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Minutes of Meetings of the County Board

O'Neill, Nebraska, April 30, 1937, 9:00 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 were approved as read.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on General fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts for various claims, including Bailin Bros, J. C. Penney, O'Neill Food Center, Ben J. Grady, Farmers Union Store, Golden Rule, Robert Schulz, Council Oak, Atkinson, Harry Coffes, Fair Store, Gloor Meat Market, Atkinson Lumber Co., Matousek Bros. Dairy, Garfield County AA's Committee, J. T. Myers, Midway Store, J. I. Gray, John Wrede, L. B. Fenner, Barnhart's Store, Bahde Grocery, J. P. Gallagher, J. P. Protivinsky, Linder's Store, Council Oak, O'Neill, Yantzi & Son, Stannard's Store.

12:00 noon. On motion, Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M. J. C. STEIN, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk. O'Neill, Nebraska, April 30, 1937, 1:00 P. M.

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Mrs. Sarah Norton appeared before the Board relative to the opening of some roads in Saratoga precinct.

At this time, the Board took up the matter of the allowance of the claim of Joe Tomjack amounting to \$68.00 for 170 yards of Gravel at 40 cents per yard furnished to the county.

The following objection was filed against the allowance of this claim by Emmett A. Harmon, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Kay:

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF JOSEPH TOMJACK OF EWING, NEBRASKA FOR GRAVEL:

Comes now Joseph C. Kay and Mrs. Joseph C. Kay and hereby object to the allowance of the claims of Joseph Tomjack for the reason that they are the real parties in interest and it is to them whom should receive the proceeds from the sale of gravel. Joseph C. Kay and Mrs. Joseph C. Kay. By Emmet A. Harmon, Their Attorney.

The board then took up and considered the objection filed against the allowance of this claim.

After full discussion of the claim and the objection filed thereto, it was moved by Sullivan, seconded by Gibson that the matter be continued to the first day of the next regular meeting when the matter will come on for hearing and disposition at two o'clock P. M., on said day, upon said claim and the objection filed thereto.

The above motion, on being put to a vote by the Chairman was declared carried.

The following claims were audited, approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on Road-dragging fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts for road-dragging fund: Leo Matthews \$ 8.80, Gerald Graham 5.50

Table listing names and amounts for various claims: Geo. Latzel 15.00, O. B. Stuart 9.00, R. D. Stevens 11.90, Frank Sullivan 18.00, E. W. Jenkins 5.40, Ray Williams 18.00. Motion by Reimer, seconded by Carson that WPA officials be requested to permit the sewing centers at Atkinson and Page to do their own cutting of materials used in these centers. Carried.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were allowed and warrants ordered drawn on the 1936 estimate of Bridge fund in payment of same:

Table listing names and amounts for bridge fund: Elmer L. Crosser \$ 1.50, Ralph Minar 3.95, Continental Oil Co. 15.19, Sidney Stracke 3.75, John Carson 22.00, S. W. Hytrek 5.05, Ed J. Matousek 4.30, F. S. Brittell 2.70.

Motion by Matousek, seconded by Smith that claim of Spann Brothers amounting to \$42.12 be allowed as follows:

Table listing names and amounts for Spann Brothers claim: Bridge \$23.39, General \$18.75. Carried.

The following claims were audited and approved and on motion were approved and warrants ordered drawn on the 1936 estimate of the General fund in payment of same:

Large table listing names and amounts for various claims, including Arbuthnot & Reka, William Gatz, Oliver Jenkins, Mrs. D. Stannard, Mrs. D. Stannard, P. J. McManus, Chas. Snowward, Otto Clausen, Dr. O. W. French, Lavinia Sawyer, Dr. W. J. Douglas, Mrs. Kate Marsh, Mrs. Bessie Wanser, Geo. Sobotka, Harold Park, Harriet B. Carson, J. I. Cork, Nora M. Peterson, Geo. H. Jones, T. M. Harrington, Ralph Bauman, John J. Rhode, James Davidson, Hugo Mittelstaedt, John J. Rohde, John Sullivan, Sidney Kent, Margaret Howard, Mrs. Mat Schiffern, Brown McDonald Co., Mrs. Mae Anderson, Mrs. Mybelle Lyons, G. J. P. Cheyney, Evelyn McManus, Wm Bruder, Dr. O. W. French, J. I. Cork, Fred Ruhroede, W. J. Thramer, Tillie M. Werneke, Brown McDonald Co., Gayle Lyons, Mrs. Celestine Williamson, Mary Togman, Wm. H. Graver, P. C. Donohoe, P. J. McManus, Frank H. Janzen, Mrs. Laura Mitchell, L. H. Downey, Dale Downey, Grand Cafe, Chas. L. Beebe.

5:00 P. M. On motion, Board adjourned until May 25, 1937, unless called at an earlier date by the clerk. J. C. STEIN, Chairman. John C. Gallagher, Clerk.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service Since the adjournment of the legislature politicians have been buzzing concerning the political future of Governor Cochran.

