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Supervisors' Proceedings

O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 3, 1936, 10 A. M. Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by the Chairman. Board spent forenoon in auditing and approving road claims. 12:00 noon, on motion, Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M. John Sullivan, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 3, 1936, 1:00 P. M. Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by the Chairman. The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on Road Fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts for road fund payments, including L. A. Schlotman \$34.20, John R. Ruther 6.95, Gurtie Minnahan 8.50, Floyd Sanders 19.20, Irvin Jensen 2.00, George Cubick 41.20, Joe Cubick 41.20, C. E. Linn 7.00, Art R. Sanders 12.00, L. A. Whaley 10.40, B. B. Thomas 9.55, John Cleveland 4.00, P. J. Hickey 3.20, John Schmidt 12.75, Mervin Butler 6.00, Continental Oil Co. 25.08, Alfred Walter 3.40, John Calley 5.04, Alex Fricke 7.00, Hewitt Bros. 23.59, Dens Oil Co. 63.35, Ed J. Matousek 10.00, John A. Carson 10.00, Ed Sparks 3.00, Claude Miller 28.00, Wm. L. Ulrich 66.40, Earl Coxbill 2.00, Island Supply Co. 7.65, Island Supply Co. 35.03, Arbuthnot & Reka 39.38, Arbuthnot & Reka 4.50, Arbuthnot & Reka 89.86.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on Unemployment Relief Fund in payment of same: Interstate Power Co. \$15.00, Roberta Arbuthnot 15.00, William Gats 31.00, N-W. Bell Telephone Co. 54.04.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on County Poor Fund in payment of same: Elva Bogue \$15.00, Mrs. Anna Sauser 8.15, Greenstreet Bros. 15.31, Mrs. E. J. Gill 11.08, Casper Wagman 21.00, Ed F. Quinn 15.00. 5:00 P. M., on motion, Board adjourned until January 4, 1936, at 9:00 A. M. John Sullivan, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 4, 1936, 9 A. 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 approved as read. The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the General Fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts for general fund payments, including John A. Carson \$23.00, Ed J. Matousek 22.15, Louis W. Reimer 15.50, John Steinhauser 18.00, J. C. Stein 16.50, John Sullivan 32.00, Mrs. O. M. Sanders 31.25, J. W. Walter 26.00. Mr. Latenser, the architect on the new court house building, was present at this meeting and submitted floor plans and specifications of the proposed building and the Board spent the balance of the day examining and making suitable changes in same. 4:00 P. M., on motion, Board adjourned until Saturday, January 11, 1936, 10:00 P. M. John Sullivan, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 11, 1936, 10 A. 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 approved as read.

Mr. Latenser, the architect on the court house building, was present at this meeting and presented revised plans and office arrangements and Board spent day in examining and checking plans.

4:00 P. M., on motion, Board adjourned Sine Die.

John Sullivan, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 14, 1936, 10 A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met on this date as required by Statute for the purpose of organizing board for ensuing year. Members present, Sullivan, Carson, Matousek, Reimer, Stein, Steinhauser and alter. Meeting called to order by the County Clerk.

Board proceeded to the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year. Motion by Walter, and seconded by Sullivan, that nominations for Chairman be made by ballot. Carried.

First informal ballot resulted as follows: Louis W. Reimer 3, John Sullivan 2, John A. Carson 1.

First formal ballot resulted as follows: Louis W. Reimers 4, John Sullivan 3.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Stein, that vote for Louis W. Reimer for Chairman for the ensuing year be made unanimous. Motion carried.

Thereupon Louis W. Reimer was declared elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The newly elected Chairman deferred naming his committees until the afternoon session.

12:00 noon, on motion, Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

Louis W. Reimer, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, Jan. 14, 1936, 1 P. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

The Chairman presented the following standing committees for the year 1936:

- Court House—Sullivan, Matousek and Walters. Finance—Carson, Stein and Steinhauser. Printing—Stein, Matousek and Sullivan. Tax—Steinhauser, Carson and Stein. Bond—Carson, Sullivan and Walter. Bridge—Walter, Steinhauser and Matousek. Settlement with County Officers—Sullivan and entire Board. Claims—Matousek and entire Board.

