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MUST BE HARD OF HEARING

The Frontier, January 19: At the weekly luncheon of the Lions Club last Tuesday the question of a reduction in the telephone rates and the light rates, charged in this city, was taken up and fully discussed. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the rates charged by both of these corporations were too high, considering the times, and that they should be reduced. Outside of the discussion no action was taken regarding the matter.

Independent, January 27: As a member of the Lions Club who was present at this meeting, we are at a loss to know why such an article should appear at all. The facts are that this was NOT discussed nor was any action taken in regard to this matter, as the Lions Club has refused to take this matter up at any time. The question is not one for the Lions Club to handle. The Lions realize that these institutions are an asset towards everything that will be a help to O'Neill—that is what they are organized for and nothing else. If any Lion gave out any such a false statement, he should be censured for it, and if not then The Frontier should be careful. It is such things as this that puts the Lions in bad and should be stopped. The Lions are here to boost and not tear down. Keep this fact in mind.

When the editor of the Independent says the matter of the reduction of rates was not discussed at the above meeting we can only say that he is badly in need of an ear trumpet, for he must be very hard of hearing.

We have the word of several members of the Club that the matter was discussed at this meeting and that as a matter of fact the same matter was brought up at a former meeting some three or four weeks before.

The Frontier did not say any action was taken on the matter, but stated positively that no action was taken, other than discussing the matter.

The Frontier did not express any opinion nor make any comment on the matter discussed by the Lions, but as this is an organization organized for the purpose of promoting the material welfare of the various cities in which they are located this newspaper, as a duty it owes its army of readers publishes various activities of the Club as a matter of news. Contrary to the implied opinion of the Independent this is not a secret society but its activities, when they affect the people of the city, are matters of public comment and should be given publicity. Get a trumpet, George!

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

By Frank P. Litschert

We have heard a great deal during the past few months about balancing the budget, reducing taxes and national and local expenditures. So far as the local units of government are concerned the agitation for economy and lower taxes have had some effect. Fewer municipal bond issues are being sold than for many months. Expenses in many states and cities are being trimmed and this will eventually result in lower taxes if the people will only stay on guard.

But how about the national government? What are its prospects along this line for the coming months? Are we to have a balanced budget through reduction of national expenditures, or are we to have still higher taxes and more economic pressure as a result? Only the future can tell. Both political parties were on record for economy and the slashing of expenditures. But enough proposals have now been brought forward to increase Uncle Sam's expense a dozen billion dollars if all of them were to be enacted. And very little is being heard about reduction of expenditures and fewer taxes at Washington. The Republicans are naturally saying little, as they are going out of power in a few weeks. Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt will say something to calm the troubled waters within the next few weeks. It is earnestly to be hoped so. He is said to favor a twenty-five per cent cut in expenditures.

Of the proposed outlay of billions, many of the plans are for helping the farmer. A great many people still

seem to have an idea that the United States government can restore the prices of agriculture through some legislative magic. A huge program has been mapped out and introduced by the Democratic leader, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, calling for an expenditure of a billion and a half to assist agriculture. The program is said to include the recommendations of the farm organizations of the country, who were promised by Mr. Roosevelt in the campaign that if they would get together on a program he would agree to it.

The plan includes a provision for a new billion dollar government agency, the "Emergency Agricultural Refinance Corporation," to lend up to \$10,000 to individual farmers on first or second mortgage security providing the total mortgages do not exceed 75 per cent of the value of the property. The bill would also put the government squarely behind the Federal Land Banks.

But there are many other proposals for federal outlays of money. Senator Costigan, Democrat, of Colorado, has introduced a measure which it is claimed, establishes a permanent federal dole for the idle, with a half billion dollar relief fund to be administered by an Emergency Federal Relief Board. Another bill provides for a United States Exchange Corporation with a capital of a half billion and authority to issue government debentures to the sum of two and a half billions to lend funds to corporations to provide employment, and to individuals to provide them with purchasing power.

Then there are additional proposals for the payment of the veterans bonus which is due in 1945. Mr. Patman of Texas still wants to pay for this by inflating the currency. Other bills provide for federal aid to states, counties and municipalities for educational purposes. In short, the number of proposals for appropriating more federal money to be raised either by more taxes, by bond issues or by inflation is so great as to make one fairly dizzy in contemplation.

