

THE FRONTIER

LEGISLATORS PASS BY 37 TO 3 A 2-YEAR MORATORIUM LAW

One House Body Expected To Evolve Something Sane In Way of Tax Reduction.

By the Lowell Service
Lincoln, Nebr.—From the beginning of record history, there have been many instances of discreet conservatism becoming entangled in its own web of indecision; when the protagonist of Things-As-They-Are overshoots the mark and rates with the governmental tyros and the legislative bunglers.

A perfect example of reaction gone astray became apparent when the two year moratorium act was approved by the unicameral legislature Friday by a vote of 37 to 3. The negative votes were cast by Amos Thomas of Omaha, Roy Johnson of Miller, and Harry Pizer of North Platte.

Partisan feeling broke loose in the unicameral last Friday. Nuernberger's resolution memorializing congress to reject President Roosevelt's court revamping plan was referred to the judiciary committee by a vote of 24 to 16 and three not voting. It takes 29 votes to suspend the rules. This number the advocates of the measure failed to secure. The resolution was sent to the judiciary committee where it will be scheduled for public hearing.

The roll call is significant and was as follows:

Republicans voting for suspension—E. A. Adams, John Adams Jr., Armstrong, Ashmore, Brady, Comstock, Dunn, Howard, Roy Johnson, Walter Johnson, Knickrehm, Murphy, Nuernberger, Carl Peterson, John Peterson, Schultz, Strong, Thomas and Warner—number 19.

Democrats voting for suspension—Carpenter, Carsten, Haycock, McMahon and Pizer—number 5.

Republicans voting against suspension—Miller.

Democrats voting against suspension—Brandt, Brodecky, Cady, Dafeo, Diers, Frost, Gantz, Hall, Norton, Regan, Slepicka, Tvrdik, Von Seggren, Wells and Worthing—number 15.

Not voting were Carlson (d), Neubauer (d), and Reynolds (r).

Unless all signs fail the unicameral legislature will evolve something sane, something sensible for the reduction of taxes and tax expenditures in counties. There are many bills pending aimed to curb the tax orgies in cities, in towns and in school districts. There are more than a score of well drawn bills aimed at abuses and extravagances in county government.

Sponsored by the Association of Omaha Taxpayers, and introduced by Legislators Amos Thomas, Walter R. Johnson, and Charles Tvrdik of Omaha, and L. B. Murphy of Scottsbluff, two bills aiming to reform county government have been placed before the legislature. One provides for the formation of a delinquent tax sinking fund and prohibits the use of delinquent tax collections for paying current operating expenses when unpaid bills are outstanding. This would make impossible the past custom of Douglas county of paying unpaid bills of one year from the tax revenue of the following year.

The other bill provides for the recall of county officials, giving to county residents the same rights to recall their officials that residents of towns and cities have, and it carries the emergency clause. At present, county officials can be removed only thru quo warranto proceedings in court, and it is claimed that it is practically impossible to get county attorneys to prosecute with vigor their fellow office holders. By the provisions of the new bill, the county board shall call a special election whenever a petition is filed signed by at least 25 per cent of the voters for governor in the preceding election, and setting out complaints against the county official and suggesting his successor.

J. N. Norton of Polk and P. L. Cady of Fremont, are the authors of a series of bills which prescribe forfeiture of office and fines up to \$500 for derelict county officials and employees. Rodney S. Dunlap of Fremont, attorney for the Nebraska Federation of County Tax-

payers leagues, drew the bills. Bills for forcing collection of delinquent taxes are also pending.

After a two-hour argument, much of it between Legislator Worthing, in defense of the bill, and Legislator Dafeo, who led the fight in opposition to it, the bill which would have postponed from April 1937, to April, 1939, the date on which local communities might have the right to invoke the privilege of local option, was killed in committee of the whole. The vote was 23 to 18, with two members present but not voting.

