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## NEWS OF NEBRASKA

### House Passes School of Citizenship Bill.

Measure to Impose Occupation Tax on Corporation Capital Stock is Recommended—Regulation of Public Service Corporations.

Lincoln, March 30.—The house passed what is known as the Bryan School of Citizenship bill, originating in the senate, and it now goes to the governor for approval. The bill was drafted by W. J. Bryan and it empowers the regents of the state university to establish a chair for instruction on the duties of citizenship and good government. The bill passed by a vote of 51 to 41 after four calls of the house had been made.

The citizenship school bill was not passed without some difficulty, and then only with just enough votes to make it a law. On the first roll call the vote of Representative Hadsell was recorded in favor of the measure, although he was not present. After announcement had been made that the measure had carried, the attention of the speaker was called to the absence of Hadsell, whereupon he required another roll call. Mr. Hadsell was again absent, but Evans of Hamilton changed his vote from no to yes, carrying the bill with 51 votes, just enough to pass it. During the vote on the bill's passage a call of the house was twice resorted to in order to bring a quorum into the chamber.

**Donohue Bill Causing Trouble.**  
The Donohue bill, putting public service corporations under the control of the railway commission is causing trouble a-plenty. It has been attacked by many of the Democratic papers as a corporation measure. It already has passed the senate and that body undertook to recall it from the house to reconsider its provisions. The motion to recall the bill, however, was defeated, and it will be left to the house to decide on final action. The bill is still in committee in the house, and it is not unlikely that the sifting committee will permit it to lie dormant until after adjournment.

The senate passed a bill providing for public treatment of consumptives at state expense when they are unable to provide treatment themselves. The bill now goes to the governor.

In the committee of the whole the house recommended for passage senate file No. 10, by King of Polk. The bill provides for an occupation tax on corporations amounting to one-twentieth of the paid up capital stock to be paid the state annually. It has been figured that the license or occupation tax levied would produce an annual revenue to the state of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

**Adding to Appropriations.**  
Ninety-seven thousand dollars in appropriations was added to the general maintenance bill by the senate committee of the whole above the figures of the senate finance committee, which carried an increase of \$321,000 over the bill as it came from the house. The house bill carried an appropriation of \$1,965,128. The senate committee recommended changes, making the figures \$2,286,418, and the senate committee of the whole added enough to make the total \$2,383,418.

Appropriations will again be under consideration much of the week and the senate finance committee is putting in some hard licks in an attempt to finish that work by Wednesday. Many state institutions are clamoring for more money and the committee has a big job before it trying to satisfy everybody and still make receipts and expenditures balance.

**Freight Train Jumps Track.**  
Plattsmouth, Neb., March 30.—Twelve cars of freight of every description were scattered over the Missouri Pacific right of way at Union, near here, when freight train No. 11 jumped the track. The entire train with the exception of the engine and two cars left the track. Two tramps stealing rides were slightly injured, but the train crew escaped unhurt. The through passenger train from Omaha was stopped in time to prevent it crashing into the wreck.

**Dies as Result of Hunting Accident.**  
Valentine, March 26.—A son of Ed Ralya, living near Simon, is dead as the result of a hunting accident. He was in his boat when a flock of ducks appeared and hurriedly attempted to pull his gun from the case, with the muzzle toward him. It was discharged in some manner, the entire charge striking him in the breast and causing almost instant death.

**Saloon Fight at Guide Rock.**  
Guide Rock, Neb., March 26.—The temperance people of this town have decided to make a determined fight in the coming spring election in an attempt to close up the place. They have nominated John Young of the State bank and Dr. Reed for members of the village board. Both are avowedly opposed to saloons.

**Hangs Himself in Garage.**  
Hastings, Neb., March 26.—William Brummell, dealer in automobiles, was found dead in his bachelor apartment over the garage here. He was hanging in a noose made of the burial coverings for automobile tires. Financial difficulties made him despondent.

### KILLS NEIGHBOR IN FENCE FIGHT

James Jones Shoots Joseph Rowley and Officers Are on Trail.