Board proceeded to prepare the Annual Estimate of expense for the year 1936. Motion by Stein and seconded by Matousek that The Frontier be designated as the official paper for the year 1936. Carried.

Motion by Carson and seconded by Sullivan that floor plans and office arrangements of the new court house building as submitted by the architects, John Latenser and sons be approved and accepted. Carried.

5:00 P. M., on motion, Board adjourned until January 16, 1936, at 9:00 A. M. Louis W. Reimer, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell Just three more weeks and the curtain will go up on Nebraska's biennial "big show," which this year will have the largest cast in history with plenty of amateur talent, according to present indications. March 5 is the date on which all filings must be in, while the "professionals," or those holding an office who desire to run for another post, must pick their part in the "melodrama" on or before Feb. 24, as required by a new state law. The contest for a seat in the state railway commission which appears to be dragging will have considerable new life injected into it in a few days when Warren R. Pool of Lincoln, steps into the ring. At present only three men have filed for this office—Hugh Drake (R), incumbent; Harry L. Scott (R), Lincoln; and George L. Good (D), Bridgeport. Pool, the newcomer, who left state university to fight overseas, went to work in the Havelock railroad shops upon his return in order to finish university, took two engineering degrees, and is now an employee of the state highway department, has it figured out that the railway commission can use an engineer to good advantage after many years of almost complete domination by lawyers. John S. Jones of Wymore, is the fourth man to file for state treasurer. He is a republican. The latest to hitch his wagon to the congressional star is Lloyd E. Chapman (R) of Lincoln, an attorney, who hopes to represent the 1st district on an anti-new-deal platform. He declares that "if the government's stranglehold on

business and industry is removed they will revive and prosperity will inevitably follow."

Another 1st district republican who is likely to run for congress is Harry E. Sackett of Beatrice, an attorney and well known in state republican circles. In the 5th district, Cullen N. Wright, Scottsbluff, another well-known republican figure is fidgeting with his hat with congressional intentions, while in the 2nd district Ted Metcalfe of Omaha, third place man in the republican primary for governor two years ago, is spoken of as a congressional possibility. Candidates for a seat in the unicameral legislature are breathing easier since Assistant Attorney General Murphy has submitted an opinion that the unicameral redistricting act is valid, despite the claim of Jack Chase, of Omaha, that several localities in the Nebraska metropolis were left out in the cold. Murphy said there were "careless errors" in the act, but that the intent was clear and there is no need to call a special legislative session.

There are few congregating places too lowly to harbor a political confab of some sort these days. Two of the larger fetes scheduled for the near future include a speech by Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, Feb. 28, and a speech by Senator Black of Alabama, Feb. 22—both to be at the university coliseum. Landon's speech will be a highlight of the second annual Republican Founders Day celebration of the republican party in Nebraska. Mrs. George B. Simmons of Marshall, Mo., who has been busy tossing bombs into the new deal camp during the past year will also be a speaker, and the republicans will work on their plans of political strategy the same day.

Senator Black, a strong new-dealer and labor champion, will appear under Nebraska labor and farm auspices. Believe the assessors or not, but in 1935 there was only one camera each in Arthur, Blaine and Greeley counties, while the folks of Arthur county had to walk miles to find out what time it was, for their were only 7 watches and clocks in the county. One would naturally think that Douglas with the largest population would have a corner on the diamonds and jewelry, but Lancaster county, the home of so many public officials, was way ahead with \$208,855 worth. What jewelry the Banner county folks possessed must have come from the dime store, as the assessor lumped it off at \$15. Every county was well supplied with radios, Douglas county leading with over half a million dollars so invested.