Winning a significant majority in the presidential landslide, the supporters of the governor urge that he seek a third term. Opposing this view are many veteran politicians. Just now the opposition to Cochran is gathering under the banner of Bill Banning, candidate for the nomination against Cochran in 1934 and now retired from the office of secretary of agriculture.

Many think Banning will seek the nomination in 1938. Some however, say he is in the combination that is discreetly grooming Mayor Dan Butler of Omaha for Cochran's place.

Mysterious publicity experts and a group of experienced politicians are in on the deal, according to reports from Omaha. Attracting attention throughout the nation by his assault on "Idiot's Delight," Mayor Butler has now declared war on several alleged citadels of sin in Omaha. Along with this crusade, Mr. Butler displays marked ability as a dramatic critic. In fact, some of his recent utterances qualify him for membership in the inner holy of holies of Lincoln highbrows. So why not the governorship?

The sudden appearance of Butler

an a prospective candidate makes the fur fly in democratic circles. With Senator Burke promised Eastern support for the presidential nomination in 1940, With Terry Carpenter busy on the Western Front, with Butler threatening to make inroads in Cochran's forces in Omaha and with Norton and Dafee being talked about as gubernatorial possibilities in the center and south, it will certainly be some primary fight.

Banning is not the only backslider from the Cochran forces. Irl L. Toien is a powerful factor in the Fifth district. He has been eliminated from the state assistance set-up as a result of the victory won by the organized social workers, captained by a powerful coterie with headquarters on the campus of Northwestern university. In this controversy Cochran is the loser.

In advancing Mrs. Nuquist to the board of control, the governor gathered another political goose-egg. Mrs. Nuquist comes from Osceola, and Polk county is the spearhead of the Norton boom for the governorship. In the east and southeast sections of the state, Dafee is the strong factor.

Speaker Warner, it is now almost certain, will be the leader of the Old Guard in the race for the republican nomination. Dwight Griswold will not be in the next fight for the governorship. Bob Simmons, according to reports, will try for the congressional nomination in the First district. Kenneth Wherry of Pawnee City is regarded as a leading candidate for the republican nomination. He was nosed out in a close fight by Griswold in the spring of 1932.

John G. Burket, president, and Willard M. Folsom, secretary, of the Nebraska Central Building and Loan association, have been indicted on three counts by the federal grand jury. The association and the officers are accused of making false statements and exacting payments for the satisfaction of mortgages in addition to HOLC bonds. Penalties are fines of not more than \$5,000, or not more than two year's imprisonment, or both. There are three counts against each officer and the company, and a count against each officer and the company for alleged conspiracy. Title 12, section 1467-a, United States Code is the statute supposed to be violated.

Burket is specifically charged with agreeing to accept \$1,958 in HOLC bonds for the settlement of a mortgage against Delmar C. Landis of Kearney. It is charged that Burket compelled the signing of a \$200 promissory note in addition to the delivery of the bonds. Elizabeth Reams, it is charged, signed a note for \$125 after the company had agreed to accept \$3,036 in full payment. Folsom is charged with taking \$600 from H. O. Clark of 520 South 25th street, Lincoln; with exacting \$700 from George and Othine Nelson of 1714 N. 13th street, Lincoln, and with taking \$443 from L. E. Schwab of Chadron. The third count is a charge that the two officers and company conspired to accomplish these objectives.

Early in January the attention of the legislature was called to certain supposedly illegal acts in insurance and building and loan association circles. Intermingled with them were the accusations against a coterie of Lincoln and Omaha attorneys. It was finally decided to purify the business atmosphere by a series of complaints to be filed by the state authorities and by certain investigations by the grand jury where federal statutes are involved. Counseling irregularities is also an offense under the federal statutes. Considerable perspiration is exuding in legal circles. Charges have been filed with the attorney general and with Senator Charles Dafee, chairman of the committee on legal discipline of the state bar association. According to report, about sixty individuals are involved, most of them upper crust, "main stem" business men in Omaha and Lincoln.

Attorney Jackson Chase of Omaha has written a red-hot letter to Governor Cochran in an effort to prevent a repetition of the Cosmopolitan fiasco. The Royal Highlanders, Chase claims, is the fraternal involved in the present controversy. Attorney Chase, in his letter to the governor, declares that Insurance Commissioner Smrha has permitted the officers of the fraternal to change into a mutual company contrary to law. Chase gives a list of the bills presented to the legislature to secure legalization of this change. He asserts that the governor vetoed one of them and the rest failed of passage. Chase asserts that the Royal Highlanders is in excellent condi-

tion; that there is a surplus of \$2,000,000 and assets of \$4,000,000; and that the action of Smrha is a violation of law. Chase has filed suit in the Lancaster county district to prevent the change, but did not make the insurance commissioner a party. "This surplus and the assets of the Royal Highlanders," Mr. Chase declares, "caused hungry vultures to hover over the Highlanders, ready to feed on the life blood of the society. The commissioner has slipped a few weak societies into the deal, to try to save them at the expense of the membership of the Royal Highlanders."

