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WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

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chaplain, postmaster and sergeant-at-arms, will be eliminated. Expenses for the biennium will be limited to \$120,000 as against more than \$250,000 for the present session.

The legislature will act as a committee of the whole while in session, the usual committees being named while the body is not in session and doing their work before it convenes. One of the first actions in the 1937 session will be the report of the judiciary committee which will be really a sifting committee functioning at the beginning instead of the close of the session. This committee will contact the state officers, county officials, mayors of cities, and the reporter of the supreme court.

A reviser of the statutes will work with the judiciary while the legislature is not in session, and will be on duty when the legislature convenes.

The judiciary committee presents all the "chicken feed" legislation, which has been prone to clog the legislative machinery heretofore, in one report. All other committees report on the important bills coming under their jurisdiction and introduced by members. Much of this material will have been discussed as issues during the election campaign, and the bills will be prepared months in advance of the session.

A legislative reference bureau will tabulate all existing information for and against each legislative proposal, and each legislator will have a file containing all the bills presented to the legislature, as well as a complete record of legislation discussed at previous session.

The governor may call the legislature into action whenever an emergency arises without additional expense except mileage. Members of the legislature will be paid monthly.

Friends of the unicameral system, while admitting that the success of this or any other plan of law making depends upon the calibre of the men elected, do claim that it will speed and simplify the law-making procedure, do away with making laws that later are pronounced unconstitutional, abolish the lobby as it now exists and keep ballyhoo out of legislation. Nebraska will soon find out.

Social legislation, as embodied in proposals to sterilize the mentally unfit and provide old age pensions, is holding an important place in the closing days of the 50th session. A proposal for a census of the feeble-minded was passed by the house last week and sent to the senate, while Governor Cochran introduced a measure to provide a more adequate old age pension fund than now exists without the necessity of a sales tax.

The feeble-minded census proposal, sponsored by Hyde of Gothenburg, would set up a state commission to maintain a continuing census of such persons. Agencies issuing marriage licenses would be furnished with lists to help them enforce the law prohibiting feeble-minded persons from marriage unless one of them is sterilized.

A companion bill provides compulsory sterilization of feeble-minded persons was killed in the house. Nebraska now has a law requiring sterilization of mental defectives who are inmates of state institutions and wish to be released.

Records show that the procreation of defectives in Nebraska is a serious affair. The Beatrice institute for the feeble minded houses whole families having as high as nine members, and the state cannot begin to house in institutions all the feeble minded that really require such care.

Rep. Marjorie J. Stark of Norfolk, one of the two women members of the legislature, has this to say regarding the problem:

"Any good farmer knows enough to weed out his weak and defective livestock to improve his herd, but for sentimental reasons we haven't good sense enough to apply the same principle to our racial stock. In many instances, sociologists have traced the history of feeble-minded families and found that they have increased in number and expense to their state, seldom producing a healthy, normal child."

The governor told legislators that the \$4,000,000 appropriated for relief earlier in the session can be used to provide old age pensions during the next two years. He said that this money can be used to match federal funds on a 50-50 basis when congress passes the president's social security measures, thus giving \$30 a month to each person coming under the provisions of old age pension in this state.

New social security legislation may have to be introduced here, however, if the state wants to come under the federal program, as the latter will require unemployment insurance, mothers' benefits and public health activities.

The governor's bill marked the death knell for the old age pension-sales tax bill introduced by O'Brien of Grand Island, which had managed to weather legislative storms to date.

Governor Cochran will sign S. F. 25 which corrects a defect in a law passed by the 1930 session. The new bill permits payment for power plants and rural electric lines out of earnings, and clears the way for cheaper power in Nebraska thru numerous power distribution systems which will be financed in part by federal allocations.

Foes of the sales tax are jittering again as the result of the advancement in the legislature of a bill to submit to a vote of the people a constitutional amendment limiting the property tax to 10 mills.

This bill, if it passes and the people vote favorably on the amendment, would mean that a sales tax, income tax or both would have to be adopted. The average levy upon farm property in Nebraska is about ten mills now, but tax levies of cities run as high as 62.80 mills in Gering. The average for all county seats is 37.83 mills, according to State Tax Commissioner Smith.

