

SIGHT END OF LONG SESSION

Speaker of Nebraska House Hopes to Close Work By April 1

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—It is the belief of Speaker Burke that the business of legislation is now far enough along to make safe the prediction that it will be possible to close the session by the first of April. But his optimism is not shared by many of the leaders. The house committees have got rid of practically all of the house bills. A count made shows that only about 50 are in the committees, and most of these are duplicates or are covered by bills that have made some progress in the senate.

The house calendar, however, is cluttered up with more than 100 bills, most of them house measures, which would take several weeks to wade through if there were no distractions. The house, as usual, is developing a number of men who wish to talk on most questions that come up and this has a tendency to drag and delay proceedings. The gasoline tax and the division of the auto license money are likely to take up most of the time of the house in committee for the whole of several days. These may be reached during the current week, as the senate is insisting it cannot make up its appropriation bill until it knows whether the state will get all or only half of the new money.

WOMEN WILL STAY IN THE PENITENTIARY

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—The biennial battles over the effort to remove women prisoners at the state penitentiary to the woman's reformatory at York was pulled off by the house late Saturday afternoon. The proposal was lost. The object was to make room for male prisoners. There are 17 women in the penitentiary, and they occupy quarters that would accommodate about 60 men. There is room for them at the York reformatory but the house members decided it was not for the benefit of the women who are at the latter place that hardened women criminals be incarcerated there, with them. Meanwhile, it was pointed out, the state is paying heavy board and keep bills at the various county jails for prisoners who must remain there until room can be made for them at the state prison.

NEBRASKA FARMERS TO GROW CUCUMBERS

Crawford, Neb., March 3 (Special)—A new industry will soon be added to Nebraska's enterprises. A pickling factory will probably be established here. A soliciting committee has canvassed the territory to determine the acreage to be planted to cucumbers and reports that an over-subscription of acreage has been promised.

SAVED FROM DEATH ALMOST MIRACULOUSLY

Wausa, Neb., March 3 (Special)—A sack of corn, falling so as to hold the wagon off his body, saved the life of August Erickson, farmer, whose horses became frightened and backed his wagon off the driveway of a local elevator. The wagon and Mr. Erickson fell several feet to the ground below, but one sack of corn protected the man. A pitchfork in the wagon was driven into the frozen ground several inches, a short distance from him.

CAR DEMOLISHED, BOY BUT SLIGHTLY HURT

Neigh, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Walter Carpenter, 16 years old, son of Charles Carpenter, had a close call on his life here, Saturday afternoon, when a west bound freight train hit the car in which he was riding, and carried the machine, and its occupant over 200 feet. The car, a six-cylinder, was demolished. The boy said he saw the oncoming train and that the brakes failed to function. He escaped with a few bruises on one leg.

COUNTY WILL GET MORE ROAD MONEY

Mitchell, S. D., March 3 (Special)—Davison county will get somewhere in the neighborhood of \$16,000 more road money a year in the future as the result of the new division of the motor license fees, ordered by the legislature.

Woman in Role of Modern Enoch Arden

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—A modern version of Enoch Arden was witnessed in district court here when Jennie S. Wilson filed a petition for a divorce from John H. Wilson, who, not having seen his first wife for 17 years and believing her dead, married the second time in 1913. Jennie Wilson is the second wife. Wilson learned only recently that he had two wives, the petition recites, and previous to that had every reason to believe his first wife dead.

BEEF TOPS ARE GOOD FEED FOR CATTLE

Spencer, Ia., March 3 (Special)—Two Clay county farmers, Roy Kenny and P. M. Thomson, who grew sugar beets for the first time last year, find that the beet tops make excellent feed which they have been feeding with good results. Mr. Kenny fed the beet silage with corn and factory feed to 28 steers and is well satisfied with the results. Mr. Thomson has been feeding it for three months to his milk cows, also the yearlings and calves. He put all the tops from 12 acres of beets into his silo.

