

Alliance Banker Denies Banks Are Profiteering On Reserve Funds

Charges that some Nebraska banks are shaving huge profits by borrowing money from the federal reserve system at 6 per cent interest and lending it to agricultural interests at rates as high as 10 per cent, thus defeating the purpose of the system, were made by Governor W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve system in a letter to Governor McKelvie at Lincoln yesterday.

While the interest rate charged by the state banks is within that allowed by the law, Mr. Harding wrote, he emphasized that the purpose of the federal reserve was to loan money for emergency purposes and that it was an "unwritten law" that no profit be derived therefrom, says the World-Herald.

R. M. Hampton of Alliance is quoted as having wired the World-Herald: "I do not believe the banks are profiteering from federal reserve bank loans." Mr. Hampton is president of the western group of the state bankers' association.

MINNIE ROSETTA GETS SIXTY-DAY JAIL SENTENCE

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Rosetta told the state agent, the latter testified, that the whisky he was buying was not ordinary moonshine, but the genuine stuff, and that he had fifty-eight barrels of it on his ranch near Alliance, as well as two gallons in the house. "He told me," said the witness, "that if the place were raided to throw the stuff out of the window and he'd replace it with a new bottle." He said Rosetta told him it was all right to have flisky in his room if he stayed at the rooming house.

Attorney Gantz did his best to put the witness in an unfavorable light. He drew from Sanford an admission that he was a state agent; that he was interested in getting evidence, and suggested that it made little difference how he got it. Mr. Gantz wanted to know if Sanford had drunk any of the flisky. Sanford admitted that he had taken two or three drinks. "If I had drunk it all, there'd have been no evidence," he said.

"You look like you'd drunk your share in your day," observed Mr. Gantz.

"You're a good guesser," said the witness.

Sheriff Miller, Chief Jeffers and Officer Stilwell told of the raid and the whisky was identified by the latter as that taken from room 17, occupied by Sanford.

Extends Helping Hand.

Harry Rosetta's testimony was such as to strengthen the alibi of Mrs. Rosetta. Harry testified that he had met Sanford at the foot of the steps, his wife being in bed, and had registered him and pointed out his room to him. "No one showed him to his room," he said. His testimony tended to show that Sanford arrived a short time after Dr. Blak left and a few minutes before the raid, and that there was not sufficient time to permit of all the booze transactions taking place. Sanford, he said, was given a room that had been occupied by his brother-in-law, and the bed was not ever made. He had gone with the relative to the foot of the stairs, and had thus happened to meet the state agent. Mrs. Rosetta was not out of her room till the police came, she testified.

Rosetta testified that he had been tipped off that a raid was coming, by telephone. He had told only one roomer, Berry by name, whom he knew had had some booze in the afternoon. He didn't want this found in the house.

Mrs. Hasseltine testified that she was in Sanford's room at the time the raid was made and that she saw the bottle of whisky on the stand. Sanford told her, she said, that he got it from a colored man. He also told her, while the police were there, she said, that if he had known the cops were coming, he'd have swallowed the rest of it.

County Attorney Baye summarized the evidence and declared that the Rosetta rooming house was a sore in a decent community and should be cured. He pointed out that the law required a sixty-day jail sentence for a second conviction, and told of her plea of guilty on a former occasion. He argued that the illness was shammed for the purpose of evading conviction in the event a raid materialized.

Attorney Gantz made a long argument, chiefly against the state agent, whose job depended, he said, on securing convictions. He summarized the alibi of Mrs. Rosetta, and argued that if Rosetta knew a raid was coming, he'd not be likely to try to sell booze. The two bottles showed the moonshine to be of different brands, or batches, and it was urged that it was unlikely, even if moonshine were on sale, that two brands would be sold on the same evening.

Mr. Gantz read a decision from court reports in a Colorado case showing that where a "stool pigeon" was used to procure evidence of a violation of the Sunday closing law, the supreme court set the conviction aside. Judge Tash cited the Nebraska statute which sanctions repayment for money spent in buying booze by a state agent.

County Judge Tash declared that he was convinced of the guilt of both defendants, and without more ado, he named the penalties.

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WHEN.

Jack—What do you consider the best years of a woman's life?
Mac—Oh, the first five years she's 18, I should say!

People are not doing much book buying owing to the extra thought and care that they have to give to their bookkeeping.

CITY COUNCIL ABOUT AGREED ON FRANCHISE

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them eventually in telephone service. The city cannot go into the telephone business and there is but little likelihood that we will ever be given the power to do so. The county has no intention of going into the telephone business. We have therefore no choice whatever in the matter and must either grant someone a franchise or eventually do without telephone service. For us not to grant a franchise under these conditions would be the height of folly. It would be like cutting off our nose to spite our face. It would do an injustice to ourselves and to the telephone company which is now here and they would not be justified in spending any more money in making extensions and bettering our service which we surely want them to do.