The average levy in Nebraska last year was slightly more than 20 mills, and \$42,068,482 was produced in taxes. Foes of the 10 mill property tax limitation proposal point out that it would require a 6 per cent sales tax to raise the \$21,000,000 which the state government would be short in case the amendment carried.

Conference committees from both legislative chambers were at work on a liquor control bill early this week after having kicked each others bills out the window.

Interesting sidelights on the liquor bill fracas reveal why the house bill prohibited any existing stores from handling liquor, and how the senate substitute measure almost presented a gold mine to a certain Lincoln hotel.

A prominent Lincoln druggist was behind the move to shut out existing stores from handling liquor. He is afraid that chain drug stores will come to Lincoln if drug stores are allowed to handle the stuff. As for the boner—a phrase of the senate bill would have prevented the sale of liquor by the drink except at a certain distance from educational institutions. If the "joker" had gone thru a certain prominent hotel in the capital city would have been the only hostelry of any importance that could have run a bar in the city, since the distance specified in the bill was just great enough to take in a competing hotel across the street.

Governor Cochran signed a bill permitting sale of lots in the once flourishing potash city of Antioch, which boasted a population of several thousand in war times and now has less than 50. The lots will be sold to farmers who want the ground for pasture.

The governor's signature has also been attached to a measure directing county clerks to certify each June and December to the county treasurer for publication a list of all unpaid county claims.

The gubernatorial ok is expected soon on a bill to give all revenue from fishing and hunting permits to propagation of game after July 1, 1937, depriving state parks of the 10 per cent they now receive.

Thousands of Nebraska automobile thanks to Senator Blessing again, thanks to Senator Blessing (R) of Ord. He succeeded in at-

taching an amendment to H. R. 20 so that owners of cars will not have to pay property taxes on same before they can get a renewal auto license.

"You might just as well compel the owner of a cow to pay the tax on the animal before he is allowed to milk her," Blessing declared.

Atkinson Woman Dies Of Burns Received In Tractor Fuel Explosion

Mrs. Carl Lewis, of Atkinson, died at the Atkinson hospital last Sunday from injuries received Saturday evening when a jar of fuel oil exploded while she was attempting to pour some of the oil in a fire that was burning in the kitchen stove. Mrs. Lewis was 37 years of age and the mother of six children. Margaret Smith, 11, a neighbor girl, was also severely burned as was Kathleen Lewis, 18, who made heroic efforts to save the latter. Orville Lewis, 12, was burned on the hands, as he sought to extinguish the flames on his mother. Gerald Lewis, 8, and Myron, 3, were also in the kitchen at the time of the explosion, but escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Lewis was busy preparing for a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Smith and family who were moving to Iowa, and she was cooking for the party. The fire in the kitchen range was slow and she secured a jar of tractor fuel and started to pour some of it on the flames in the stove. The jar, a gallon glass jar vessel, exploded in her hands and the entire room was enveloped in flames. Practically all of Mrs. Lewis' body, except her face was severely burned.

Senator Bronson Killed In Aeroplane Crash

United States Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico, and three others were killed last Monday morning when a transport plane of the Trans-Continental Western Air crashed near Atlanta, Mo. This plane crashed not far from the place where Knute Rockne went to his death in the crash of a plane about three years ago. Senator Bronson was one of the progressive republicans in the senate and in the last campaign supported President Roosevelt for re-election. He was re-elected last fall after a bitter fight in which he was opposed by the democrats of the national administration. He was on his way from his home in New Mexico to Washington to vote for the soldiers bonus when he met his death.

BIG TIRE SALE!
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Awarded \$6,000 Verdict In Produce Co. Suit

George Savidge and A. O. Elvidge, both formerly of this city, were awarded a verdict of \$6,000 by a jury in the district court at Madison last Friday. Savidge and Elvidge brought suit against Irvin E. Brandt, of Reading, Pa., president of the Norfolk Produce Co. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendant had induced them to put up \$3,000 of their money to help finance the produce business and then signed a contract that they would receive 20 per cent interest in the corporation when it was organized. The plaintiffs contended that the corporation was never organized and sued for the \$6,000 amount of the contract.