AGED MAN TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Disappeared After Quarrel Over Money—Body Is Found in Field

Osceola, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Benjamin H. Keller, 84 years old, who disappeared last Thursday and for whom a wide search has been made, was found dead in a field three miles west of Osceola by his grandson who was on his way to school. Keller's body lay across a shotgun, and the side of his head was blown off. A verdict of suicide was given. Trouble with his family over financial matters is said to have been the cause of his act. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

RED TAPE TOO MUCH FOR THEM

Members of Telephone Company Would Disband Rather Than Report

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Too much red tape has proved the undoing of the Holbrook-Hendley Telephone company. This is an organization of 26 farmers who operate an exchange, principally for their own use and benefit. The reports required by the state railway commission are too much for their inexperience, and they have notified the commission that rather than try to work their way out of the red tape each month they have decided to dissolve, and asking if the commission has any objections.

BLACKMAILER THREATENS WINSIDE, NEB., FARMER

Winside, Neb., March 3 (Special)—An attempt has been made to blackmail Frank Dengberg, wealthy farmer living near here. A letter, postmarked Winside, has been received, commanding the farmer to take \$5,000 in \$100 bills to a place south of town at a broken telephone pole, or he would be shot. If he divulged the fact he had received the letter he would be shot.

Little attention was paid to the letter and nothing happened but a second letter was received telling him that the writer had driven 50 miles to get the money and that he would come again on March 9 and would expect \$7,000 this time and if he did not do as directed not only his life but the lives of his family would be taken.

The letters have been made public and there is much stir over the matter. The place was guarded but the blackmailers did not appear.

The writer of the letters seems to have taken no pains to hide his identity as the letter is neither typewritten nor printed. The spelling and writing is poor. The second letter told Mr. Dengberg that if he did not meet the requirement, ransom of \$10,000 would be required. "The family is unnerved and the children have been taken from school. The second letter was turned over to the federal authorities.

SUES FORMER BOARDER FOR ALIENATION DAMAGES

Omaha, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Christen Svendsen, is seeking damages for alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, Kirstine, in a suit against Chris Jorgensen, street car motorman before a jury in Judge Sutton's court.

Svendsen testified that he and his wife were happy until they took Jorgensen into their home as a boarder several years ago. Since then, allegedly his wife's affections, Svendsen says, Jorgensen has gradually February 25, she obtained a divorce from him.

"The first I noticed was when my wife broke her arm," Svendsen said. "She needed assistance in dressing herself but she wouldn't let me help. She said I was too rough, so she asked for Jorgensen. He helped her dress her hair."

NORFOLK MAN GIVEN HONOR BY MASONS

Norfolk, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Masons in north Nebraska honored Andrew H. Vile Tuesday night with a surprise banquet, the affair being in celebration of Mr. Vile's anniversary as a member of the Masonic lodge. The past grand master's jewel was presented to him by A. B. Carpenter of the Norfolk lodge who was master of ceremonies.

The meeting of the lodge was originally called to receive a set of Masonic history which E. O. Goodman of Omaha presented to the Norfolk lodge. Robert R. Dickson, grand master of Masons in Nebraska, past Grand Master Harry E. Cheney and a large delegation of Masons from over the state were present.

The Atlanta, Ga., city council has adopted a resolution deploring the action of Gutzon Barglum, deposed sculptor of Stone Mountain memorial, in destroying the models for the immense memorial being carved in solid granite on the sheer side of the mountain.

SAYS RAIL BOARD DEMAND UNREASONABLE

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—The Northwestern railroad attorneys have filed a brief in supreme court, asking that tribunal to overturn the order of the state railway commission that it retain a helper it desires to discharge at the station of Newman Grove, which is the home town of Commissioner Randall. The company says that this is an unwarranted interference with the management of the road.

BADLY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Former Congressman Reavis' Wife Said to Be in Serious Condition

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Former congressman C. F. Reavis, of Nebraska, and his wife were severely cut and bruised Friday when their car was wrecked in a collision with an automobile driven by E. A. Bailey, of Lincoln. Bailey's car struck the Reavis sedan from the side, turning it over and demolishing it. The former congressman and his wife were badly cut by flying glass and Mrs. Reavis is under treatment for possible internal injuries.

