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LEGISLATIVE REFORM.

We realize the need of reform in legislative procedure. And we hereby recommend the Democratic members of the legislature to work for such reforms.—Democratic State Platform, 1914.

The antiquated methods employed by various state legislatures are at once a source of wonderment and scorn to the average business man, trained up to the minute in labor saving devices and modern efficiency methods; but thanks to the initiative of Hon. J. N. Norton of Polk county, the legislature of 1913 appointed a joint committee of three representatives and three senators, commissioned to act with the aid of the Legislative Reference Bureau and prepare a report for consideration of the legislature of 1915, looking toward much needed reforms in legislative procedure.

That "present legislative methods and procedure in Nebraska are in many respects inadequate, and inconvenient," Mr. Norton's resolution recites that—

"Nebraska still continues engrossing and enrolling bills by hand, instead of using the typewriter and printing press.

"Nebraska still uses a form of printed bill which fails to show on its face the parts omitted from the old statutes and the new parts which it is proposed to incorporate therein.

"Nebraska still maintains the old custom of keeping a manuscript journal, whose reading is uniformly dispensed with and whose contents are unknown until printed months after adjournment, instead of a printed daily journal placed upon each member's desk on the morning of the day following the events which it records, enabling the record to be criticised and corrected while still fresh in the mind of every member."

Under the Norton resolution it was directed that "the state printing board be requested to act upon the recommendation of such committee in letting contracts for printing for the legislature of 1915," and that "the necessary expenses of such committee, including printing of this report, shall be provided for in the final conference between the two houses on the current expenses appropriation bill."

The report of this joint committee, Bulletin No. 4, was issued by the Legislative Reference Bureau in May, this year, and contains 47 pages of information regarding legislative and administrative business of Nebraska, which can be found in such concise and understandable form in no other document in the state records. It must have taken weeks of diligent research to dig out the facts and collate them, and both the committee and the bureau are to be congratulated upon the thoroughness and high quality of their work.

For immediate action by the legislature of 1915, the report recommends changes as follows:

Bills: More convenient size with less marginal waste; printing amendatory bills to show at a glance what changes are proposed; enrolling and engrossing to be done by typewriter and printing press; bill drafting to be done free for members by a division of the legislative reference bureau; bill files for senate and house made up only with such as have passed the other; and members to introduce no bill they are unwilling to defend before committees, committees to report favorably on no bill a majority of them are unwilling to defend.

Legislative Publications: Printed journals placed each day on the members' desks; calendars and subject indexes of bills printed and distributed to the public daily.

Committees: Reduction of one-third to one-half in number of committees and in membership of each; regular committee meetings each forenoon, 9 to 12; schedules of committee meetings arranged and printed so as to secure full meetings without conflicts as to time; joint meetings of house and senate committees on appropriations; records to be kept of votes in committee meetings; final action in reporting bills to be taken only in the regular daylight hours of committee meetings.

Employees: Reduction in senate from 71 in last session to 26 in 1915; in house, 71 to 31, effecting an estimated saving of \$36,353; overtime governed by requiring employees to check or ring in and out each day; chief officers of each house to be elected by ballot, other employees by the presiding officer, chief clerk or secretary of each house.

Regular sessions of the house and senate to begin at noon.

Commenting upon their recommendations favoring a budget system for control of public expenditures, the committee, in their report to Hon. John H. Morehead, governor, say:

"The governor represents more completely than any other officer the general administrative policy of the state. Upon his character and ability more than upon any other one person depends the success of the state government. We believe it should be made his duty to prepare and recommend to the legislature the budget of necessary expenses and income upon which he is willing to stake his judgment and reputation as the chief executive officer of the state." And it goes without saying that Governor Morehead's well rounded career as merchant, farmer, banker, county treasurer, mayor, and governor, fits him pre-eminently for the faithful and successful performance of this duty.

"This is not a day of triumph; it is a day of dedication. Here muster not the forces of party, but the forces of humanity. Men's hearts wait upon us; men's lives hang in the balance; men's hopes call upon us to say what we will do. Who shall live up to the great trust? Who dares fail to try? I summon all honest men, all patriotic, all forward-looking men, to my side. God helping them, I will not fail them, if they will but counsel and sustain me."—From the president's inaugural address, taking the oath of office as president.

Newspaper men should remember that Wm. H. Smith has been for years and now is, editor and publisher of the Seward Independent Democrat. Give him a boost for state auditor.

NEGLECTING OPPORTUNITY

People of Alliance Have Opportunity to Affiliate with Choral Society of the School of Music

The people of Alliance who are musically inclined and especially those who sing are neglecting a great opportunity by not affiliating themselves with the Choral Society of Alliance which is being conducted by the Alliance School of Music.

Plans are being made to organize this splendid work into a permanent organization representative of the city of Alliance, and in this way it is hoped that more splendid talent which we have here in Alliance may be developed and brought before the public in the form of good wholesome entertainment. This organization is open to all who sing. At present every church choir in the city is represented, yet not nearly all are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The members of all choirs and those who sing are urged to join at once and make the citizens of Alliance proud of her musical talent, by displaying it in this way.

Many towns much smaller than Alliance boast of their Choral Society, and why should we not do the same. Let us arise to this great opportunity and help make this splendid organization the success it deserves.

Theatre Draws Crowds

The Chase-Lister Theatre Company, who are appearing at the Opera House in Alliance this week, are drawing good crowds. The play tonight will be "Why Lindy Ran away?" The specialty programs given at every performance are well liked and the work of the cast is excellent. Major Edmund Ansley, the smallest man on earth, attracts attention at all times. He will give a handsome souvenir free at the Saturday matinee to each lady and child.

The war news continues to keep politics on the inside page.

As symbols of war, no wonder so many eagles are bald.

Americans seeking foreign trade will find it impossible to make a

pleasant impression on South America by using the type of social decorum they display at the quick lunch counter.

Strife may come and strife may chase itself, but the great American game of politics goes on forever.

Children's Eyes

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