

Senator Norris Would Reclaim Nebraska Land

Senator's Bill to Save District

First of All State Irrigation Projects Is Presented by Senator; Plan Includes Improving Land.

Project to Cost 15 Million

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator George W. Norris today introduced in the United States senate the first Nebraska irrigation project ever introduced in either house of congress. The bill authorized the Department of Interior to construct irrigation works for the storage of water and irrigation of lands, which, if carried out, will reclaim immediately 500,000 acres of semi-arid Nebraska farm land to an assured annual production. The cost of this project will approximate \$15,000,000, the bill includes those activities which the central Nebraska supplemental water association has been seeking to carry out for several years in Adams, Phelps, Kearney and adjoining counties. In using the flood and unassisted waters of the Platte river in subsoil irrigation.

C. W. McConaughy, Holdrege, president of the association, and George B. Kingsley, Minden, vice president, have been in Washington for several weeks, conferring with departmental officials and members of the Nebraska congressional delegation relative to the introduction of the bill. With the final completion of the project, with its system of reservoirs, main and lateral ditches, supplied by the Platte river from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 acres of land will ultimately be reclaimed to assured annual production. The project will supplement the annual rain fall in that portion of Nebraska where there is not enough annual rain fall to assure crops. The average gross income per acre for the three counties during the last decade ending in 1922, which included high prices brought on by the war, was less than \$15 an acre.

With the added water as made possible by this bill the average value of productivity will be \$40 an acre. The bill opens the door to the farmer to obtain enough water to add to rain fall to make his farming an assured business venture with an assured financial return. It also makes it possible for the Nebraska farmer to obtain the water at such low annual cost that his net income will be increased as well as made dependable every year while he is paying the government each year for the water. This low cost is assured because the long period of amortization, provided for in the bill, gives the farmer nearly all the increase in income each year, made possible by the additional water.

The bill further provides that the work shall not be commenced by the secretary of the interior until the state of Nebraska shall have provided proper legislation for the repayment of the cost of the irrigation works in one or more of the following methods:

1. Repayment of reclamation expenditures by the state of Nebraska.
2. Repayment of expenditures by the formation of an irrigation district comprising the land to be irrigated and providing for the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the reclamation fund.
3. Repayment of expenditures by the counties in which the irrigation is located. Legislation provided by the state shall make provision for the amount of interest upon all money expended by the government at 4 per cent a year and shall provide for the repayment of all money expended with interest by a system of amortization not to exceed 70 years.

As soon as the project has been paid for the bill provides that it shall be conveyed to the state of Nebraska, or the counties in which the irrigation is located, or the irrigation district organized under the laws of Nebraska in accordance with the direction of the laws so enacted by the state.

With the introduction of the bill today, Senator Norris is expected to lead activities regarding the bill in the senate and to meet with members of the Nebraska delegation from time to time to plan its progress in both houses. The project was agitated several years ago, when it was discovered that soil in central Nebraska through saturation would hold water for long periods. Civic and commercial organizations throughout the state declared the project practical and urged immediate action and favorable governmental surveys were made when the war stopped all activities.

Since the close of the war renewed attention has been given the project. Funds were recently raised through commercial organizations of central Nebraska to prosecute the project. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce, through its agricultural committee, was one of the leaders in this work and supplied funds for it. President McConaughy was sent to Washington to place the project before congress and ask for financial support for the construction of the work with the assurance that all expenditures would be repaid.

Creighton University Debating Squad Is Chosen



Creighton university debating squad: Top row from left to right, Robert Patton, Jack Barrett, Joseph Ball. Bottom row from left to right: Frank Fogarty, Theodore Bluechel, Wilfred Fleming, Francis Charvat, Thomas Russell, Robert Benford, Timothy Gannon.

Creighton university debating squad, placed their loyalty to the school above their own personal desires, and each will assist in gathering material on the supreme court question. The affirmative team will open the season February 18, with an invasion of Iowa, where it will meet Des Moines university and Grinnell university. Frank Fogarty has been named captain of this squad. His associates will be selected from four men named by the coaches. They are Timothy Cannon, Robert Benford, Wilfred Fleming, and Theodore Bluechel. The negative team, with Robert Patton as captain, will engage in the first home debate, that with the Marquette university at Creighton auditorium, March 3.

