

PART TWO

COMPENSATION LAW DECISION MONDAY

Labor and Employers at Hearing

Maimed Men Exhibit Injuries to Governor in Pleas Against Compensation Law Amendments Saturday. Omahans at Lincoln

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, April 4.—In a dramatic hearing in which pleas of employers and employees were heard, Governor Adam McMullen was urged by labor to repeal the bill passed by the legislature amending the workmen's compensation law, while employers as vehemently urged his signature to the measure. The governor announced his decision would be made public Monday.

Representatives of both sides agreed to one fact: that the handling of the workmen's compensation law under the Bryan administration had serious implications for the future, but from the standpoint of employer and employee. The startling fact was set out that during the last year of the Bryan administration, fees permitted physicians and surgeons in compensation cases had increased \$70,000, or 44 per cent over any previous year.

Changes by Legislature. Employees urged that Governor McMullen insist that Frank Kennedy, commissioner of labor, cut fees to reasonable figures, rather than permit one of the provisions of the new law, limiting surgical, hospital and medical fees to \$200, to become operative.

It was pointed out that when Kennedy was labor commissioner before he had reduced medical and surgical fees and could do it again. Briefly, changes made by the recent legislature follow:

Fixing \$200 limit on hospital and medical care.

Changing total disability clause so employees totally disabled shall receive compensation for 400 weeks, instead of for life, as present law provides.

Permitting expert conclusions on prior diseases, or indiscretions, play in prolonging rehabilitation to influence compensation awarded.

Permitting employees to waive compensation claims, as safeguard to employers against hernias already in existence as well as other physical defects.

Compensation High Here. Facts developed by employers during the hearing follow:

Compensation insurance is higher in Nebraska than any state in the union, excepting New York. As an example, \$149.2 out of every \$100 in labor costs in tearing down old state house goes for compensation insurance.

Despite fact that Minnesota has a more generous compensation law, Nebraska compensation insurance is higher in this state.

Fees charged by certain physicians and surgeons in compensation cases are beyond all reason.

Cost of administration of law has increased nearly 80 per cent since its passage in 1914.

In many instances certain diseases already contracted make minor injuries incurable, and yet employers are forced to pay insurance rates to cover complete period of disablement.

Larger firms, which can afford to, have advised compensation laws and are operating under common law.

The plea made by the labor representatives was dramatic. Human wreckage of industrial life, in the form of men maimed and crippled, was thrown into the picture.

Injured Men Present. A number of these unfortunate men were present at the hearing. One man, George W. Rickard, 2426 North Thirty-third avenue, Omaha, was horribly burned in a factory in the part of east Omaha which is in Iowa, where the \$200 limit on medical services is in vogue.

A. H. Bigelow, speaking for labor, asserted that Rickard's hands were crippled for life, because when the \$200 limit was reached, Rickard was given careless and unsatisfactory treatment.

"Look governor," Rickard said, as he advanced toward Governor McMullen. His hands, horribly deformed and looking much like claws, were raised only a few inches from the eyes of the governor. McMullen took Rickard's hands and examined them carefully.

Another was H. C. Prince, of Omaha, a father of four children, whose neck was broken and is now supported by a wire harness. Bigelow asserted the reason Prince was alive was due to the fact there had been no limit on care given him.

"I have been rehabilitated to a certain extent and recently have worked a little for the city, but now I am having trouble with my spine," Prince said. "If the 400-week limit goes into effect and I am forced to quit work, I won't have anything for support."

Dollar Against Humanity. "It is the American dollar, pitied against American humanity," Tom Wilson once said.

In opening the hearing Governor McMullen expressed regret that all facts and figures had not been presented to legislative committees. He asserted that he understood only perfunctory hearings were held, because of lack of interest in amendments at that time.

"The laboring man can't afford to

4 Generations at Fremont Reunion



Fremont, Neb., April 4.—Four generations are included in the above picture, taken during a reunion of the family at the home of L. R. Williams of Fremont.

L. A. Williams, 59, of Missouri Valley, Ia., heads the group; his son, L. R. Williams, Fremont, is the next descendant, followed by his daughter, Mrs. Lester Prange of Cedar Bluffs, and her child, Estel Dean, 17 months.

Executors Sues Heirs of Suicide

\$5,500 in Securities Alleged to Be Missing From Columbus Man's Estate.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, April 4.—Certificates of time deposits in banks and paid-up building and loan stock aggregating more than \$5,500 are missing from among the securities of the estate of the late B. H. Keller, wealthy retired farmer, whose dead body was found in a cornfield after he had committed suicide several weeks ago.

Disappearance of the certificates is made the basis of a suit in district court here by C. N. McKelvey, special administrator of the estate, against one of Keller's daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Avery, and her husband. The administrator charges that they coerced Keller into turning over the certificates to her about February 1 by threatening to imprison him in their home, by taking the missing certificates to the administrator as being a part of the estate. The certificates of deposit were issued by the Central National bank and Farmers State bank of Columbus, and the building and loan certificates by the Equitable of Grand Island and the Nebraska Central of Lincoln.

