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NEBRASKA WILL BE BONE DRY

No matter what the action of the Nebraska legislature should be in the passage of a law to enforce the prohibitory amendment, it is certain that the state will be "bone dry" through the adoption by congress of the Reed amendment to the postoffice bill. An Alliance man who remarked the other day that he could auto down to Cheyenne or up to Torrington and get a bottle or two when he became thirsty seems doomed to disappointment.

The text of the Reed amendment is as follows:

"Whoever shall order, purchase or cause intoxicating liquors to be transported in interstate commerce, except for scientific, sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes, into any state or territory the laws of which state or territory prohibit the manufacture or sale therein of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes, shall be punished as aforesaid."

In an endeavor to get information on the question the Sioux City Tribune put the question up to Senator Cummins, one of the most able lawyers in the senate. He was asked if the Reed amendment would prevent a man carrying a bottle of whiskey into Iowa. His reply was, "Undoubtedly."

The Chicago Examiner understands the effect of the amendment to be that "liquor may not be carried in suitcases nor in the hip pocket, and railroad and express companies are forbidden to transport it."

The prohibition committee of the Nebraska legislature has taken special pains to introduce a section into the dry bill which will prohibit the carrying of liquor into the state in automobiles. Iowa has suffered greatly since going dry two years ago from an illegal automobile traffic from Omaha into Des Moines. The section of the Nebraska law would allow any officer of the law to stop and search an auto suspected of carrying intoxicants and to arrest the driver thereof if found with liquor in his possession, it not being necessary to have a warrant in advance, providing a complaint is filed immediately after the seizure or arrest. It would also allow the auto to be seized and sold the same as bar fixtures or liquor containers, if it should be found that liquors were being illegally transported. This section was intended primarily to prevent the bringing in illegally of liquors from Wyoming and Missouri into Nebraska.

The Nebraska dry bill, in its present form, has been pronounced to be the most complete measure of its kind ever introduced in a state legislature, by competent and able lawyers who are in close touch with liquor laws. Now that congress has settled the question of "plain dry" or "bone dry" we can expect Nebraska to be a model example of a liquorless state. Alcohol can only be imported into the state for "medicinal, mechanical, sacramental and scientific" purposes. If the law is enforced to the letter there will be none whatever for personal use.

B. S. BARKED UP THE WRONG TREE

A week or two ago the editor of the Alliance Times, in an endeavor to discredit the efforts of Lloyd Thomas, state representative, opened up his mud batteries on Lloyd because of the introduction of House Roll 226, introduced at the request of the legislative committee of the Nebraska Press Association. At the annual business meeting of the Association, held in Lincoln on Friday of last week and attended by editors from all over the state, House Roll No. 226 was unanimously endorsed for passage. It is indeed pitiful that the editor of the Times could not have been present and have told the editors from over the state that they did not know their business and that he knew what was wanted, and that this bill, because it was introduced by his business competitor, should not become a law. House Roll 166, introduced by Representative Cronin of O'Neill, the only other newspaper publisher in the House, was also introduced at the request of the legislative committee of the Nebraska Press Association. This bill is intended to have the same effect as 226, but is somewhat more drastic. It was also endorsed by the Press Association.

TAYLOR WOULD AID RURAL SCHOOLS

Representative W. J. Taylor of Meria, in Custer county, has devoted practically all of his attention during this session of the state legislature to the passing of laws which will aid the children who attend the country schools. It is indeed gratifying to Mr. Taylor's friends to know that his efforts are receiving the support of the legislature and that laws will undoubtedly be passed at this session which will be of material benefit to the thousands of country school children who must now go without a thorough education or leave their homes on the farm and go to the nearest large town or city, thereby working a hardship on their families and themselves.

It is interesting to note that although Mr. Taylor's state aid bill will cost the city of Omaha \$50,000 per year for the support of rural schools, no great objection has been raised by Omaha. When the vote was taken on the bill last Friday six of Omaha's representatives voted for the bill and six against. In other words, the rest of the state was left to settle the matter for itself.

WOULD CLOSE SUNDAY PICTURE SHOWS

House Roll 705, in the Nebraska legislature, will close moving picture shows and theatrical performances on Sunday, unless they are operated for "religious or charitable" purposes. This bill is now on the general file in the House of Representatives and is receiving strong support from over the state. The only strong opposition to the bill has come from Omaha, where theatres and picture shows run wide open on Sunday. Lincoln, the second largest city in the state, does not allow them to open up on the Sabbath day, with the result that Lincoln's churches are well attended and Sunday is considered a day of rest there. The introducers of the bill believe that Sunday should be made a day of rest and devoted to worship.

