. Bob Brittell entertained three tables of pinocle Monday evening as a surprise party for Mr. Brittell's birthday. Mrs. Dave Loy won high prize for the ladies and George Mitchell was high for the men.

Attorney Alexander of Orchard, was looking after legal matters in this city Tuesday.

## PIONEER LADY OF EMMET IS BURIED HERE ON MONDAY

Mrs. J. P. Mullen, One of Holt County's Earliest Pioneers Is Taken By Death.

Mrs. J. P. Mullen died at her home in Emmet last Friday morning, after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 75 years, 2 months and 12 days. The funeral was held at the Catholic church in Emmet last Monday morning, Rev. M. F. Byrne officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery at O'Neill at the side of her husband who passed away in January, 1921. The funeral was very largely attended showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by the people of this section of the county.

Mary Ann Hennessey was born at Janesville, Penn., on Feb. 4, 1862. On January 30, 1883, she was united in marriage to James P. Mullen at Andenried, Pa. To this union nine children were born, three sons and six daughters, all of whom are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate mother. The children are: Mrs. Mary Baker, O'Neill; Margaret McCafferty, Atkinson; Henry, O'Neill; Mrs. Alice Regal and Michael, Emmet; Mrs. Julia Shorthill, Katie Mullen and William, O'Neill, and Mrs. Jergensmeier, Emmet.

Mrs. Mullen was a pioneer resident of the country northwest of this city, coming here after her marriage from Hazelton, Pa., and locating on a farm in Pleasantview precinct, where she made her home for many years, but a few years ago left the farm and moved to Emmet where she since made her home.

Mrs. Mullen was a kind and devoted wife and mother and had a host of friends thruout the county, who will regret to learn of her death. During the early years she endured all the privations and hardships of the pioneers, when settlers were few and far between, but she persevered, never complaining, giving her entire love and devotion to her husband and children and looking forward for the happier days that were to come. Her death removes another from the list of pioneers of the county and one who had much to do with the early history of this county.

## New Bakery Soon Ready for Operation

A. E. Kiehl of Ainsworth, who is putting in a new bakery in the Stein building on west Douglas street, has his new oven installed and is busy having the interior of the building painted and expects to be ready to open for business next week. The oven is one of the latest models with a capacity of 140 loaves every thirty minutes. It is an oil burner and electrically operated. A lot of other new machinery has been added and he expects to have one of the most modern bakeries in the state.

## Application Closing Date Set at April 30

April 30 will be the last date the county agricultural conservation office will be prepared to accept conservation applications. Reporters started measuring unmeasured farms the first of the week and hope to be thru by April 30. The county committee also started checking summer fallow the middle of the week. They, or their representative will contact everyone who stated they will comply by this method before May 1, and explain in detail the requirements in connection with complying by this method.

## Revenue Collector Will Have Office In O'Neill

The revenue collector directed for the state have been changed and O'Neill is now one of the headquarters for a collector of internal revenue. Deputy Collector Bishop of Burwell, has been designated for this district and he is expected to open an office in this city about the first of the month. Offices have been secured for the collector on the second floor of the new court house. The designation of this city as headquarters for a collector will be of benefit to the people in this section of the state, who have to contribute to the maintenance of the federal government.