In the meantime foreign made goods are flooding the country, coming over our tariff wall for the reason that depreciated currencies abroad have made this possible. This shut down our American factories and put out of jobs American workers who could be using more of the products of the American farm, if the workers could afford to buy them. Damming of this flood of foreign made goods, made by cheap labor paid in tin money, would go a long way toward restoring business and agriculture in America.

MANY NEW BILLS

New bills in the house Monday include:

- H. R. No. 428, by Uttecht—To change the time for publication of estate notices from "three weeks successively" to "for three straight weekly publications."
- H. R. No. 429, by Uttecht—To reduce the maximum rural school levy from eight to six mills and to strike the power of 60 per cent of the voters of a district to vote a levy up to 20 mills.
- H. R. No. 430, by Dugan—To permit, in action for damages for the wrongful death of another, recovery for such an amount as will compensate for pain, mental suffering and loss of companionship, not to exceed \$2,500.
- H. R. No. 431, by Dugan—To change the provisions for blind pensions from "may" to "shall" but retaining not to exceed three hundred dollars a year provision.
- H. R. No. 432, by Meier—For a 4 cents a gallon tax on gasoline sold or used in aircraft using any public landing field in Nebraska.
- H. R. No. 433, by Meier—To appropriate \$4,332 for relief of Lloyd Hendricks for alleged effect of a mental breakdown at the national guard camp.
- H. R. No. 434, by Dugan—To prohibit manufacture, sale or giving away of any gambling devices, including slot machines.
- H. R. No. 435, by McGonigle—To fix the maximum rates for electric energy, service charges not to exceed 75 cents a month, rates not to exceed 7 1/2 cents a kilowatt hour for the first 50 hours and reductions down to not to exceed 4 cents per kilowatt hour for energy in excess of four hundred kilowatt hours a month, and providing penalties.
- H. R. No. 436, by Adams and others—For censorship of motion pictures by the governor with seven deputies. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 437, by Cone—To stop the sale of real estate for delinquent taxes and instead to issue for such delinquent lands a Nebraska tax investment security to draw 4 1/2 per cent interest and to be a first lien. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 438 by Cone—To reduce the salary of the bank commissioner from a maximum of \$7,500 to \$4,000; of the tax commissioner from \$5,000 to \$4,000; of the public works secretary from a maximum of \$7,500 to \$5,000; of other code secretaries from \$5,000 to \$4,000; of the state sheriff from \$4,000 to \$3,600 and to reduce all code and governor's department employees' salaries 20 per cent but not to cut below \$1,000 minimum. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 439 by Cone—To limit the interest rate which can be collected from building and loan associations to 8 per cent.
- H. R. No. 440 by Cone and Sheldon—To change provisions for publication of initiative and referendum measures

for every legal newspaper to one in each county selected by the secretary of state.