Provision for a fine of from \$10 to \$500 for each violation is made in the bindweed bill introduced by Legislator R. W. Johnson and six others. Bindweed districts, according to the bill, may be formed by petition to the county clerk of resident landowners, and the director of the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska and his assistant are to be paid for their work in creating the districts, plating the infested lands, and directing the procedure of eradication. Arrangement is made for the assessment of eradication taxes against the owners of the land on the basis of benefits received.

The term "noxious weeds," as used in the bill, includes, besides bindweed, the Canada thistle, leafy spurge, the puncture plant, and other pests to be named by the state extension director. Threshing outfits and combines must be cleaned of noxious seeds before being moved from one place to another. The bill carries the emergency clause.

Legislator Hall of Roseland is behind the resolution for a constitutional amendment to reduce the liability of bank stock from \$200 to \$100.

Earl W. Carpenter has introduced a bill to provide for the grading and candling of eggs and for the licensing of hatcheries.

Legislator Armstrong is the author of a series of bills amending criminal procedure.

E. M. Neubauer has introduced a bill revising the definitions of the ingredients of imitation butter.

Legislator Norton has sponsored bills to permit rural electrification districts to organize cooperatives for merchandising of electrical equipment, engage in wiring and sell plumbing supplies.

Fred Carsten is the author of a bill to divert \$68,070 from the gasoline tax to make the Louisville bridge toll free.

Carl H. Peterson wants to form rural fire districts. His bill authorizes a tenth of a mill levy.

About one million dollars per year will be raised to be used in financing the construction of state institutional buildings if a bill introduced by Leland Hall is passed. It provides for a special half-mill levy in 1937 and annually thereafter, and the money would go into a state building fund. Among the building programs which it would provide for are the University of Nebraska and the state board of control, each of which would receive 40 per cent, and the state normal schools, which would receive 20 per cent. The taxpayers' organizations will fight this bill and they will also, it is predicted, oppose any levy for teachers' pensions.

Legislator "Dick" Regan would promote politeness and decorum in the presence of the dead. He has introduced a bill that authorizes the cancelling of an undertakers license should the funeral director use profane or indecent language in the presence of the dead.

Legislator Leland Hall has introduced a bill to legalize interconnections between public power districts and rural public power districts.

The appropriations committee of the state legislature has introduced two bills which are designed to carry out the policy of Governor Cochran for the coordinated purchasing of supplies for all the state institutions and departments. Incidentally cost plus merchandising agencies may be established at the state university and the normal schools.

Ex-Senator H. C. Peterson of Guide Rock appeared before the Commerce and Communications committee to argue against excessive license fees for small truckers. The committee manhandled the bill, LB 51.

NEW COURT HOUSE BUILDING FOR HOLT COUNTY FINISHED

Weather Prevents Arrival of Contractor so Official Acceptance by County Postponed.

On account of the storm last Monday the architect and building contractors did not come up from Omaha, so the transfer of the new court house building to the county was not completed that day. They will probably be up the forepart of the coming week for that purpose. The building is now completed, all linoleum laid, that is to be laid at the present time and it is ready for occupancy. A couple of steel desks, one for the county clerk and another for the county treasurer have not as yet arrived but they are expected to reach here any day.

Good Weather Boosts Receipts and Prices At Atkinson Sale Pavilion

Good weather and improvement in road conditions helped to increase receipts of livestock at the Atkinson sales market. With buyers present from several states, cattle market rules active to higher. A lot of good fat hogs are included in the days run.

Supplies of both cattle and hogs were more liberal than any time since the first of the year. Three hundred and eighty-seven cattle were sold. With buyers present from Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska demand was broad for all kinds and prices generally were higher. Some real choice yearling steers sold at 7.75; heifers of the same kind at 6.60; most all calves of quality brought 6.75 to 7.25; some choice heiferettes sold at 5.50 to 6.50; the cow market was fully 35 cents up from a week ago. A feature of the sale was 100 head of fine Hereford stock cows from the Black Hills section of South Dakota.

Slightly over 300 head of hogs were sold. The offering consisted mainly of fat hogs, very few pigs being offered. The bulk of fat hogs sold at 9.40 and 9.45; sows at 8.60 to 9.00; some strong weight pigs sold at 8.00 to 9.00; lighter weights sold at 6.50 to 8.00.