BACK YARD VEGETABLES

The back yard vegetable garden next summer will be no joke. When potatoes, onions, cabbage, etc., are selling at prices two to five times above the ordinary figures, it is time for the consumer to do something other than read the papers and curse the middleman.

No one pretends to know how long prices will keep up. They may keep up until the end of the year—whenever that indefinite time comes. But in any event it is time for the man who has money enough to buy a hoe and energy enough to wield it to get busy in the back yard.

It is sometimes claimed that after you pay the expenses of a back yard garden, there is no profit in it. That may be true where the householder hires all the heavy work done. Also he would better ask a little advice of experienced gardeners at the various stages of the game. But the earth is fruitful. If properly encouraged with good seed and patient care, quite a dent may be made in the grocery bill.

STEALING AUTOMOBILES

Stealing automobiles has become a very popular form of thievery. The thieves are becoming very expert at the game. Stealing automobiles seems to be a much more profitable risk than stealing horses. It is easier to identify a horse—but a jitney wagon, nothing doing.

This stealing of automobiles has been going on over the United States for a number of years, but it has been only recently that western Nebraska has begun to be "touched." Sheriff Cox states that it is not horse thieves the large per cent of officials are after now, as Ford thieves. Rewards of from \$100 to \$500 are being offered for the arrest of car thieves. Earnest Panwitz of Alliance is offering \$100, F. E. Nance of Crawford is offering \$100, and the sheriff of Bradshaw is offering \$500. Sheriff Cox states it is possible the Box Butte commissioners may increase the reward offered on the Panwitz car. If these bandits are not apprehended soon, there may be no telling as to the extent they will ply their trade.

However, it is the cities where the car thieves find it easiest to work. In Los Angeles county, California, the stolen machines aggregate \$150,000 to \$200,000. All over the country an increase in this form of crime is reported.

The motor stealer is the modern successor of the horse thief, who in days gone by was considered the lowest kind of a crook, and was promptly suspended from the nearest tree.

Many crooked automobile dealers over the country will need as careful supervision as is given pawnbrokers. It is claimed the thieves are able to obliterate all distinguishing marks. Yet it would seem as if each machine could be given some identifying mark that could not be destroyed.

The great difficulty in detecting this form of crime is that the machines can be taken to distant states, where they are sold to dealers without difficulty. It a stranger comes into a garage in some large city and offers a car at what is clearly a low price, the dealer is not disposed to question too closely. He can see that he is getting a bargain, so it is for his interest to buy. It may yet be necessary to make owners prove their ownership before a sale can be legal.

People will leave a machine on crowded streets for hours unprotected by any form of locking. Any person familiar with motor operation could take them any time with but slight risk. But people hate to lose an extra minute to secure their machines, or are absorbed and absentminded. Perhaps the police and detectives over the country at large would feel more enthusiasm about the pursuit of these thieves if owners of cars would co-operate by taking greater precautions.

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HELD MEETING AT BRIDGEPORT

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The matter of good roads was gone into and it was emphasized that what western Nebraska needed was county and community co-operation in building their local roads, marking them and laying plans to aid in the proposed federal roads act. Mr. Bushnell of Alliance invited the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska to partake in the State Association of Commercial Clubs which will be held in Alliance in the month of May.

Good Suggestions

The matter of joint publicity work was discussed thoroughly and many good suggestions brought out. Several matters pertaining to Legislation now before the house were brot up and passed upon. The meeting passed Resolutions favoring Bill to encourage the construction of railroads; the bill calling for the construction of a new Capitol building at Lincoln; the bill providing for experiment work by irrigation; the bill relating to County Farm Bureaus, County Farm Agents; the bill permitting the "City Manager Plan of Government;" the bill providing for a State Director of publicity, appropriating funds to advertise the state; the bill to pass the Legislation and accept the aid of the Federal Government in road building.

The election of officers was next held and the following officers were elected by an unanimous vote; President H. M. Bushnell of Alliance, first vice president, Geo. E. Gorton of Crawford; second vice president Mark Spanogle of Bridgeport; secretary, A. B. Wood of Gering and treasurer, Keith L. Pierce of Hemingford. The directors who are chosen from every town in the panhandle will be announced at a later date. That evening the Bridgeport Community Club at 6:30 tendered a special banquet to the visiting delegates. Over one hundred people were present and enjoyed a splendid meal prepared by the ladies. Mark Spanogle president of the Community Club at Bridgeport presided and gave the address of Welcome. The response was given by H. M. Bushnell, Jr., of Alliance, as president of the Associated Commercial Clubs of Western Nebraska. After several brief speeches containing many unique thoughts and advance ideas upon community and commercial club work, the floors were cleared and an impromptu dance given.

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