- H. R. No. 441 by Cone and others—To require appraisal of all lands before forced sale and prescribing the method.
- H. R. No. 442 by Meier, by request—For a state gasoline and oil business with stations in each county, the surplus profits to go into the state treasury for relief of the real estate levy.
- H. R. No. 443 by Freeouf—To forbid purchase of live stock for slaughter, except in open approved public markets where animals are sold under competitive bidding, and to provide penalties. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 444 by Freeouf—For a tax of 25 cents a square foot per year on billboards, the revenue to go to county road funds.
- H. R. No. 445 by Freeouf—To prohibit stockyards from charging for hay and feed for live stock in excess of 10 per cent above the market price and providing penalties.
- H. R. No. 446 by Larson—To eliminate school taxes from the list of taxes which become delinquent May 1 of the year after taxes are assessed.
- H. R. No. 447 by Larson—To authorize H. D. Odell of Thedford to sue the state for adjudication of his claim for damage to his land from highway construction. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 448 by Larson—To add to the state highway system a road commencing at Gandy and running northeast to connect with No. 75 at Dunning.
- H. R. No. 449 by Brock and Peters—To have the compensation of precinct assessors fixed by county boards.
- H. R. No. 450 by Jackman—To give the state railway commission power to regulate rates and service of all electric utilities in cities of the second class, villages or rural territory and to provide that franchises by such municipalities be indeterminate terms.
- H. R. No. 451 by Freeouf—To repeal the barber license laws.
- H. R. No. 452 by Rohlf—For a board of examiners to license garage mechanics.
- H. R. No. 453 by Steutville—To appropriate \$2,500 for relief of James A. Moore, for a heat stroke allegedly suffered while employed by state public works department.
- H. R. No. 545 by Rohlf and Jackman—To require licensing of "brokers of transportation of passengers by motor vehicles" and requiring bond and fee in city in which they operate.
- H. R. No. 455 by Rohlf—To permit persons owing delinquent taxes to pay the principal of the taxes before December 31, 1933, and to cancel the interest.
- H. R. No. 456, by Freeouf—To require outdoor advertising firms to take out an annual one hundred dollar license for operation of billboards, the revenue to go to the state highway fund.
- H. R. No. 457, by Vance—To require publication of all school board budgets.
- H. R. No. 458 by Kloppling—To create a division of dairy control in the state inspection department, to appoint a dairy commissioner and to provide for regulation of the dairy business, licensing of processing plants and enforcement of fair price laws.
- H. R. No. 459 by Nickles—To strengthen the law requiring liability insurance for persons against whom a judgment for an automobile accident has been rendered but is unpaid.
- H. R. No. 460 by Barnes by request—To repeal all full train crew laws. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 461, by Reed and Mitchell—To permit Lincoln to add any contiguous territory which has been subdivided into tracts of not more than 20 acres.
- H. R. No. 462 by Cronse—To permit the Douglas county election commissioner at small elections to dispense with clerks if not needed and let judges serve as clerks.
- H. R. No. 463, by Cronse—To require the publication of members of election boards in two issues of three Douglas county newspapers.
- H. R. No. 464 by Cronse, by request—For a state tax of 2 cents on each one hundred dollar face value on all sales of stock.
- H. R. 465 by Steutville—To permit cities to acquire property by eminent domain as well as at general elections (it now takes 60 per cent at special elections.)
- H. R. No. 466 by Steutville—To forbid city officers in cities of the first class from leasing real estate for more than two years.
- H. R. No. 467 by Beushausen—To have road overseers elected at the general election instead of at town meetings.
- H. R. No. 468 by Beushausen—To make it unlawful for anyone to own or possess more than five sets of fishing lines.
- H. R. No. 469 by Beushausen—To provide for election of state railway commissioners by district instead of at large.
- H. R. No. 470 by Diers—To regulate sale of frozen desserts, fixing the milk requirements, providing for licensing of manufacturers under the agricultural department.
- H. R. No. 471 by Fulton—To require persons offering good for sale at public auction to furnish person conducting the sale with a bill of sale in advance and to provide penalties.
- H. R. No. 472 by Reed—To provide for printed construction codes being incorporated in all building contracts by the state and its subdivisions without being set forth in the contracts.
- H. R. No. 473 by Nickles—To permit licensed workers in health professions who allowed licenses to lapse to renew the licenses upon recommendation of the examining board and payment of the renewal fees.
- H. R. No. 474 by S. B. Johnson—To provide that in actions properly brought in municipal court a summons may be issued against other defendants in any county in the state and to raise the pay of jurors from \$1 to \$2 when a verdict is returned and from 50 cents to \$2 when the jury fails to agree on a verdict.
- H. R. No. 475 by Cushing—To require town meetings to be kept open until 6 p. m.
- H. R. No. 476 by Cushing—To provide that conventions for nominating

candidates be held on the fifth Wednesday before the date for elections.

- H. R. No. 477 by Cushing—To require the state railway commission to furnish the tax commissioner with the values claimed for rate making purposes of common carriers or public service companies. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 478 by Cushing—To require the state board of equalization to accept as conclusive for tax purposes the values of common carriers and public service companies furnished the tax commissioner by the state railway commission. Emergency.
- H. R. No. 479 by Cone—To regulate the interest charges of building and loan associations.

BRIEFLY STATED

Get your permanents at Margaret's Beauty Shop and receive a 50 cent reduction on guaranteed waves.—Phone 108, O'Neill.

M. R. Sullivan came over from Hartington last Friday evening to attend the funeral of J. F. Gallagher Saturday morning and to spend a few days with the home folks.