Next auction Tuesday, Feb. 23, starting at 11 a. m. A large number of horses, cattle and hogs are expected for this sale.

Poorer Quality Hay Wanted By Truckers

A large number of trucks from southwestern Iowa, one of the garden spots of the nation, as well as northeastern Nebraska, have been in the city the past three weeks hauling Holt county hay to that territory to feed their livestock. These truckers are paying from \$6.00 to \$11.00 per ton for the hay here—depending on the quality—and are retailing it for \$17.50 and \$18.00 per ton, also according to quality. Most of these truckers do not want No. 1 hay, as they say they are unable to sell it for enough to pay them for their labor and truck hauling and are rather partial to the poorer quality.

Donald Stannard Will Be Married Saturday

O'Neill relatives received cards the first of the week announcing the approaching marriage of Donald Stannard, son of Mrs. D. Stannard of this city, to Miss Betty Branch, the ceremony to be performed at St. Francis church in Bakersfield, Calif., Saturday next. They will make their home at Bakersfield, where the groom is engaged in business.

Donald was born and grew to manhood in this city and has a host of friends here who wish for him and the lady of his choice many years of wedded happiness and prosperity.

Civil Service Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Radio inspector, \$2,000 a year, Federal Communications Commission. Junior billing-bookkeeping machine operator, \$1,440 a year. Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office in this city.

The Weather

The weather has been fine the past week and most of the snow is gone except where it drifted in piles. A heavy wind blew about all night last Sunday and on Monday we had about three inches of snow, which fanned by a strong wind gave evidences of developing into a real blizzard. But it cleared up shortly after noon and was thawing again before night.

| | High | Low |
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| Feb. 12 | 45 | 25 |
| Feb. 13 | 45 | 24 |
| Feb. 14 | 37 | 13 |
| Feb. 15 | 34 | 12 |
| Feb. 16 | 47 | 12 |
| Feb. 17 | 41 | 31 |

Interest Shown in Shelterbelt Planting

Considerable interest is being displayed in the location of shelterbelt planting as evidenced by the number of applications being received by the Neligh office according to Mr. Marshall, forest officer in charge. Approximately 200 applications have been received to date and more coming in each day. Farmers are urged to make their applications as soon as possible as only a limited number of seedlings are available. Application forms may be secured from either the forest service office located in the Daxon building at Neligh or from the county farm bureau office in O'Neill.

New shelterbelts are to be concentrated this year so that applications will be accepted only for windbreaks to be planted in the western part of Antelope county, the southeastern part of Holt county consisting of all townships east of highway No. 281 and south of and including townships 29, range 9 and 10 and 11, and township 29, range 12.

Also a new territory has been added in Wheeler county which consists of townships 23 and 24, range 9. The program it is said, will be on a cooperative basis with farmers. The Forest Service will furnish, plant and cultivate the trees until June 3, 1937, but the land owners must donate the land use, supply material for a fence and agree to help protect the trees from rodents.

Walter McDonough Dies At Maimi, Florida

This office received a letter the latter part of the week from Mrs. Mayme Welsh Cherry of Denver, Colo., extending her subscription to The Frontier for another year, as she says she cannot do without the "old home paper."

In her letter Mrs. Cherry gave us the information that Walter McDonough, who was raised north of this city and will be remembered by many of the old timers in the county, had passed away of a heart attack in Miami, Fla., on Jan. 11, where he had been making his home the past two years.

Mr. McDonough was a brother of John M. McDonough, who ran the O'Neill Tribune in the basement under the First National bank building in the eighties. After disposing of the paper he went to New York City and worked on the metropolitan dailies for a few years and then entered the theatrical business, in which he was a pronounced success. Shortly after he went to New York the rest of the family followed him. For several years Walter McDonough was a member of the New York police force, retiring from service about fifteen years ago. He visited Nebraska about ten years ago and the writer had several visits with him in our office in Omaha, where he had his headquarters for several months. Walter was a fine fellow and his passing adds another to the long roll of early Holt county pioneers who have passed beyond.