Otto F. Walter, attorney for Mrs. Avery, declared the Averages deny ever having had the certificates in their possession and deny any knowledge of their whereabouts. They say Keller lost the certificates some time prior to his death and that the only way restitution can be had if they are not found is to have the banks and building and loan associations issue duplicates.

TEKAMAH YOUTH DROWNED IN RIVER

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tekamah, Neb., April 4.—Harold Webster was drowned in the Missouri river near here when the boat in which he and his younger brother, William, were riding capsized. The boat struck a whirlpool. William succeeded in grasping the boat, but his brother was swept away. The younger brother cried for help. Charles Hurlocker, whose farm joins the river, and his son, Bert, helped William to the bank. The parents were not aware the boys were away.

come to Lincoln and tell his story," P. G. Anderson of Omaha said.

"Since the bill has passed you have been here en masse two times," the governor replied. "It would not have cost any more to have appeared before the committee. However, that is past. I am merely issuing this warning for the future."

"The report that committee hearings were perfunctory is erroneous," O. H. Zumwinkle, representative of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association, said. "Labor representatives were present at each meeting. The bill passed the senate with only four dissenting votes, and there were only 25 votes against it in the house."

Omaha Men Present. Omaha labor men present were A. H. Bigelow, Henry Wolfe, Tony Donohoe, A. P. Murphy, Tom Wilson and P. G. Anderson.

Employers were represented by O. H. Zumwinkle of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association; E. C. Hardy of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers; John Bushnell of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Harry Jacobberger of the state laundrymen's association; C. L. Aler of the state millers' association; B. F. Peterson of the state bakers' association; Glenn Walker of the Nebraska Power company; Frank Helvey, representing insurance companies, and Horace Davis, representing power companies.

Light Committee Agrees on Plan

Outlines of New System Accepted by Hopkins and Lovett.

The special lighting committee of the Greater Omaha committee met Saturday morning with City Commissioner John Hopkins and City Electrician Ira Lovett and agreed on the following tentative downtown district for installation of the improved lighting system:

Tenth street, depot to Douglas street, west on Douglas to Fifteenth, north to Dodge, west to Twentieth, south to Harney, east to Seventeenth, south to St. Mary avenue, east to Fifteenth, north to Harney and east to Tenth street.

The plan is to have the merchants along these streets petition city council to have this district created, the business men to pay for the new equipment and the city to pay for the additional current. The posts now in use will serve for the new type of lamps. It is proposed to use 1,000-candle power lamps which will flood Omaha's downtown district with a blaze of light.

The plan is to have the new lighting system ready by October 1.

W. L. Holzman is acting chairman of the special lighting committee.

BELLEVUE WILL REOPEN JUNE 21

Bellevue college buildings, closed since the government discontinued the vocational training school, will be reopened June 21, with a young people's conference and training school, to be attended by young people from Presbyterian churches of eastern Nebraska, western Iowa and northern Missouri.

General direction will be in the hands of the Presbyterian theological seminary, Rev. L. C. Donis, president, and the committee on Christian education of the synod of Nebraska, Rev. Donald McLeod, chairman. The general board of Christian education of New York City will send three teachers to the conference.

Churches of Wakefield Unite in Lenten Services

Wakenfield, April 4.—For the purpose of promoting Christian fellowship and service, as well as to exemplify the teaching of Jesus, "For one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren," all of the churches of Wakenfield will unite in holding a week of Lenten services in the city auditorium here.

Easter music will be sung by a large choir of sinners from the various churches and the local pastors will deliver the messages as follows: Monday, April 6, "Behold the Man" by Rev. J. A. Martin; Tuesday, April 7, "The Forgiving Christ" by Rev. B. H. Murtin; Wednesday, April 8, "The Self-Forgetting Christ" by Rev. J. W. Ellis; Thursday, April 9, "The Forbearing Christ" by Rev. John G. Nelson; and Friday, April 10, "The Atonement Christ" by Rev. Stephen Yenn.

Besides the bringing of well known gospel songs by the choir and the congregation, special musical numbers will be given each evening.

Good Roads Meeting. A delegation of business men from Loup City (Neb.) will meet with the Joint Good Roads committee Monday noon at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce to formulate plans for a new road leading from Loup City to Omaha.

The road would enter Omaha by the way of the Yutan bridge recently built over the Platte river.

McGinty Will Filed. A petition for probating the \$20,000 estate of John McGinty, 96, who was burned to death Thursday night, was filed in county court Saturday morning by J. J. Breen, who was made special administrator.

Ex-Pastor and Wife of Brother Skip

Divine Who Ran Away With Girl Choir Singer Now Sought in New Elope-ment.

