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SEVERAL ACTS OF LEGISLATURE ARE THOUGHT UNWISE

Failure To Put Teeth In Law To Stop Lobbyist Entertainers Is A Serious Mistake.

By the Lowell Service
Lincoln, Nebr.—Acclaimed by its proponents as the real University of Statesmanship, the unicameral, in its closing hours, does not seem to be handing out any diplomas to graduates. The quasi-leaders, hailed as future governors and political whatnots in January, are fading out the picture with the coming of May.

While the unicameral has set an example for economy and fairly fool-proof legislation, the advocates of the system are not satisfied with results.

The retention of the committee of the whole has been criticized. The idea of a legislative council is not approved; the unicameralites insist that each legislator should study problems of government during the interim between sessions. Creating a sifting committee proved a mistake. The taxpayers resent the creation of a state planning board. There is general dissatisfaction over the high gasoline tax.

Keeping Land Commissioner Swanson on the job was perhaps the biggest mistake made by the legislature. Arden republicans led in this move, forgetting that the republican platform of 1934 pledged abolition of the office, while Governor Cochran has recommended in two messages abolition of the office of land commissioner.

The republicans retort that Governor Cochran had already given Swanson a job before the legislature convened, and that the supreme court, in a decision, seemed to solder Swanson to the payroll. Mixed up in the whole matter is a growing conviction that the taxpayers' organizations have winked at the creation of boards and bureaus at the state house, and the lobbyists for the taxpayers' leagues actually assisted Swanson in sitting tight at the expense of all the taxpayers.

The most serious mistake, assert the unicameral advocates, was failure to pass a law putting actual teeth in the constitutional provision forbidding entertainment, emoluments and gifts from the lobby. Reports are in circulation that the legislators have been elaborately and expensively entertained. A majority of the legislators last spring indicated that they favored such a law, but when the session opened, not one would introduce it. After five or six weeks of cajolery of the special interests, the members found themselves out of touch with sentiment at home. On the other hand, the daily papers, which heaped compliments on some of the members, were not read by the farmers in the districts of the members. In the last days of the session, some of the daily papers, hostile to the unicameral from the beginning, suddenly executed an editorial about face and lambasted the astonished solons.

One of the neatest jokers inveigled into the unicameral was none other than LB277. This bill purported to give building and loan associations and insurance companies authority to borrow money from the Federal Home Loan bank at Topeka an relend it. But, according to a decision of the social security board, it automatically relieved all the companies and associations that took advantage of its provisions of the social security legislation and saved the necessity of paying any unemployment insurance tax. Lincoln lawyers shoved this bill over on Dunn and Diers.

The suddenly revived cooperative merchandising bill, LB 252, gave some of the rural public power districts a scare last week. Commercial clubs in Lincoln, Omaha and elsewhere opposed the original bill. It was slain in committee. Norton suddenly revived it, minus the merchandising features. In amend-

ed form, the bill permitted twenty men to form a cooperative and engage in merchandising electricity. Norton agreed to amendments, but it still remained a threat against Senate File 310.

Early in the session Ernest Adams introduced a bill to punish the defamation of building and loan associations and insurance companies. Now fly-by-night insurance concerns are out among the people, gouging, strongarming, twisting and high pressuring. In their wake a coteri of Lincoln attorneys follow like vultures, lapping up the legal drippings. Nebraska has remarkably strong home companies. These concerns are reliable, prosperous, and conduct their insurance sales campaigns on high planes. Mr. Adams has, it is believed, unwittingly provided a first line of defense for insurance scalawags by seeking to protect them from criticism by the press. Information concerning several Lincoln attorneys has been placed in the office of Attorney general Hunter.

The state highway patrol bill, after receiving an amendment providing for inspection of automobiles one a year instead of twice, with a 25-cent inspection fee, has been advanced to the enrollment and review committee for engrossment. Of the fee, five cents goes to the state, and the rest to the garage which does the testing. The safety patrol director will designate certain garages as official testing stations.

The truck control bill, the subject of long debates and much eloquence, has finally been passed by the legislature by a vote of 24 to 17 and sent to the governor for signature. By its provisions the state railway commission is given full power to regulate the trucking industry, said to be the second largest industry in Nebraska. Private carriers are exempted, but all other motor operators must file application with the commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The application must be accompanied by a filing fee of not more than \$5, and the permit is to cost not more than \$5 for each vehicle. The emergency clause was omitted, hence the bill, if signed by the governor, will not go into effect until 90 days after the close of the legislature. Then truckers will have 60 days in which to file applications. County treasurers are forbidden to sell license plates to truckers whose permits and certificates have not been properly renewed.

Just before Governor Cochran left for Washington to present the statues of William Jennings Bryan and J. Sterling Morton to the nation's Hall of Fame, he vetoed five bills and signed three others. Perhaps the most important of the five vetoed measures was that sponsored by Frank J. Brady of Atkinson, providing for a tax refund to purchasers of airplane gasoline in excess of the cost of maintenance of the Nebraska aeronautics commission. The governor holds that the people of the state have expressed their disapproval of exemption of tax paid on gasoline for uses other than in vehicles using the highways, and that this principle should be applicable to all classes, including uses for aviation purposes.