Football classics are now fought out in the Rose-Bowl, the Sugar Bowl and the Orange Bowl. Why have we overlooked the Gold Fish Bowl?

A couple of Denver yeggs held up a citizen, took his purse and watch and hid the gold teeth from his head. What a couple of fine tax collectors they would make.

B. W. Wagner of Burwell was a business caller in O'Neill Tuesday.

COUNTY OFFICERS ELECTED FOR SOIL SAVING PROGRAM

Precinct Chairmen Meet In O'Neill Monday And Hear 1937 Soil Program Explained.

A meeting of the soil conservation division of the agricultural adjustment administration was held at the district court room in O'Neill Monday for the purpose of electing county officers. Twenty-four of the 25 precinct chairmen attended the meeting. Officers elected were: Fred Beckwith of Emmet, president; D. F. Scott of Atkinson, vice president; Frank Allen of Page, third member; Al Sausser of O'Neill, treasurer, and F. M. Reece of O'Neill, secretary.

Bernard Holmes, district supervisor, presided at the meeting and explained the 1937 conservation program. Precinct officers are:

Atkinson: J. W. Rocks, Atkinson, chairman; Chas. Shane, Atkinson, vice chairman; Frank Murray, Atkinson, 3rd member; A. T. Barnes, alternate.

Chambers and Shamrock: Clyde Kiltz, Chambers, chairman; Floyd Anderson, Chambers, vice chairman; Harry Ressel, Chambers, 3rd member; Henry Hansen, Chambers, alternate.

Cleveland and Dustin: Chas. M. Mulford, Stuart, chairman; C. E. McClurg, Stuart, vice chairman; Geo. Beck, Stuart, 3rd member; Thos. Higgins, Stuart, alternate.

Conley: A. Fauquier, chairman; L. C. Hertel, vice chairman; A. E. Johnson, 3rd member; Peter Nielson, alternate—all of Chambers.

Deloit: Ewald Spahn, chairman; Frank Miller, vice chairman; Fred Forslund, 3rd member; Frank Minerik, alternate—all Ewing.

Emmet and Pleasant View: Fred Beckwith, Emmet, chairman; A. W. Stearns, Atkinson, vice chairman; Walter Ries, Atkinson, 3rd member; R. M. Pease, alternate, Emmet.

Ewing and Golden: A. H. Marquardt, Ewing, chairman; George Howard, Orchard, vice chairman; F. A. Mosel, Orchard, 3rd member; Joe Rosno, Ewing, alternate.

Grattan: Al Sausser, chairman; Ralph Ernst, vice chairman; J. K. Ernst, 3rd member; John Murray, alternate—all O'Neill.

Green Valley, Holt Creek and Francis: Ed Hamik, Stuart, chairman; Arthur Pacha, Stuart, vice chairman; E. A. Bouska, Stuart, 3rd member; Adolph Mlinar, Atkinson, alternate.

Inman: R. M. Gannon, Inman, chairman; Karl Keyes, Inman, vice chairman; H. Harte, Inman, 3rd member; Harvey Cullen, Page, alternate.

Iowa and Antelope: Frank Allen, chairman; George Fink, vice chairman; E. J. Allen, 3rd member; L. B. Perkinson, alternate—all of Page.

Lake and McClure: Carl Lambert, chairman; Lloyd Gibson, vice chairman; M. B. Goranson, 3rd member; George Burke, alternate—all of Ewing.

Padlock: C. E. Worth, chairman; Frank Nelson, vice chairman; Horace Rouse, 3rd member; W. H. Harvey, alternate—all O'Neill.

Rock Falls: Henry Vequist, O'Neill, chairman; Harold Williamson, Atkinson, vice chairman; D. P. Hynes, Atkinson, 3rd member; Ralph Rees, O'Neill, alternate.

Sand Creek: D. F. Scott, Atkinson, chairman; P. W. Kilmurry, Atkinson, vice chairman; James E. Deming, Stuart, 3rd member; F. O. Zink, Stuart, alternate.