Senators Will Demand Endres' Account Books

Washington, Jan. 22.—If Sheriff Endres of Omaha appears in person before either the house or senate judiciary committee in an attempt to kill the bill aimed at his alleged exorbitant profits in feeding state and federal prisoners, he will be asked point blank to present his books on cost of feeding.

This, in substance, is a statement made today by Senator Charles Hoyer of Omaha, introducer of the sheriff's feeding bill in the senate. According to Hoyer, Endres makes from \$20,000 to \$25,000 net, annually, from feeding of prisoners and mileage fees allowed under the law.

Aurora Couple Wed Fifty Years

Aurora, Neb., Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Garwood celebrated their 50th anniversary at their home Wednesday afternoon. Many friends and relatives called to congratulate them.

Plainview Council Planning to Buy New Fire Equipment

Plainview, Jan. 24.—A committee composed of Charles J. Van, Frank Larson, George Story and Henry Peterson, members of the Plainview city council, and Ernest Geor, chief of the fire department here, recently visited Hartington to inspect the new fire truck purchased by the fire department there. This city is planning to invest in a new fire truck and other modern equipment and the fire-fighting apparatus of Hartington made a favorable impression on the committee.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Name and Address	Age
C. E. Conover, Omaha	24
Walter R. Dunn, Fremont	21
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Jawell E. Laughlin, Hanover, Kan.	25
Geordina M. Smith, Hanover, Kan.	21
Harvey Robert Marx, Council Bluffs	21
Fern Edaline Rodman, Council Bluffs	19
J. C. Gillette, Mondakim, Ia.	24
Archie A. Frymoyer, Council Bluffs	23
Signe A. Frymoyer, Burlington, Ia.	23
Boyd Jacobs, Patterson, Neb.	24
Mildred Hancock, Patterson, Neb.	24
Jacob W. Jackson, Omaha	24
Mary Clifton, Omaha	22
William J. Ecklund, Omaha	23
William H. Benton, Quincy, Mo.	23
Harry Omerig, Guthrie, Mo.	23
Hans Jacobson, Omaha	22
Rals E. Mercer, Winfield, Kan.	22
Beatrice E. Ford, Nelsove, Neb.	22
Lucile Hubbard, Omaha	22
Darwin M. Hanson, Macedonia, Ia.	21
Dorothy F. Charron, Macedonia, Ia.	21

Man Catches Loose Heel; Falls 20 Feet

Proprietor of Window Cleaning Company Hurlled to Sidewalk From Second Floor Window.

Victim May Not Live

The Friedman, 30, proprietor of the National Window Cleaning company, 1513 Capitol avenue, fell twenty feet to the pavement, striking on his head, when a loose heel on his shoe tripped him as he was standing on a window ledge at the Sample-Hart Motor company building, Eighteenth and Burt streets, Saturday afternoon. He is not expected to live.

Coolidge Is Still for World Court

Washington, Jan. 24.—The administration's stand in favor of American participation in the world court was reaffirmed today by President Coolidge in an address delivered at the White House to delegates attending the national conference on the causes and cure of war.

This step, the president characterized as the next move that should be taken by the United States toward ending war. He suggested also that the nation and the world should "turn the light of more information and better understanding upon the problems of diplomacy."

Farm Dog Leads to Hidden Still

A complete 20-gallon distilling outfit, along with 40 gallons of moonshine liquor and 10 barrels of mash being stored in a hidden still, were discovered Thursday by a raiding squad headed by Federal Prohibition Agent Sumner J. Knox on the farm of George Schultz, 12 miles north of Denison, Ia., after the officers had trailed the farmer's pet dog across several acres of hilly land to a large cave.

Beatrice Doctor Dies Suddenly

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 24.—Dr. A. V. Robinson, pioneer physician of this city, was found dead in the bathroom at his room by his daughter, Mrs. Don Varnarsdale, this morning. Heart trouble was the cause. He had been in failing health for some time.

Fourth Pair of Twin Calves Born

Newcastle, Neb., Jan. 24.—With the arrival of the fourth set of twins in his dairy herd this month, Jake Nelson, farmer, living west of Newcastle, believes that he holds a record. The first set of twins arrived in the November and the third in December. The fourth set of twins made their appearance during this month. All four pairs are alive, well-developed and thriving animals.

Clarinda Junior High School's Annual to Be Issued in Two Editions

Clarinda, Ia., Jan. 24.—The Junior High school here steps up a notch in journalism by editing a school annual, in two editions, the first just off the press and the final to be issued at the close of the school year. It will become a permanent feature of the school and will make it outstanding among the junior high schools of the state.