This is "Ground Hog" day and if the old saying is correct we are in for six weeks of winter, for the old boy could easily see his shadow today, if he crawled out of his hole.

Mrs. Celia Newman, of Page, was before the insanity commission last Thursday afternoon, adjudged insane and ordered committed to the insane asylum at Norfolk. Mrs. Newman is about 75 years of age, a widow lady and had been living at Page. She was taken to the asylum at Norfolk Friday.

E. F. Peterson has leased the building north of the postoffice, recently occupied by McNalley's bowling alley, and will open a pool hall and bowling alley therein. The pool hall, now run by Elmer Merriman, in the Brennan building, will be moved there and there will be one alley installed, so that the lovers of this game will be able to indulge in their favorite sport.

This section of the state was visited with the only real snow fall of the year last Tuesday. It snowed most of the day, the fall here, according to Weather Observer Bowen, amounting to four and one-half inches. The snow was much heavier west of here and did not extend very far east. In the eastern part of the state, it was raining while it was snowing here. Local farmers say that the snow will be of great benefit to the fall grains. Wednesday morning it was nice and clear and today it is quite warm. Tuesday night the thermometer got down to three above zero, which is the coldest it has been here for several weeks.

FARMER'S DIARY SHOWS UNFAIRNESS OF TAXES

A farmer living near Morrill, Nebr., has been keeping a diary for several years and the other day he copied the entries for the months of March, 1896, commencing with March 15th and the month of March, 1919, commencing with March 20th and submitted the result to a friend of his who resides at Scottsbluff. This friend took a copy of it with him to Omaha where S. J. Weekes received a copy his last trip down there. When John let us look it over we were so impressed with the comparative prices of 1896 and today that we decided to publish it for the benefit of our readers, and here it is: 1896: March 15—Sold 100 bushels of corn at 7 1/2 cent per bushel. Bought one pint whiskey 25 cents. March 17—Sold 6 dozen eggs at 4 cents per dozen. Worked for Peterson, my dinner and 35 cents. March 25—Sold 19 hogs, average weight 225 lbs, 2 1/2 cents per pound. March 26—Sold 500 bushels of wheat at 14 cents per bushel. Paid taxes on a section of land, \$117.00. 1919: March 20—Sold 3000 bushels of wheat at \$3.10 per bushel. March 23—Sold 80 hogs, average weight 210 lbs, \$22.00 per hundred. March 29—Hired man \$4.00 per day, board and room. Sold ten dozen eggs at 46 cents per dozen. Paid taxes on section of land \$1,710.00. It will be noted that in the above the taxes increased from \$117 to \$1,710 in the twenty-three years, between these periods and while the price of farm products were a good deal higher than in 1896, they were a long ways from being fourteen and one-half times as great.

WANT TO REMOVE PARTY CIRCLE
The bill to remove the party circle from the state ballot was advanced to third reading in the Nebraska House of Representatives last Wednesday with a vote of 59 for to 32 against. Nine were absent and not voting. Had this bill been in effect at the last general election there are many

democrats in the state house at Lincoln that would not be there, including many of the senators and representatives. In this county Roosevelt received a majority of 2,386 votes, while Slaymaker was elected state representative with only a majority of 188. As there were hundreds of straight ballots cast, and many of them by men and women who are normally republicans, it is easy to see what would have happened to Mr. Slaymaker had not these straight ballots counted for him. Likewise many of the republican state candidates would have carried this county, with the party circle eliminated, but with the party circle all democrats carried the county. We look for many democrats to change their vote when the bill comes up for third reading and defeat the bill as they will not want to destroy the goose that lays the golden egg.

HOLD-UP OF CHAMBERS BANK IS THWARTED BY PRESIDENT ED. ADAMS

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for several years and is married and the father of three children, who are living with their mother at Columbus. He and his wife are divorced and for the past several months he had been living with his mother at Fremont. His mother died the latter part of December, since which time he has been wandering around. Boyle and Dr. Bennett, of this city, were classmates at a veterinary school at St. Joseph, Mo., for four years and the latter said that he was surprised that he had attempted a bank robbery. Boyle has been in trouble before and served one term in the Nebraska state penitentiary for writing no fund checks.

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