Almost two years ago the attention of the condition of Cosmopolitan Old Line Life Insurance company was called to the attention of the governor. Nothing was done. Commissioner Smrha declined to interfere. Suit was filed in the Lancaster county district court but was not mentioned by the Lincoln newspapers until six months after the report was printed in the weekly press. Judge Shepherd, after listening to testimony and arguments for several weeks, ordered \$191,000 restored to the coffers of the policy holders. The insurance department then intervened and was given authority to protect the policy holders. Nothing has been done. Attorney Bernard S. Gradwohl, who conducted the suit for the complaining policy holders, was paid \$10,000 out of the company funds for securing the verdict. So far, no benefits have accrued to the policyholders.

Loud outcry has resulted from the efforts of Leo Swanson to illuminate the state house tower. The beams of light, aimed at the tower, are pale and washed out. Between the feet of the Sower, Swanson has placed a red lantern. The Lincoln Star, in an indignant editorial, declared that the ten-million-dollar state house resembled "a glorified root-beer stand."

A motion has been filed with the Nebraska supreme court by (Continued on page 8, column 4)

BRIEFLY STATED

S. J. Weekes went down to Omaha Monday night to spend a few days on business in the metropolis.

Dr. W. H. Mullen of Omaha, was visiting relatives and friends in this city and vicinity over the week-end.

Mrs. Reka Merrill of Omaha, and Mrs. Fred Forslund of Ewing visited at the Harry Bowen home Friday.

Ralph Tomlinson and the Misses Leona and Leota Pribil left this morning for a short visit at Norfolk.

Miss Iris Parrish of Long Pine, arrived in the city Monday to accept a position in the Johnson Drug store.

Miss Ila Anderson, of Norfolk, spent the week end with friends in this city, returning to her home Monday night.

Miss Reta Reardon left last Thursday night for Omaha where she expected to spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

The Misses Roberta Arbuthnot and Loretta Phalin drove to Grand Island Sunday morning and spent the day with friends there.

Mrs. Max Golden and son, James, went down to Omaha last Monday for a few days visit with relatives. They expect to return Friday.

W. J. Froelich came out from Chicago last Friday night to spend

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the week-end with his family and other relatives and friends here.

Art King made a business trip to Norfolk Tuesday morning, returning home Wednesday evening.

May 31st was a very quiet day in this city. A large number of the business houses closed about 1:30 and remained closed the balance of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson left last Sunday for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Clauson will go thru the Mayo clinic for a health examination.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Donohoe of Bonesteel, S. D., arrived here this morning to attend the funeral of Mr. Donohoe's sister, Mrs. Catherine Matthews.

Mrs. H. J. Zimmerman of Hastings, spent from Friday until Monday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bowen and with other friends here.

Francis Montgomery and Ira H. Moss left last Monday for Kansas City and other nearby Missouri points to spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Todson and children drove to Grand Island last Saturday and visited relatives and friends there over Sunday, returning home Sunday night.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a food sale at the Grady grocery store Saturday, June 5, from 2 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rose and daughter drove to Grand Island Saturday night and spent Sunday visiting friends in that city, returning home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Frenking and children came up from Omaha last Saturday and spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends here, returning to Omaha Monday afternoon.

The Ladies Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. R. M. Sauers on next Thursday, June 10, with Mrs. C. E. Yantzi, Mrs. A. A. Hiatt and Mrs. G. L. Bachman as assisting hostesses.

Frank and Dick Golden and William Daly of Omaha, came up last Saturday afternoon and visited relatives and friends in this city until Monday afternoon when they returned home.

Mrs. Henry Alfs of Norfolk, was visiting friends in this city last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter visited relatives at Brunswick and Plainview last Sunday.

The Redbird ball team is in the field this year with another good nine. They defeated Butte last Sunday 5 to 1. They play Spencer at the home diamond near Scottville Sunday, June 6.

Miss Mae Hammond came up from Omaha last Saturday evening and spent the week end visiting relatives and friends in this city, returning to her home in Omaha Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Chapman came up from Omaha last Friday night and visited friends here and looked after business matters until Sunday afternoon, when they returned to Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conklin and children left Monday for Ogalala, Nebr., where he has been transferred. For the past year Mr. Conklin has been in charge of the re-employment office here.

W. P. Kelley and sister of Omaha, drove up last Saturday and

spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in their hold home town. They returned to their home in Omaha Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Z. W. Credle and brother, Hugh O'Donnell, came up from Omaha Saturday and visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Donnell until Monday afternoon when they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Castle of Des Moines, Iowa, spent the week-end here visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Dailey. Miss Virginia Dailey accompanied them home for an extended visit at Des Moines.

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