AGAIN!
A Huge Trade-In Sale at Gamble Stores, begins May 10 to 31. From 2c to \$15.00 allowed for old worn out items in exchange on new merchandise. Old Garden Hose, up to \$2.00 on 50' lengths.—Guaranteed 4 years. Up to \$3.00 for your old Lawn Mower.

Center Union Anniversary

On April 16, 1905, a Union Sunday School was organized, about five miles northwest of O'Neill, Nebraska, by Rev. E. E. Dillon, a missionary of the American Sunday School Union. That summer a chapel was erected in that community and the Center Union Sunday School has held its sessions in that building during these thirty years.

On May 2, 1935 a meeting was called in this chapel for the purpose of laying plans for celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the beginning of this center of religious influence.

This event will be held in the Coy Cole barn, one mile west of the chapel; about six miles northwest from O'Neill and one mile north of highway No. 20, on Saturday afternoon and evening of May 18th, and all day on Sunday, May 19th.

Some of the speakers expected to take part, and coming from a distance are Rev. E. E. Dillon, of York, Nebr., Rev. A. L. Nordin of St. Paul, Nebr., Rev. C. P. Turner of Minden, Nebr., and Harry E. Udd, acting superintendent for the Middle Western district of the American Sunday School Union, with headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa.

It is hoped that as many as possible can do so will take advantage of this occasion and attend any or all of the sessions which begin at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon and end at about 10 o'clock on Sunday night. The Sunday service will start at 10 a. m. with the study of the Sunday School lesson.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to share in this anniversary celebration.

S. Hallgrimson.

SCHOOL NOTES

The final eighth grade examinations will be held on Wednesday, May 15. The teachers examinations will be held again on Saturday, June 1, and will be held only in O'Neill at this time as all of the other schools will be closed.

I want to call your attention to the fact that the eighth grade commencement exercise will be held on May 31. We had to make this arrangement so it would not conflict with the teachers examination on Saturday. Patrons and parents are urged to attend. We will try and make the day interesting and worth while for you. A suitable program is being arranged for the occasion.

County Superintendent.

CONGRESS—AS SEEN BY A NEBRASKAN

Big Navy—The House passed without a record vote H. R. 7672, making appropriations for the Navy Department and the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936. A motion to re-commit was defeated by an overwhelming record vote. Those voting to re-commit included many peace advocates and congressmen who felt that it was wrong to spend the largest amount of money ever expended for the navy in peace time history. Many of them felt that some money should be spent to keep the navy intact for defensive purposes, but many of them fear that the building of the greatest navy in our peace-time history might resemble a challenge to the world.

Printing Money—They are printing about twenty million dollars a day in bills in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and thousands of tourists are going thru that money and stamp printing establishment every day. In one department, where the money is being sorted out, counted and placed on trucks, hundreds of colored women are employed. Of course, there are white women employed there, also. The whites work on one side of the big room and the colored people on the other.

White Collar Workers—More than 10,000 new jobs, it is said, will be given to people in Washington. That is the estimate of the number of new workers in the District on the planning and administrative end of the thousands of jobs which will be under way by mid-summer and which range in the higher brackets. It is indicated that many of these jobs will be in the white collar class, and so it is believed that the \$300,000,000 sum in the works relief bill which is earmarked for professional clerical and educational purposes, will be tapped. The main problem of the District officials is "how is this army to be housed?"

Charlie Green—A traveling man named Fred Jackson came to town from Chicago yesterday. He said he used to sell drygoods in North Nebraska and knew a lot of the old time traveling men, including Sam Erskine, Fred Scott, Mr. Spear, Thompson, and he also said he knew Charlie Green of Plainview. When he was told that Charlie Green had passed on, he felt very sad. He said he remembered the days when Charlie Green was one of the most popular salesmen in Nebraska, and had done much for the traveling profession in our state. News of Charlie Green's death came as a shock to him and to many of his friends.

Need Lobbyist—Because the Nebraska congressmen have heard that some states have already received large allocations of funds from the gigantic work relief sum, they got busy Monday and held a meeting in Senator Norris' office. All five congressmen and both senators were present, but nothing was really accomplished, because they did not know just what projects to recommend to the Presi-

dent's allotment board. The idea is to connect up with the Nebraska Governor, and get the information necessary from home. The congressmen feel that the commission which was set up by the Federal Government last year should have a lot of information from the various mayors and city officials of the state. Some of them also feel that Nebraska should have had a lobbyist in Washington for the past month or two and that the earliest bird got his worm out of the work relief fund.