NO CONFERENCE ON GAS PRICES

Attorney General of Nebraska Waits for American Bar Meeting

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Attorney General Spillman will not call another meeting of the executive committee of the national association of law officers of the various states to consider the gas price situation. Mr. Spillman says that he has been asked by several members to have another conference, but that none will be held until the annual conference of the American Bar association. All of the evidence that the attorneys general were able to secure last summer has been submitted to the trade commission and the federal attorney general.

"In Nebraska," says Mr. Spillman, "the situation can be handled locally if the legislature will pass the bill which permits the governing authorities of any municipality, when they are convinced that coal or gasoline prices are being artificially increased through monopoly, to go into the business for the public and sell at cost. When this is supplemented by national legislation insuring sources of supply, the price situation can be handled readily. At present if a man desires to enter the retail gasoline business he cannot get any supply unless his application is approved by a Nebraska man, to whom all orders from newcomers are submitted. If he reports that he is a 'regular' he can get gasoline; if not, he gets none. That is a condition we are trying to reach through a suit in supreme court."

LEGION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WAS SUCCESSFUL

Kearney, Neb., March 3 (Special)—One of the most successful American Legion drives ever held in the state ended last Saturday night with the membership of the Nebraska department more than 17,000 men. It is announced.

In the sectional contest for membership, the "Army of the East" won with a total of 8,140 members, the Omaha and South Omaha posts getting a majority of the members. The "Army of the West" under the leadership of W. L. Stebbins of Gothenburg, signed up 5,740 members. A membership trophy will be awarded the highest scoring post in the near future. More than 200 posts in the state took part in the drive.

PREVALENCE OF GRIP CAUSES SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Fremont, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Owing to the prevalence of the grip among school children, the board of education decided to close the schools for the spring vacation next week. Reports showed over seventy absentees in the high school yesterday on account of the grip.

BLACKMAIL CONVICTION SHOULD BE AFFIRMED

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Harvey McKenzie, Gosper county farmer, convicted of blackmail, was given a fair trial and his sentence of \$500 fine ought to be affirmed. This is the recommendation of Attorney General Spillman to the supreme court, where McKenzie recently lodged an appeal. McKenzie claims to have lost \$500 from a hiding place in the little farm home where he lived alone. He told J. M. Miles, district court clerk, that his son, Dick Miles, was one of the group of boys that took it and that he proposed to prosecute him. The attorney general says that the fright and terror this tossed into Miles led him to pay \$200 in monthly installments and to make more payments until the entire sum was made up.

Mr. Spillman says that the evidence does not show that young Miles had anything to do with a theft, and he expresses the private opinion that McKenzie never did have that much nor did he lose it.

WOMAN HELD FOR SHOOTING AT HUSBY

Chadron, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Charged with shooting her husband with intent to kill, Mrs. Ed Phillips, divorced, was bound over to the district court, to be tried before Judge Westover in Chadron early in April in alignment.

KEPT MARRIAGE SECRET FOR SEVEN MONTHS

Waterbury, Neb., March 3 (Special)—After keeping it secret for seven months, it is announced that Albert Herrick, of Waterbury, and Miss Virginia Rossiter, of York, Neb., were married at Concordia, Kan., August 12, 1924. They became acquainted while they were students in the high school at O'Neill. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Horick, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rossiter, of York. They will make their home on a farm near here.

TO CONFER WITH IOWA ON BRIDGE

Nebraska House Passes Bill For Commission on S. C. Crossing

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—The house of the Nebraska legislature this morning passed the Heffernan bill authorizing a commission of three men to confer with an Iowa commission relative to an interstate bridge across the Missouri river at Sioux City. The vote was 68 to 26. The bill now goes to the senate.

Both houses are grinding away rather steadily on the bill passing task, but as yet have been more intent on passing the bills originating in their own house. This is usual and natural. The house passed one senate bill Tuesday, which withdraws from the federal government the offer made two years ago of the state soldiers' home at Grand Island for hospitalization purposes. The government turned it down.

The house passed several bills of its own, fixing up the election laws. It passed one repealing the provision that where a party convention endorses a constitutional amendment all straight party votes shall be counted for the amendment. This was adopted in the old days when it was practically impossible for any amendment to get a majority of the votes cast at an election because many did not vote at all on the proposition. With the new constitution in force an amendment is carried if a majority voting thereon votes affirmatively.