Grant, Neb., March 27.—James Jones shot and killed Joseph Rowley in a quarrel over a division fence, which Rowley was removing.

The murder occurred about twenty miles southeast of Grant and the officials of Chase and Perkins counties started at once in pursuit of the murderer, who fled.

### Primary Fight at Omaha.

Omaha, March 29.—City primaries will be held tomorrow and one of the hardest fights in the history of local politics is anticipated. No less than seven candidates for mayor are in the field, and everyone of them has made a strong campaign. Mayor Dahlman, well known in Nebraska politics, and Ed F. Berryman of the Jacksonian club of Nebraska are competitors for the Democratic nomination to head the ticket. The Republicans must choose between Councilman Zimman and John P. Breen.

### Three Auto Accidents at Ord.

Ord, Neb., March 27.—Three automobile accidents have caused some excitement in Ord recently. Charles Frien collided with a tree and nearly wrecked his car and was considerably injured. George Parkins collided with a wagon load of hogs, upsetting the wagon and scattering the hogs over the right-of-way. The farmer who owned them recognized Parkins and forced him to pay a round sum for the damage. John Ratliff, Jr., lost his lamps and ran into a ditch, wrecking his car and injuring two occupants.

### Dies From Auto Fright.

Grand Island, Neb., March 27.—Mrs. Charles Stolle, wife of a prominent farmer near here, is dead as the result of fright caused by an automobile of Mrs. Walters being driven so near her team as to cause the horses to run away. The horses were finally stopped without damage, but Mrs. Stolle, who was accompanied by her son and daughter, became unconscious and never recovered. The fright is believed to have caused a cerebral hemorrhage.

### Joseph R. Webster Promoted.

Lincoln, March 27.—Joseph R. Webster, appointed to be assistant attorney in the office of the secretary of the interior, is a pioneer resident of Nebraska and still claims Lincoln as his home, although employed in the government service at Washington for a number of years. He was attorney general of Nebraska in the early days of the state, and has been a leader in the councils of the Republican party since the close of the civil war.

### Three Men Confess to Holdups.

Lincoln, March 29.—Lincoln police officers were advised by officials at Belleville, Kan., of the capture at that place of the three men who Thursday night held up a Lincoln street car crew and robbed the conductor. The watch taken from the conductor was found in their possession. The men admitted their identity and said they were the same persons who held up a car at Omaha the night before the Lincoln robbery.

### Mangled by Stalk Cutter.

Seward, Neb., March 29.—Will Busboom, living near Pleasant Dale, met with a terrible accident while riding on a stalk cutter. The team ran away, throwing him in front of the machine and dragging him some distance. His left leg was broken below the thigh, his right leg above the ankle and the right foot nearly severed from the leg. He is very ill from the hurts and loss of blood.

### North Platte Valley Teachers.

Bridgeport, Neb., March 29.—The North Platte Valley Teachers' association has just completed a successful annual meeting. The association decided to come to this city next year. W. R. Paie of Sidney was elected president and H. H. Reimund of Alliance, secretary. In the interscholastic debate Sidney carried off the honors.

### Prisoners Start Fatal Fire.

Geneva, Neb., March 30.—Two prisoners confined in the county jail here started a fire some time during the night, supposed by accident, and one was found dead from suffocation and the other in a serious condition. The identity of the men has not been learned. They were arrested for drunkenness.

### F. W. Miller Found Dead in Room.

Lincoln, March 27.—Fred W. Miller of Falls City, Neb., until recently deputy secretary of state for a number years, was found dead in a room at the Royal hotel. He had locked himself in the room on Wednesday and the exact time of his death is unknown.

### Hayward Back From Washington.

Nebraska City, Neb., March 27.—William Hayward, wife and son have returned from Washington. He confirms the report that he has declined to accept several positions in government departments at Washington.

### Dies at Age of 100.

St. Paul, Neb., March 27.—Mary Blazeyk, aged 100 years, is dead. She was the oldest person in Howard county. She was born in Poland in 1809 and has lived with relatives in this state thirty-five years.

### Gotch Throws Italian Wrestler.

Omaha, March 27.—Frank Gotch defeated John Perrelli last night in two straight falls, the first in eleven minutes and the second in a scant ten minutes. The Italian was hopelessly outclassed.