"In the matter of rates for the telephone service the city absolutely has no power to fix them as we did when the old franchise was given. The state legislature created the Nebraska railway commission and removed from the city the power of fixing telephone rates and invested it in the Railway commission where it is today. Because this commission has not always reduced telephone rates and has been compelled to make increases there has unfortunately grown up a prejudiced feeling against the telephone company and the railway commission on the part of those who do not understand the problems they have to solve. The majority of our citizens want to be fair and do what is right. The city council, in drafting a franchise which will be voted on Thursday evening, has endeavored to safeguard the telephone users as much as they have power to do and at the same time treat the company fairly so that they can give to Alliance good and efficient telephone service."

The Proposed Franchise

The proposed franchise, as tentatively agreed upon by the members of the city council and the representatives of the company, covers four or five pages of typewritten manuscript, and is by far the bulkiest franchise of the kind in the state. The company's representatives admit that they are making concessions to Alliance that have not been made to any other city or town where the company is in business.

Section 1 grants the company the right of way for the purpose of transacting a general telephone and telegraph business of the streets, alleys and public grounds of Alliance for poles, wires and conduits of the company for a term of twenty years, subject to the right of the city to levy an occupation tax, the amount of which is not set by the ordinance. Provision is made for the city using, for fire of police wires, the poles and fixtures of the company.

Section 2 covers the matter of moving buildings where it is necessary to take down telephone wires. Whenever such a case arises, application shall be made to the committee on streets and alleys, and the committee, acting in conjunction with representatives of the company, is to designate the route such building shall be taken through the streets. The company, when necessary shall remove wires to permit the passage of the building, and the expense is to be borne by the company or by the person for whom the moving is being done, as the committee on the streets and alleys shall decide. When the expense is borne by the mover, he shall pay it in advance.

All new pole lines hereafter erected shall be placed where directed by the committee on streets and alleys according to section 3 of the proposed ordinance. The section also provides that the company shall move existing lines in the event of additional paving or other public improvement requiring the full use of the streets. Minor changes are to be made as directed by the council's committee on streets and alleys.

The company agrees to hold the city harmless from any and all liability from any injury or damages arising out of the erection, construction, or defective condition of any part of the company's system, according to section 4.

Section 5 provides a fine of \$10 to \$100 for anyone interfering with or damaging company property, and fines of from \$5 to \$50 for anyone who shall attach posters, banners or other signs or advertisements to the company's poles or fixtures.

Should the company at any time

apply for a revision of rates, which would affect rates paid at Alliance, the company agrees, in section 6, to furnish to the city a detailed sworn statement of the investment, gross receipts and operating expenses of the Alliance exchange for the year preceding the request, together with a certified copy of the request.

Another echo from old arguments is found in section 7, which provides that if at any time the rate-making power is taken from the jurisdiction of state or federal authorities, it shall automatically revert to the city council, and that in fixing such rates, the council shall make such rates as will provide a reasonable return on the tangible physical property of the company then in use.

Section 8 adds another protection to the city. It provides that if at any time during the life of the franchise the company desires to increase its investment within the city in an amount equal to 20 per cent of the then existing investment, it shall make to the city council a detailed report in connection with the investment showing its effect upon telephone rates and charges within the city, and shall confer with the city council as to the advisability of making such investment.

The last section of the ordinance provides that if at any time the company shall fail to comply with or violate any of the terms or conditions of the franchise, it shall terminate and be forfeited.

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HOW IT WAS.

Mamma Willis—Why don't you like to play with the little boy next door?
Willie—Yes.
Mamma—And he doesn't hit you when you're down, does he?
Willie—No, but he might as well. He hits me every time I get up.

DAINGEROUS WORDS.

Friend—What's the matter? Been in an automobile wreck?
Movie director (all bandaged up)—No; I engaged a lot of ex-doughboys for a battle scene. I got them all ready; and then I shouted, "Camera!" Huh! they thought I said Kamerad.

That lecturer who committed suicide after talking on "Why Worry?" evidently decided he would not.

The louder a man howls for service, the smaller his tips will be.

CONJUGAL CONCERN.

They seem to get along perfectly. Yes. Even when they play poker he doesn't object to the way she plays her hands.

GOOD NAVIGATOR.

She threw herself at his head. Picked out a soft spot to land on, hey?

Citizens of the United States are said to be swarming into Mexico to make investments. This is the sort of peaceful penetration to which not even the Mexicans object.

The only thing the dress styles haven't shortened is the waste line.

Get Wise

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Another time she is a raving beauty is when the drug store makes an error and delivers her complexion next door.

Speaking of getting them coming and going—it costs \$10 to enter Poland and \$10 to get out.

A man without a fault is like a pig without a powder puff—there ain't no such animal.

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Sat., Sept. 24

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