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Nebraskans may be casually interested in the fact that the valuation of the state, as returned by local assessors and as equalized by the state board, is \$2,030,243,533, or a decrease of \$29,000,000 from the 1934 valuation, and that the tax bill for 1935 totaled \$43,878,947, or nearly \$2,000,000 more than the year before, but they will be more interested in knowing what their neighbors are doing as regard bushels of grain, livestock, radios and diamond rings. The folks over in Cherry county have the largest number of cattle—210,262 head—and Kimball county folks have the least with 9,041, but the average value is highest in Dixon county. There are only 2,488,476 head of cattle in the state. Tax Commissioner Smith's figures show, compared with 3,029,487 in 1934, but the total valuation is \$68,182,223 as against \$45,726,457 in 1934. Custer county has the largest number of horses—19,177—while Deuel has only 1,355, but Otoe county steeds are worth the most per head. The same county has the largest number of mules with 2,395, but York county mules are the best. Burt county farmers are tops when it comes to the total valuation of their hogs—\$285,940—alho the farmers of Cuming county have the largest number of hogs of any county in the state, a total of 34-

369, and Douglas county hogs are worth the most per head. Saline county folks have \$78,175 worth of poultry, high for the state, but the flocks in Hooker county are few and far between. Lancaster county leads in dogs which are valued at \$55,435, while the ranchers out in Hooker county must struggle along with only \$1,240 worth of dogs. Dawes county has 13,971 sheep and goats and leads the state, but Scottsbluff county has the record for bees with 1,291 stands. Grant county hasn't a single bee, so far as the assessor could find out. Gage farmers have the most wheat on hand to the tune of 257,818 bushels, but the assessors failed to uncover any grain in Arthur, Blaine, Dakota, Garfield, Grant, Holt, Loup, McPherson, Rock or Thomas counties. Every county but Arthur had some corn on hand, while Saunders led with 792,720 bushels. Madison county apparently has a corner on oats, and the spuds are piled highest in Kimball county.

The average Nebraskan would think that the Platte river counties in the irrigated section would have the most hay and alfalfa on hand, but the honors go to Cuming county with 4,905 tons. Platte county farmers have the most invested in farm machinery and were assessed on more than half a million dollars worth of plows, manure spreaders, etc., but Cheyenne county has the most tractors, threshing machines and combines.

Douglas county naturally has the most automobiles and household goods. Hooker county has the fewest cars and Banner county folks have little inside their homes but drygoods boxes, if the assessor was correct. McPherson hasn't a single electric refrigerator, while Douglas has 6,456 of them. Strangely enough, however, Lancaster county has more electric washers than Douglas.

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cycles. Passenger cars alone totaled 347,311 or nearly a thousand over 1934. Total fees paid amounted to \$1,983,640 compared with \$1,867,063 the year before. Figures compiled by the Lowell Service reveal that there were 34,227 new passenger cars registered in Nebraska in 1935 as against 21,778 in 1934. Trucks totaled 6,297 and 5,411. Ford led in passenger car sales with 11,713 of this make delivered to Nebraskans. Chevrolet which was high in 1934 took second place with 9,204. Plymouth continued in third place with 4,936. In commercial car sales, Ford jumped from second to first place with 2,447, and Chevrolet dropped to second with 1,927, or about 400 less than 1934. International placed third with 935.

Sales of life insurance in Nebraska totaled \$52,372,000 in 1935 compared with \$51,353,000 in 1934. While Nebraska's general fund reached an eight year low late last year, it managed to increase its cash balance in January from \$145,286 at the beginning of the month to \$178,068 at the close. Extraordinary appropriations made by the legislature, together with delayed payments of taxes under the new law, caused the fund to be unusually depleted in the latter part of 1935, but from now on it will go a-kiteing. Approximately \$10,950,000 will be invested in highways in Nebraska in 1936. About \$7,750,000 will be for construction, while \$3,200,000 is earmarked for maintenance. Last year approximately \$7,714,000 worth of work was done on highways. The 1935 law making a differentiation between types of arson

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