### NAVAL DEBATE IN COMMONS

House Refuses to Express Lack of Confidence in Government.

London, March 30.—By a strict party vote of 353 to 135 the house of commons refused to express lack of confidence in the government's naval policy. The motion on which the notable debate hinged was proposed by Arthur Hamilton Lee, Conservative member of the house from Hants. It sets forth "that in the opinion of this house the declared policy of his majesty's government respecting the immediate provision for battleships of the newest type does not sufficiently secure the safety of the empire."

The result of the vote on the question was expected, but the debate preceding it was one of the most momentous the house has listened to for years. The assembly of diplomats and peers testified to its international as well as domestic importance. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Lee accused the cabinet of incompetency and demanded that eight Dreadnoughts be laid down immediately. Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, reproached their opponents for making a party question of the most vital matter of the country's foreign relations.

Secretary Grey's speech was by far the most notable contribution to the debate, because of its remarkable candor. He dwelt upon the diplomatic aspects of the British-German rivalry and the hopelessness of expecting any cessation of the race for armaments and he predicted eventual European bankruptcy, if it continued.

### LONE ROBBER HOLDS UP TRAIN

Masked Bandit Forces Conductor to Collect Plunder From Passengers.

A masked train robber held up train No. 9, the Lincoln-Fairfield local, on the Burlington in Nebraska, forced the conductor to carry a sack through the passenger coach and collect tribute from the passengers—nineteen women and two men—which he pocketed and dropped off the rear end of the train.

When the engineer was nearing the creek, a mile east of Fairfield, he saw just ahead a red signal and he stopped the train as quickly as possible. The train had not come to a standstill before a man wearing a white mask over the lower part of his face swung aboard between the smoker and the passenger coach next behind. Conductor Berry stepped out on the platform to see what the stop was made for and he looked into the business end of a large revolver.

The man behind the gun gave the conductor a sack and ordered him to go ahead of him and collect from the passengers all of their valuables. Conductor Berry did as he was bidden and collected from the passengers \$200 in cash and seventeen watches. The bandit took the plunder from Mr. Berry, dropped off the rear end of the car and disappeared in the darkness.

### RACE CLASH IN INDIANA

Five American Miners Wounded by Hungarians at Bogle Mines.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 30.—Five American miners are known to have been wounded, one of them perhaps fatally, in a race riot at the Bogle mines, north of Jasonville. The battle started when Hungarian miners opened fire upon a delegation of American miners who went from Jasonville to warn the foreigners to leave the mines.

The Hungarians are barricaded in one of their houses and are surrounded by several hundred Americans armed with revolvers and shot guns. The Hungarians are armed with old army rifles.

### Cracksmen Blow Depot Safes.

Bartlesville, Okla., March 30.—Cracksmen dynamited safes in the Santa Fe depot at Caney, Kan., twenty miles north of here, and at Dewey, three miles north. From the first safe \$104 in pennies was taken. There was no money in the safe at Dewey, but the robbers carried off two sacks of mail.

### Thirty Drowned in Russian Floods.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Dispatches received here from Radow, in Russian Poland, state that thirty persons have been drowned by the floods. The water level has reached the highest point since 1852. Fifteen villages in the vicinity of Radow are submerged.

### Fire Wipes Out Lumber Yard.

Trinidad, Colo., March 30.—A fire which broke out in the yard of the Continental Tie and Lumber company at Cimarron, N. M., destroyed the planing mill, a storage house and a large quantity of lumber. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.

### Train Goes Through Burned Bridge.

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 30.—Four trainmen were killed when a Mexican International freight train fell through a burned bridge near Hidalgo, Mex. It is believed the bridge was burned by incendiaries.

### Joe Gans Has Consumption.

Denver, March 30.—Joe Gans, the former world's champion lightweight pugilist, has developed tuberculosis of the lungs and may never again be seen in the ring.

### Death of Governor Cosgrove.

Governor Samuel G. Cosgrove of Washington died at Paso Robles, Cal., of Bright's disease.