The senate passed a half dozen bills of its own. One prohibits public boards from discriminating against different schools of the healing art in denying patients under their care the choice of systems of healing, exempting the state or city hospitals and state board of health. Another bill passed allows Custer county to try out its cherished plan of having a local board classify farm lands for taxation purposes. Another bill prohibits the investment of state funds in irrigation district warrants, and another denies a place on the ballot to candidates of parties that did not poll 5 per cent. of the total vote at the last election.

The distribution of the gasoline tax fund was the bone of contention again in the house Wednesday morning. The advocates of letting the state highway department handle it won a few more adherents and, after a debate, voted down 63 to 35 a proposal to give one third to the counties for secondary roads. The bill was ordered to a third reading with the state getting 100 per cent.

The senate passed a bill ordering the board of control to stop furnishing inmates to inmates of state institutions and to use only Nebraska made butter hereafter. It also passed the house co-operative marketing bill and the house professional bootlegger bill which provides a jail sentence as well as fine for first offenses, felonies with fines up to \$5,000 and imprisonment up to two years. It also passed the house bill making counties pay 10 cents bounty on crows, magpies, pocket gophers and ground squirrels.

PARDON BOARD HEARS REQUESTS FOR PAROLES

Lincoln, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Lee Huston of Nemana county, serving a term in prison for having a brickbat with deadly aim at the head of his father-in-law, was before the pardon board seeking a parole. He has been in prison two years. Since his incarceration his wife has spent a term in the women's reformatory, a son has been sent to the reform school, and four children are with the state home. Another applicant was Charles Jones, 44 years old, who was accused of criminal relations with a step-daughter. He has served five out of an eight year sentence. A letter from the girl, now married, makes the statement that she was probably about as much to blame as was Jones.

ALLEN BUSINESS HOUSE LOOTED BY ROBBERS

Allen, Neb., March 3 (Special)—Robbers who entered the Gaughran Bros. cafe here Monday night got away with cash and loot estimated at \$125. Entrance to the place was effected through the rear door, it is believed, and the cash register was rifled. Among the merchandise taken were large quantities of tobacco and candy. The only clue is a hammer which was left in the cafe by the thieves. Officers are working on the case.

LEGION POST HAS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

O'Neill, Neb., March 3 (Special)—A strength of 80 members was reported by Simonson post of the American Legion, of this city, at the conclusion of a membership drive. The high membership drive is to be started at once in an effort to raise the list to 100 members before the national convention at Omaha. At one time the membership of the post was 127, but this was reduced by the forming of posts at Inman, Page and Chambers, and the present number, 80, is the record for the territory immediately around O'Neill.

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER GETS LINE ON WORK

Pierre, S. D., March 3 (Special)—Gus Helgerson of Mitchell, former state treasurer and recently appointed and confirmed by the senate as commissioner of insurance, is in the city conferring with W. N. Van Camp, the retiring commissioner, and getting acquainted with the work. Mr. Helgerson will assume his duties on April 1 when Mr. Van Camp retires as a result of the compromise reached between himself and Gov. Carl Gunderson.

Pungent Paragraphs

One reason there are so many divorces is that many people get married to such tunes as "Oogy Woogy Woo."—Toledo Blade.

Wisdom will not die with the people, and it is evident that it objects to living with lots of 'em.—Atlanta Constitution.

Tom Edison and Henry Ford went fishing. Bet Tom caught a few big ones and Henry a million little ones.—Wichita Daily Times.

A good citizen seems to be one who blames congress because his radiator freezes.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

If you are not a reformer and have no influence, the only way to get a satchel full of money is to use a bit of lead pipe.—Vancouver Sun.

Connecticut proposes a tax on cats, despite the evidence that most of them have too much license as it is.—Oakland Tribune.

Ancestors seem greatest to those who haven't kept the pace the old boys set.—Rochester Times Union.

There must be something in royal blood. Wales didn't look this funny in a blue shirt.—Lexington Daily Leader.

"Jobless Stenographers Hunt Employment"—Canned peaches?—Glen-dale Evening News.

North Carolina has enacted an anti-flirting law. Only dirty looks are tolerated in that state now, it is said.—Rock Island Argus.