Saratoga and Coleman: W. L. Coleman, O'Neill, chairman; John Storchmann, Spencer, vice chairman; John Damero, O'Neill, 3rd member; Roy Nilson, O'Neill, alternate.

Scott: Howard Oberle, vice chairman; Joe Schollmeyer, vice chairman; George Calkins, 3rd member; Leo Farran, alternate—all Dorsey.

Sheridan: Fred Mack, chairman; J. A. Beck, vice chairman; E. R. Young, 3rd member; Cecil Bogue, alternate—all Atkinson.

Shields: Ed Murray, chairman; J. B. Donohoe, vice chairman; John Pruss, 3rd member; John Schmidt, alternate—all O'Neill.

Steel Creek: R. B. Marston, Walnut, chairman; R. E. Nightengale, Walnut, vice chairman; H. H. Miles, Dorsey, 3rd member; Willis Butterfield, Walnut, alternate.

Stuart: Ora Yarges, chairman; Anton Wallinger, vice chairman; Toney Lockman, 3rd member; Lyle Radcliff, alternate—all Stuart.

Swan and Josie: Claude Liermann, Amelia, chairman; Victor Howarth, Josie, vice chairman; Louis Barthell, Josie, 3rd member; Melvin Welton, alternate, Josie.

Verdigres: W. E. Snyder, chairman; P. E. Nissen, vice chairman; B. H. French, 3rd member; Leland Knudsen, alternate—all Page.

Willowdale: John Sorenson, Star, chairman; R. J. Elston, Star, vice chairman; Wm. Derickson, Star, 3rd member; August Smith, O'Neill, alternate.

Lafe Randall Is Expected to Recover

Lafe Randall, about 75, who attempted suicide last Thursday afternoon by cutting his throat, is getting along nicely at the hospital and unless complication set in he will recover.

Funeral Services For Emory E. Dillon Are Held At Ainsworth

Emory Ellsworth Dillon was born June 24, 1863 in Rock Island General Baptist association of Nebr., Feb. 15, 1937, at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was united in marriage Oct. 11, 1885, to Minnie Moohery at Dorchester, Nebr. To this union seven daughters and four sons were born, five of whom preceded him in death.

He was affiliated with church work early in life and joined the General Baptist association of which he was a member until his death. He was ordained by this organization Sept. 13, 1908.

He became a missionary of the American Sunday School Union in 1903 and moved to O'Neill, Nebr., where he made his headquarters for several years. Later he became general missionary of the state of Nebraska and continued as such until 1933 when he was superannuated at the age of 70 years. In 1916 he moved to York, Nebr., and lived there until just a few days before his death when he moved to Tilden, Nebr.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife, Minnie Dillon; five daughters, Mrs. Betty Archer, Tilden; Mrs. Flossie Closson, Wayside, Nebr.; Mrs. Nellie Orndorff, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. Clara Allnutt, Greeley, Colo.; Mrs. Zorenda Freeman, York, Nebr., and one son, Daniel Dillon, Los Angeles, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kittie Dillon, Ainsworth, Nebr., and twelve grandchildren.

Services were held at the Jessen funeral home at Ainsworth, conducted by the Barnum mortuary of Tilden. The casket was delivered by S. Halgrimson, missionary of the American Sunday School Union. Burial was in the Ainsworth cemetery.

Drouth Freight Rates Have A Few Changes

Reduced drouth rate freight certificates have been changed slightly, W. W. Derrick of the Nebraska college of agriculture advised Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece this week. The revised certificate is to be issued only for the benefit of a resident of the specified drouth county. The feed shipment carrying the benefits of reduced rates may only be distributed within the specified county and farmers securing benefits of the drouth rates must not sell the feed.

Under the revised certificate it is impossible to sell feed brought in under drouth rates to farmers in adjoining counties that are not included in the area eligible for the benefits of the rates. All but 19 Nebraska counties however, are eligible for the rates.

Mrs. Mary Sageser Dies At Grand Island, Nebr.