Other bills vetoed were LB 414, 438 and 243, all of which have permitted suits against the state; also the bill which would have established at the capitol a central mailing room with postage metering machines. It was sponsored by Lester Dunn of Lincoln.

Among the bills signed the most important was that establishing a permanent 15-member legislative council to study and recommend laws to the next legislature. The council is to study governmental questions, taxation, the merit system, and the like, and is to meet twice a year. The speaker will be a member and three members will be named from each congressional district.

New Counters Installed In Two County Offices

New steel counters are now installed in the office of the county treasurer and the county clerk. They are large steel desks, painted green, and add much to the appearance of the two offices, but we doubt if they will be able to bring any more money into the office of the treasurer than the old desk did. The old desk has a place of honor in the vault and we predict that it will see more use day after day than the new desk in the outer office.

Like the desk in the treasurer's office, the desk in the office of the county clerk has also been removed to the vault of his office where it will be in daily use. These two old desks have been in use in their respective offices for the past forty

years and what a tale they could unfold, if they could talk. But those who like to keep and occasionally see relics of by-gone days can still see these old desks in the vaults, where there is no danger of them being consumed by fire. Possibly they will satisfactorily function in their present positions for another forty years.

Judge Dickson Files Mandamus Action

Judge Dickson filed suit in the district court last Saturday. It was a mandamus action against the city of O'Neill and the New Deal Oil company asking for the removal from Douglas and Madison streets of an obstruction placed on both streets, as he alleged in his petition, by the oil company.

He alleges that the pumps, in front of their place of business were placed in the streets, both Douglas and Madison, and that they constitute a nuisance, obstructing the view of Douglas street from motorists coming north on Madison street. Several cars are parked in front of the pumps while being filled which makes it a hazard to people traveling north on Madison or turning south off of Douglas onto Madison street.

Would Form City Kitten Ball League

Kitten Ball fans are requested to meet at the K. C. hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock when the organization of a city league for the season will be discussed. Many of the old time players are again anxious to test their powers with the large ball and the promoters are confident that a city league will be the result of the meeting next Monday night.

Hybrid Seed Corn Tests

J. M. Kennedy of Page, and Paul Schwisow of O'Neill, have secured samples of hybrid seed corn to plant in tests on their places. It will be interesting to note the results of these tests next fall. Meetings will be held at that time at both places if we have a normal season.

Ordained to Priesthood

Francis Markey, nephew of Mrs. F. E. McMillan, Miss Markey and John Markey of this city, was ordained this morning at Santa Fe,

N. M. Father Markey will celebrate his first high mass in this city next Sunday at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's church. Father Markey has many friends in this city, where he has visited on various occasions during the past fifteen years, his last visit being at Christmas last year.

Pass Bill for Recall of County Officials

The legislature passed a bill a few days ago providing for the recall of county officials. The law provides that the recall can be instituted by a very small fraction of the voters of the county signing petitions for the recall of any officer. It is an easy matter to get people to sign petitions. A few disgruntled citizens get sore at a county officer and if they want to spend a few dollars they can easily get the required number of signatures. Then the taxpayers have to stand the expense of another election, and the county officer attacked has to make a campaign, not only for reelection to complete his term, but also for vindication. It might work, but it looks to us as if it was a breeder of a lot of local strife, turmoil and expense.

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METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A. J. May, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Mother's Day worship service at 11 a. m.—Special music by the choir. Vocal solo, Charles Yarnall. Mother's Day sermon by the pastor.

Epworth League 7 p. m.—Leader, Mrs. Harold Lindberg.
Evening Service 8 p. m.—All men's chorus singing.

We thank the people for the response last Sunday for the special service. Fifteen united with the church and four were baptised and 130 participated in the communion service. About 75 were in the group of new members and 20 in the picture of the choir.

ELM GROVE 4-H CLUB

The Elm Grove 4-H club elected the following officers for the year 1937 at a meeting held May 2 at the Blake Benson home: Marie Hynes, president; Maurice Grutch, vice president; Inez Benson, secretary and treasurer; Madelyne Hynes and Mary Jane Moler, cheer leaders; Bud Moler, Hugh Benson and Donald Hynes, entertainment committee. DeMaris Benson and La Vonna Moler, song leaders, and Irene Moler, club reporter.

HAPPY HOUR PROJECT CLUB

The Happy Hour Project Club met April 28 at the home of Mrs. D. L. Moler. All members were present. Visitors attending were Mrs. Catherine Hynes, Mrs. Mamie O'Neill and Mrs. Matt Ernest. A delicious luncheon was served. New officers were elected and plans were made for achievement day in O'Neill May 14.

BUSY HOUR CLUB

The Busy Hour club met Thursday, April 29, at the home of May Johnson. Twelve members were present, and two visitors, Mrs. Lowell Johnson and Mrs. Lizzie Pelcer. The ladies spent the afternoon working out games and doing embroidery work. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Ruby Wayman May 27.

Achievement day for the O'Neill project clubs will be held Friday,

May 14, in the K. C. Hall. Exhibits will be in place at 1 o'clock and the meeting will start promptly at 1:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hancock and Marlin Hancock, of David City,

came last Saturday for a few days visit with relatives and friends in this city and vicinity. They returned home Monday afternoon and were accompanied by Mrs. C. P. Hancock, who had been visiting relatives and friends here for the past two weeks.

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