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THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Expressions of opinion on the unicameral legislature are now being exchanged by utility, railway, and insurance executives. At a meeting of utility men to be held in Grand Island there will be an address by one of the most astute and experienced legislative representatives in the state. To call this man a lobbyist would be a serious mistake.

One of the astonishing results of this interchange of ideas is the growing sentiment to abolish all forms of entertainment, cutting out drinks and cigars, prohibiting the payment of hotel bills, and forbidding dinners and junkets. A member of the legislature would be treated like a judge and all discussion of legislation would take place at actual sessions.

Several of the public service and railway lobbyists urge simplification of the legislative machinery. Hearings, they assert, should be before the entire legislative membership. "Chicken feed" matters should be grouped and disposed of under routine rules. After a measure is discussed in open hearing and final action taken, the decision should not be reversed during the session.

Four year terms, with part of the members elected every two years, increased salaries, and more attention given to the budget are suggestions made by several of the unicameral critics. It is significant that none of the lobbyists or attorneys who represent big interests suggest changing to the bicameral. On the size of the legislature, opinion is divided. One group favors a body of a hundred members. Some of the unicameralists advocate thirty-three members on the plan of the bicameral senate.

To aid in enforcing the new creamery law, providing for the purchase of cream on grade, the state department of agriculture has selected the following men to act as a committee of seven: Sidney Dallas, Lincoln; Fred Akert, Omaha; Dr. P. A. Downs, Lincoln; S. J. Cramer, Hastings; J. C. Morgaard, Superior; H. E. Dick, Alliance; and W. T. Stewart, Seward.

The purchase of a burglary and robbery insurance policy, at a cost of \$589 for \$210,000 of the 17 millions dollars of securities he holds in the state treasury has been announced by State Treasurer Walter H. Jensen. He states that most of the securities are so marked as to be practically non-negotiable. The policy covers robberies of messengers transporting the securities, as well as robberies from the vaults.

Accompanied by a staff of six university students, including Henry Angeling of New York University, and twenty WPA workers, Dr. Earl H. Bell, University of Nebraska archaeologist, left Lincoln Wednesday for Verdell, in northern Nebraska. There excavations will be made thruout the summer, in the hope of making further discoveries in regard to the prehistoric civilization of the land which is now Nebraska.

A. L. Haecker, state dairy commissioner, was one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Orleans Equity Creamery cooperative, held at McCook Tuesday. Ole Hanson, manager, reported a balance on hand June 3, of \$72,100. Frank Waggoner of Republican City and A. C. Flammang of Orleans were reelected as directors.

Dr. P. H. Bartholomew, state director of health, reports that there have been 473 more births in Nebraska during the last year than during the preceding year. Among them were one set of triplets and 311 sets of twins. The total number of births was 23,799. White race births increased, but those of all other races decreased.

"Unnecessary" is the word used by Governor Cochran in denying

the request of E. F. Margaret, director of county assistance for Douglas county, and the executive committee of the state worker's alliance for a special session of the legislature. The governor explains that conditions have not changed since the legislature adjourned.

The Nebraska Supreme court has taken under advisement a case in which a Lincoln ordinance for the licensing of house movers is attacked, the claim being made that it is unconstitutional. The case is an appeal by Joe Phillips a Lincoln man who was fined \$10 and costs in the district court for attempting to move a house without a license. His attorneys point out that the ordinance requires house movers to post a \$15,000 bond, and they contend that it is practically impossible to obtain such a bond.

Frank M. Coffey of Lincoln, who has been presiding judge of the Nebraska workmen's compensation court since its beginning two years ago, was reappointed to the court Wednesday by Governor Cochran. He will serve six years at a salary of \$3,000 per year. The other members are Lawrence F. Welch of Omaha and Charles E. Jackson of Grand Island, who being the short-term member, will act as presiding judge. Judge Coffey, who married recently, plans to start soon on a wedding trip thru the Ozarks.