Family of 11 Deserted

Xenia, O., April 4.—W. W. Culp, 40, of South Bend, Ind., former pastor of the M. E. church at Spring Valley, whose sensational elopement with his 18-year-old choir leader created a furore in Ohio two years ago, has eloped with his sister-in-law, according to word received here today by Probate Judge S. C. Wright.

Culp is said to have eloped a week ago for the second time with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Culp, 22, wife of his brother, Clio Culp, 27, of Nappanee, Ind. William E. Miller, chief probation officer of St. Joseph county, Ind., has notified Judge Wright.

Culp is said to have become enamored of his sister-in-law when she and her husband visited the Culp in South Bend. Three weeks after the visit Culp deserted his wife and 19 children, one having been born to them since his Greens county affair and disappeared, according to Judge Wright. The girl disappeared simultaneously from her home in Nappanee.

Both returned to their homes a week later and were received when they expressed penitence. Culp said his sister-in-law reminded him of the girl with whom he eloped the first time. They admitted they had first to Chicago and obtained employment but that they were sorry for the misdeed. They remained at their homes a week and then, a week ago, both disappeared again. This time they took all their clothes and personal belongings. The woman deserted her husband and two children when she left home.

Judge Wright advised South Bend authorities that in the event Culp is captured he should be prosecuted on the new charges there, although the case against him here has never been settled.

Two years ago Culp left his wife with nine children when he eloped with the choir singer who was making her home with the Culp family. They were located in Michigan after several weeks' search.

The girl was released to her parents, but Culp was charged with desertion here and was fined \$500 and sentenced to a year in the Dayton workhouse. He served only a few days of his sentence when he was released on a technical error in the commitment papers.

With his wife and children he went to Nappanee, Ind., where he obtained employment in a cabinet factory. Later he moved the family to South Bend, Ind.

JOINT CLUB MEET AT SHENANDOAH

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Clarinda, Ia., April 4.—Representatives from all federated clubs in Fremont and Page counties will meet with the Woman's club of Shenandoah, at Luncheon Tuesday. The county chairman and state committee members will also be guests. Six representatives are: Delphin chapter, Mrs. A. A. Berry, Mrs. R. D. Russell; Sigma Delta Phi, Mrs. C. E. Arnold; Study club, Mrs. Earl Peters; Woman's club, Mrs. E. G. Strong, Mrs. H. Lyman; Current Events, Mrs. T. E. Parsons, Mrs. G. E. Clayton; G. L. S. C., Mrs. George Tracy, Mrs. L. C. Gay, Mrs. Ralph Duff of Clarinda is county chairman.

Huge Fur Stock Sold. Montreal, April 3.—Approximately \$1,750,000 worth of furs changed hands during the four day sale of the Canadian Fur auction sales company.

York Couple Married 61 Years

York, Neb., April 4.—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Gauque celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary here March 31. They were married at Hillsboro, Ia., in 1864 and moved to York in 1880.

Gauque has been co-operative weather observer in York and Polk counties for 25 years. He has been farming for 15 years and was mail carrier out of York for 15 years.

The Gauques have four children living, 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Twenty-four persons were present at a surprise party given in honor of the anniversary.

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Two Italian Deputies Fight Duel With Swords

Rome, April 4.—The fascist deputy, Deini, and ex-socialist deputy, Viola, fought a duel with swords today near one of the bridges across the Tiber. The fascist duelist was wounded in the forearm in the second passage, and the duel was ended on surgeons' orders. The affair was the outcome of a challenge issued after a scuffle in the chamber of deputies, resulting from Viola's criticism of the concentration of blackshirts in the recent municipal elections at Caserta.

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Saline County Courthouse Removal From Wilber Again Being Agitated

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MARX NOMINATED BY THREE PARTIES

Berlin, April 3.—A joint conference of the centrist, democratic and social democratic parties today nominated Dr. Wilhelm Marx as their candidate for the German presidency.

Holdrege Debaters Defeat Superior Champion Team

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Holdrege, Neb., April 4.—The Holdrege high school debating team defeated Superior here Wednesday on both sides of the league of nations questions. The decision of the judges was 3 to 2 in favor of Holdrege in both debates.

Superior, after 11 successive victories and winning the championship of the southern district, is making a four throughout the southwest district. The Holdrege team were the first contestants on this trip. The Superior team is composed of John Phelps, Wilma Warden and Lloyd Spear.

Members of the Holdrege team are James Douglas, Clarence Edney, John Brown and Maxwell Hamilton. The coach is F. E. Leavitt.

Bankers Exonerated on Charge of Deception

Santa Fe, N. M., April 4.—J. B. Hendon, president of the defunct Santa National bank of Albuquerque, N. M.; W. C. Hammill, cashier of the defunct Sierra County bank of Hillsboro, N. M.; and C. E. Minkow, secretary and Agricultural Loan company, were found not guilty today by a jury in the federal district court of charges of conspiracy to deceive the War Finance Corporation.

Leusser in Hospital.

R. A. Leusser, vice president and general manager of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, is in a hospital on account of a minor operation. He expects to be at his desk next week.

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