Water Level—People in Antelope county are interested in raising the water level in North Nebraska, and this idea was placed before the Nebraska conference in no uncertain manner. Southern congressmen are complaining about the floods in Mississippi, and some of the Nebraska congressmen felt there should be an attempt on most every creek in North Nebraska to conserve our water.

Visitors—Mr. P. H. Peterson, of Wausa, and Mayor Bennett of Yankton, arrived in town Monday. Mr. Peterson is interested in the promotion of the Devil's Nest Park, and Mayor Bennett is interested in a proposed hydro-electric project on the Missouri river.

Fishing—Doc Garrison, of Oakdale, should be in Washington now. It is fishing season on the Potomac and it is the season of the silver herring. A hot sun is shining and many of the fishermen are around Great Falls and Chain Bridge, sitting on the flat rocks and casting their lines into the water and reeling in the silver herring. A ten-year-old kid named George Cochran yesterday got about a dozen of these wonderful fish in a short time. They don't use bait to catch these herring—just throw in their lines and snag them as the schools of fish pass down the river.

Talking about fishing, Ding Darling, the cartoonist, who is now Director of the Federal Game Conservation, is having a lot of trouble trying to get money to run his department. Bill Nangel, of Norfolk, who is a friend of Ding's, ought to do something about it. Ding threatened to resign last week if his plea for funds to carry out his program is not met. Ding says he needs a larger conservation force, because it is imperative to halt the illegal traffic in ducks, geese and other game birds. He says that ducks are being shipped in disguise to night clubs, hotel restaurants and road houses in increasing number. He has only twenty-two game wardens, he says.

KARL STEFAN.

BRIEFLY STATED

Charles Richardson and E. M. Gallagher made a business trip to Sioux City last Monday, returning that evening.

D. A. Criss, the Stuart banker, was transacting business in this city Wednesday and visiting old time friends.

The Misses Helen and Reta Reardon went down to Omaha last Friday for a couple of days visit, returning Sunday.

F. J. Biglin made a short business trip to Omaha the first of the

week, going down Monday and returning Tuesday night.

Miss Roberta Arbutnot and Mrs. John McManus, Jr., made a trip to Kearney last Tuesday, returning home that evening.

Frances Hughes went over to Bloomfield last Saturday and visited with the home folks until Monday morning, when he returned home.

Mrs. J. H. McPharlin went down to Omaha last Monday morning, where she will spend a week visiting at the homes of her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Chapman and Mrs. A. B. Gladson.

Mrs. W. J. Froelich and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham went down to Omaha last night and they are expected today with a new Studebaker that Mrs. Froelich will receive there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Enright came up from Omaha last Saturday night and spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. Enright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Enright. They returned home Monday morning.

Mrs. Crede entertained the Martez Club at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ira Moss, Mrs. H. J. Birmingham, Miss Anna O'Donnell and Mrs. P. B. Harty were the prize winners.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray and children were entertained at the "old home place" east of town last Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Streeter are now living on the farm. It is needless to say that they all spent a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fangman and Mrs. Bess Baker came up from Omaha last Friday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gatz and with other relatives here.

Mrs. Fangman and Mrs. Baker are sisters of Mrs. Gatz. They returned to Omaha Monday.

Henry Beckman made a trip to Bloomfield last Monday. On his way home, just east of Royal, his car refused to take a curve and it went over, rolled a couple of times and then stopped. The car was slightly damaged, but able to proceed on its own power, while Henry escaped without injury.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Murray, who have been here the past week for the Golden Wedding anniversary of their parents, are planning on leaving for their homes tomorrow, after having spent a very enjoyable week in O'Neill, with their parents and many old time friends.

Ex-Governor Judd says that the United States treats Hawaii like a foreign nation. We had no idea we had loaned them that much money.

One of our friends who went to Washington on a little business with the government says that he was sent to fifteen different departments in fourteen different buildings but didn't see a single inch of that official red tape they talk so much about.

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