The Nebraska Supreme court has announced that it will in the future bar applicants from law colleges that are not on the accredited list of the American Bar association. It will also admit to practice only such applicants as have had two years' study in an accredited college in addition to a high school education.

Minutes of Meetings of the County Board of O'Neill, Nebraska, May 25, 1937, 9:00A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by Chairman. Minutes of previous meeting were read and on motion were approved as read.

On motion the following claims were allowed on the Administrative Expenses Fund: D. H. Cronin \$ 7.25



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W. A. Smith 16.00, Sidney Stracke 72.60 (Continued on page 5, column 5.)

BRIEFLY STATED

R. E. Lucas and son, Robert, Jr., purbed Hereford breeders, left Sunday for Eldorado, Kan., to attend the Hazlett dispersion sale. This is one of the most noted prize-winning herds in the United States and will be attended by buyers from every part of the country.

Bernard Matthews, who has been employed in the WPA office at Norfolk for the past two years, has been transferred to the office at Lincoln, and will go to that city Friday. Mrs. Matthews was in Norfolk for the past two years, visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stannard and daughter, of San Diego, Calif., arrived in the city last Saturday for a couple of weeks visit with relatives and old time friends here. George will also participate in the annual golf tournament at the O'Neill country club the coming week.

W. J. Froelich came out from Chicago last Friday and spent the week end with his family and other relatives here. Monday Hugh Birmingham took him to Omaha where he took a train for Chicago. They were accompanied by Jean and Joseph Biglin to Omaha where the latter will receive medical treatment.

A crew from the state engineers office, under the leadership of Geo. Neal, arrived in the city the first of the week and are taking soundings of the Elkhorn river where No. 8 will cross the river between this city and Inman. It begins to look as if there would be some work done on this road this year.

At the directors meeting of the Federal Land Bank associations composed of Newboro, O'Neill, Kola, O'Neill, Stuart and Boyd units held in O'Neill June 8, to fill the position of secretary-treasurer under group management of the above associations it was decided to

extend the time for receiving applications until June 29, and on that date to fill the position from applications received and on file.

Cora R. Hamilton has filed suit in the district court for a decree of divorce from William H. Hamilton. In her petition she alleges that they were married in this city on Jan. 11, 1897. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Sedalia, Mo. On or about July 15, 1912, the defendant deserted her and family and never returned. They are the parents of four children, all of age. She asks an absolute divorce and such other relief as may be just and equitable.

Rev. A. J. May was in Lincoln the first of the week attending the annual convention of the pastors of the Methodist churches of the state. He came home Wednesday morning with Governor Cochran and returned to Lincoln with his son, Foster May, that evening. Rev. May will be in Lincoln until Saturday when he will go to Stanton where he will attend the annual meeting of the Norfolk District of

the Epworth League which will be in session there until June 23.

Charles Cole was in from the northeastern part of the county last Saturday. Mr. Cole said that he had recently been looking thru some old papers of Max Powell, now of Oregon but formerly a resident of the Opportunity neighborhood, and that he found therein that Max had been a music instructor of Robert Taylor, the movie star, when the latter was a resident of Beatrice and Max was an instructor of music in that city. Max Powell left here about three years ago and moved to Lincoln and left there last summer for Oregon and is now located in the same city with his brother, Bert.

CROWD OF 7,000 HERE FOR DEDICATION OF NEW COURT HOUSE

(Continued from page 1.) on their foresight in erecting this building at the present time, when national assistance could be secured, in the construction of a building so badly needed. He also paid a glowing tribute to the pion-

ers of this county, whose untiring energy, faith and perseverance made it possible for the development of the county and the erection of this magnificent structure.

At the conclusion of the Governor's address the meeting adjourned and hundreds of visitors after the meeting and during the entire day visited the new court house and inspected the various offices in the building. The Pep Squad of the O'Neill high school was on duty all day escorting visitors thru the building. They performed their duties well and were a valuable asset in the entertainment of the visitors.

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