Canal Zone Silent Diplomat. By Stephen Bonsai, in The Mentor Magazine.

There is a special field of usefulness which the Zone occupies in a quiet but most effective way. To Latin America, or to most of it, the Zone is the most accessible and gettable section of our land, and as it is a perfect miniature of American life and activities, it can be most conveniently studied. Hardly a week passes without the arrival of a delegation; medical men to view the hospitals, or Boy Scouts on a "rodeo" bent.

Committees come from the venerable San Marcos university in Lima to check up on some educational innovation, and architects from far-away Paraguay to examine the construction of our model schools. Traders and buyers come in droves, and as you can buy what you want on the ketchup almost, if not quite as well as you can in the more populous markets of the north, many tarry here where their language is understood by all and make purchases which spell an advance in the cultural equipment in the localities from which the buyers come. Second only to the transit of merchant ships is the passage of ideas and the exchange of thought made possible and direct by the great "ditch." The "cut" that separated the land has brought together the two great races that have peopled America, not in slavish imitation but in beneficial co-operation.

Prisoners By Choice. From the New Orleans Item.

An Iowa prisoner, after 30 years in the penitentiary, refuses a pardon. He has no desire to enter the outside world. He is afraid to do so. The confinement that was first a punishment has become a solace and a protection. He knows that outside he would be homeless, destitute, incapable of competing with those who are familiar with its ways. So wisely, he refuses a pardon and remains at home in jail.

He is a pathetic figure. And on the "outside" there are thousands like him. There is a pathos, too, about them. These are the prisoners of restricted minds, beliefs and initiative. Once they could not accept new notions, new theories. Now they are afraid to, they cling to the limitations against which they once rebelled, seeking in them comfort and protection. The old man "in a rut" loves the rut that kept him from advancing. It also offers him shelter.

City Governments Spend Most

From the Nation's Business.

Of the \$10,455,000,000 spent in 1923, for the running of the government \$3,455,000,000 were spent by the federal authorities. The state governments spent \$1,450,000,000 and local governments disbursed \$5,163,000,000.

These figures were compiled by the National Industrial Conference board, which recently made a study of government expenditure and the tax burden.

An idea of the magnitude of these figures may be gleaned from the fact that the combined disbursements of all governmental units in this country in 1923 was equivalent to 93 per cent. of the total amount paid out in wages and salaries in 1921 by all manufacturing plants in the country covered by the census of manufacturers.

In a statement to stockholders on the progress of the Company's affairs during the past ten years, Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, points out that the income of the company has been sufficient to meet all charges, losses, depreciation, preferred dividends and to have maintained the ordinary 7% common dividend for the entire period. Common dividends have been omitted since July, 1921, however, as a result of conservative policy owing to a vital rehabilitation and construction program and the necessity of carrying customers for nearly \$25,000,000 under their contract commitments after the collapse of sugar prices in 1920. Income during the period has averaged \$11,000,000 annually as against \$8,150,000 during the previous ten year period. Furthermore, it has yielded about \$10,000,000 increase in surplus during the last ten years against \$17,000,000 decrease in the previous ten year period.

State revenue from all sources in France last year totalled nearly 25 billion francs, thus showing an increase of roughly 4% billion francs over revenue collected during 1922. Direct taxes alone yielded 8,631 million francs last year as compared with 6,589 million francs during 1922, and 3,260 million francs during 1922, while important progress was also shown in the yield from government monopolies. Sales of tobacco last year totalled 4,735,700,000 francs, showing an increase of 220 million francs over 1922 and sales of matches also rose from 116,916,100 francs to 134,445,100 francs.

Demonstrated. From American Legion Weekly.

The motorcycle cop at first pulled up beside the speeder.

"I've chased you for a mile," he belittled to tell you that you were going sixty miles an hour."

"(See)" remarked the offender mildly. "Bad news sure travels fast, don't it?"

Ambassador Kellogg has made his first selection of state department officials to assist him as secretary of state. William H. Beck, who has been secretary and special assistant to Secretaries Lansing, Colby and Hughes, will continue in that capacity.

Five thousand workers are on a strike in the oil fields of the Huasteca Oil company in Tampico and Vera Cruz according to word from Mexico City.

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