Second Oldest Native Omahan Now Living Recalls Scare From Indians

Jerry Linahan Remembers When Redskins Were Camped on Riverview Park Site.

By EDWARD BLACK.
Jerry Linahan, 69, next Wednesday, and the second oldest living native Omahan, stated last week that he was "thoroughly frightened" only once in his life and that was 60 years ago.



Legionnaires to Begin Drive for 5,000 Men for Post

Three hundred Legionnaires, members of the Omaha post No. 1, of the American Legion, will "hit the ball" for three days starting Monday, February 2, with the hopes of securing 5,000 members for the post for 1925. The 300 Legionnaires will work under three majors who have been given various sections of the city in which to canvass for members.

PLAN TO STOCK DEER ENDORSED

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—E. E. Coatsworth was elected president of the local Isaac Walton league at a meeting here last night. Forty-two dollars were collected for the fund being raised by the national organization to buy land as preserves for elk in the Jackson Hole district of Wyoming. A proposal to bring a number of surplus deer from herds in Arizona to the forest preserve near Hasley, Neb., was endorsed by the league.

Attorney's Wife Dies at Lincoln

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Helen M. Hastings, 74 wife of Geo. H. Hastings, former attorney general of Nebraska, died at a local hospital here today following an extended illness. Mr. Hastings, who suffered from paralysis stroke last winter, is confined to his home at Crete and was not present when his wife died.

NO SMOKING SIGN PUT UP AT SIDNEY

Bridgeport, Neb., Jan. 24.—There will be no more smoking in public places in Sidney hereafter, according to city officials, who declare that the state law prohibiting it will be rigidly enforced there. It is also announced that the law prohibiting the selling or giving of tobacco to minors will be enforced. Both of these are state laws, but have been generally ignored in the past.

Bobbed Crash

Newcastle, Neb., Jan. 24.—Coasting on a sled with his 3-year-old son, Edward, R. V. Sweet, manager of the St. Anthony and Dakota lumber yard here, miraculously escaped serious injury when he ran into a large bobbed which was being pulled up the hill. Holding little Edward in his arm, Mr. Sweet was hurled to the ground in the crash. He suffered only a badly bruised and sprained leg. His little boy escaped with hardly a scratch.

Bonds Are Issued

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 24.—The city council at its meeting Thursday passed the ordinance carrying into effect the decree of the voters at the recent special election that the city should issue \$50,000 of bonds to buy the three sanitary sewer systems. The council has already accepted the offer of the Omaha Trust company and James T. Wachob & Co. of Omaha for the bonds.

Boys' Arms Mangled in Wringer

Mother, Attracted by Screams, Sees Sons' Arms Caught and Crushed; Neighbors Called to Rescue.

Both Will Recover

Lawrence Jandro, 3 1/2, and his brother, Raymond, 5, were severely injured Saturday when their arms were drawn into an electric wringer at their home, 4705 North Twenty-fifth street.

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GAS PRICE GOES UP CENT AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—The first advance in the price of gasoline since the state gas station closed here Thursday, was announced today by the Standard Oil, State Oil, Mutual Oil, and Skelly Oil companies. The advance was 1 cent, making the present price 16 1/4 cents.

STATE BANK OF SIDNEY IS SOLD

Sidney, Neb., Jan. 24.—The Liberty State bank of Sidney has been purchased by J. W. Rodgers of Lodgepole and Ray Tierney of Sidney, who resigned as state bank examiner January 1. Mr. Rogers is president of the First State bank of Lodgepole and Ray Tierney is president of the State Bank of Sidney.

Broken Bow Power Plant Is Sold to Iowa Company

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 24.—The Martin Electric power plant has recently been sold to the Priestler, Quail & Cundy company of Davenport, Ia. This company owns a string of power plants in several of the central western states. A. C. Martin, one of the former owners and managers of the plant, will remain for the present in the capacity of manager. The purchase price was about \$50,000.

Ord Man Dies

Ord, Neb., Jan. 24.—Valentine Drapela, a resident of the vicinity of Ord for the past 30 years, died here Sunday and was buried Tuesday morning. He was recently married while on a trip to his old home in Bohemia, but was unable to arrange to have his wife come to this country when he returned last December.

Camp Is Abolished

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 24.—Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting here yesterday decided to discontinue further efforts to maintain a municipal tourist camp since the city is now supplied with several camps privately owned.