Mary J. Sageser was born near Pittsburg, Pa., July 14, 1843, and died in the Pershing hospital at Grand Island, Feb. 2, 1937, at the age of 93 years, 6 months and 19 days. Burial was in the Chambers cemetery by the side of her husband who died in 1901.

Mary J. Ridenour was born near Pittsburg, Pa., July 14, 1843. She moved with her parents to Illinois in 1850. On March 21, 1867 she was married to James W. Sageser. To this union five children were born. They are: M. L. and E. V. Sageser of Chambers, A. L. Sageser of Missouri, and Mrs. E. E. Perrin of Seattle Wash. Another child preceded her in death.

In 1870 they moved to Afton, Iowa and from there moved to Holt county in 1886, settling four and one-fourth miles southwest of Chambers, where they raised their family. Mr. Sageser died in 1901.

C. R. Young, living in the Opportunity neighborhood where he has resided for over fifty years, last Saturday celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary. Several of his children gathered at his home to help him properly celebrate the event.

D. R. MOUNTS WILL HEAD DISTRICT BAR GROUP THIS YEAR

Members of the Fifteenth Judicial District Bar Oppose Roosevelt Supreme Court Plans.

The Bar Association of the Fifteenth Judicial district held their annual meeting in this city last Monday afternoon, with a banquet at the Golden hotel that evening. At the afternoon meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: D. R. Mounts, Atkinson, president; George Farman, Ainsworth, vice president; Wayne A. Davies, Butte, secretary-treasurer.

The following resolution was presented at the meeting and adopted with a large majority:

Whereas, there is now pending before congress a bill sponsored by the President, which proposes to increase the number of justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and proposes to limit and curtail the powers of the court; and

Whereas, we feel that any change in the Supreme Court as now constituted, and any restraint or limitation upon the powers which are now vested in said Court will destroy the rights of the people of the United States which are guaranteed to them by the Constitution:

Now, therefore, we, the members of the bar association of the Fifteenth Judicial district of the state of Nebraska, do hereby express our disapproval of any effort to increase the number of justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, or to curtail or limit the powers now vested in said court; and

Be it further resolved that we request all members of Congress from the state of Nebraska to vote against, and use their influence to defeat any bill which may be introduced in Congress to increase the size of the court or to limit or curtail its powers.

During the banquet the members of the bar were entertained by several of the young O'Neill artists, and their entertainment was well received. William M. Ely of Ainsworth, gave an address on "Lincoln the Lawyer," which is said by those present to have been a very able and entertaining address.

Funeral Held Saturday For Patrick J. Reddin

Patrick J. Reddin, aged 79 years, died last Friday morning after a short illness of a heart attack. The funeral was held Saturday morning from the Catholic church, Rev. P. F. Burke officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Patrick J. Reddin was born at Macon, Illinois, on January 1, 1858, and was 79 years and 11 days old at the time of his death. He came to this county in the spring of 1890 and had been a resident of the county ever since. For several years he was a rural mail carrier out of this city and had a host of friends among the older residents of the county. Pat never married and lately he had been keeping bachelor quarters in the eastern part of the city. He had no known relatives in this section. He had one sister who resided at Gooding, Idaho, but he had not heard from her for several years.

ROBBERS BREAK INTO RELIEF SUPPLIES

Some light fingered gentry forced an entrance to the relief supply station on the corner of Douglas and Sixth streets last Saturday night and got away with five mattresses, six quilts, 32 pounds of prunes and a sack of grape fruit. In gaining entrance they were forced to break two locks on the doors. Officials have an idea of who the guilty parties are and arrests will be made if they can secure sufficient evidence with which to prosecute.

MOURNS CHAUNCEY KEYES

This office is in receipt of a letter from George W. Davies of Lincoln, for many years a resident of Ewing and later of Inman, in which George mourns the passing of his old friend Chauncey Keyes. "But," he says, "as I look back and think slowly, I realize that we are all getting along in years. My father took a homestead ten miles south and two west of Ewing in 1886, coming to Nebraska from Schanton, Pa., to Norfolk in 1884." Yes, George, we are all getting along in years and time passes a lot faster as we grow older.