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Work of Unicameral Brings Heavy Efforts Against One House

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln, Nebr.—With adjournment sine die, an attack on the unicameral was unmasked and is now in full swing. Heading the movement are most of the leaders of the republican and democratic parties in the state who are usually classed as conservative. Opposed to this viewpoint and supporting the one-house are the progressive factions. One drive will be made to restore the partisan brand to the legislators. Then the conservatives hope that the membership can be increased to one hundred, to make more places to be filled at elections.

While the last campaign was a presidential one, both parties realized that important spokes had been blasted from the drive-wheels of campaign committees. The support to party organizations given by 266 legislative candidates was formidable. When the state chairman tried to contact the local candidates, he found even the nominees for county offices reluctant to aid in the state campaign because of uncertainty as to local sentiment. So the state committees surged in on the legislature and defeated a bill to take county candidates off the partisan ballot. The attempt to restore the convention system was also presented but failed. Another development alarmed the party bosses. The unicameral betrayed fondness for their "home" papers. This was apparent when they first arrived on the scene and became a disease as the session advanced. More than a dozen legislators wrote letters to the papers in their districts. It became apparent to the lobby and to the partisan managers that the so called "country press" really was the dominant factor in creating legislative sentiment. To overcome this unexpected tendency, the lobby started some special drives along the lines of "putting stuff across." Outstate publicity, however, could not be controlled. In most instances, the members waited until they could hear from home before taking definite action.

Chairman Brady and the committee on appropriations naturally will come in for considerable criticism. It must be admitted, however, that the members did really study the needs of the state. Too much time was given to useless hearings and vague discussions; valuable days passed while the committee marked time. The result was a tremendous budget introduced in the twilight hours of the session.

Analysis of appropriations bill reveals few errors as to expenditures for state institutions and activities. During the last four years too many bureaus and boards and commissions have been created. Chairman Brady, as a legislator, has always favored these governmental sinkholes that consume in an insidious manner the money of the taxpayers. In the creation of a bureau, the plea is made that the federal government desires a coordinating activity, merely a temporary agency. When the bureau is set up, it is impossible to separate it from the budget. One of the anomalies of the situation is that the taxpayers' leagues remain indifferent. At the session just closed, representatives of taxpayers' organizations were sympathetic to the creation of jobs. Their activities seemed to be directed against any improvements or innovations in the educational system of the state.

Anyhow, the committee on appropriations caused the unicameral to wander forty days in the legislative wilderness. Proponents of the unicameral, according to reports, will seek to divert the next legislative session of all bicameral trappings. They will urge simplification of the rules, the passage of an anti-entertainment bill, and the surrounding of legislation with the same sanctity that now obtains in the courts. They will seek to make it improper to discuss legislation with legisla-

tors, except at committee hearings or on open hearing before the legislature. It is expected that the legislative council will plug up many of the minor holes in procedure.

One feature of the unicameral has been successful. There is pitiless publicity on all records of members. The one attempt to dodge—the failure to make a record on the first vote on child labor—created so much outcry that it was not tried again. Records of the members are being compiled.

The state assistance program has been transferred from the board of educational lands and funds to the board of control by a bill passed Thursday by the legislature. The child welfare bureau is also placed under the board of control. The governor must appoint a state assistance director, the appointment to be confirmed by the legislature. The salary of the director, who is to serve a two-year term, is increased from \$3,000 to \$3,600.

The post of clerk in the legislature is made a permanent job, with a salary of \$3,600 per year by the passage of LB 389. The vote was 32 to 2.

Plans for flood lighting the capitol tower must be submitted to architects before being put into effect, by the provisions of LB 579, passed unanimously, with the emergency clause.

The legislature has passed the highway bill, which adds to the state highway system about 500 miles of road, but it is a question as to whether Governor Cochran will sign it. He has opposed the bill, as he thinks that roads already begun should be completed before new ones are charted. Most of the proposed 500 miles could not be built for about ten years.

Another bill passed is LB 431, which provides for the optional formation of recreation districts and authorizes organized districts to levy a one-fourth mill tax for financing, the purpose of the measure being to provide some definite method of formation of well directed playgrounds.

By the provision of LB 415, passed Thursday, the governor is given power to appoint a nine-member advisory committee to help with crippled work under the state assistance program. No pay will be received by members of this committee.

Nebraska will be represented at the Swedish tercentenary exposition planned at Wilmington and Philadelphia in 1938 by a 15-member, non-paid commission, to be appointed by the governor, according to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the legislature.

Immediately after the signature by Governor Cochran of the state highway patrol bill, State Engineer Tilley announced his appointment of R. C. Culwell, who has served the state highway department for the last sixteen years as an engineer in charge of the compensation department, as chief of the new division which the bill creates, at a salary of \$250 per month. His duty will be to administer the collection of the revenue from the issuance of drivers' licenses. Mrs. M. G. Tracy, who for years has been in charge of the registration and licensing of motor vehicles, will be chief clerk. The patrol is financed by a biennial drivers' license fee of 75 cents each, or \$1 for a new driver's who must take an examination. By September 1, when the new law goes into effect, 40 uniformed patrolmen will be patrolling the highways of Nebraska.

The state legislature by a viva voce vote adopted the report of a special committee headed by Amos Thomas of Omaha, recommending the expenditure of from \$11,900 up to \$15,000 to make alterations in the former senate chamber so that it will accommodate the 43 members of the unicameral legislature at the next session. Dr. Miller of Kimball, in opposing the measure, declared that the expenditure "isn't worth it."

The American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers in Nebraska is outlawed by a bill passed by the legislature Thursday by a vote of 32 to 7. The bill which makes unlawful an association of copyright holders who have organized to create a monopoly in restraint of trade, says also that the existence of such an association shall be prima facie evidence that the organization was formed to fix prices and create a monopoly. The bill has met considerable opposition from radio companies.

Watches Once Small Clocks
Watches originally were small clocks and were worn hung from the girdle because they were too large for the pocket.

First Plows of Tree Branches
The first farm plows were made of crooked tree branches and worked by man power.



Feature Japanese Fish

The best grocery stores in Washington are featuring canned tuna fish, salmon and crab meat, all of which are packed in Japan.

A clerk in one fancy store shakes his head and says he doesn't know what the country is coming to when he is forced to feature Japanese fish. This man is 74 years old and has lived here for over forty years. He says he was surprised when he read in the newspapers recently that Uncle Sam is giving the fishermen a million dollars to subsidize fish because we have too many fish and at the same time allowing the importation of so much Japanese fish.

With the cocktail parties so popular now and society people featuring these cocktail parties with a lot of fancy foods to eat with their drinks, especially fish, fish eggs and smoked fish, the Japanese send over boat loads of these fish packed in fancy tins covered with unusually attractive labels. This old grocery clerk doesn't like the name "Armour" on tins of cornbeef which are packed in Argentine, but its difficult now days to buy a can of cornbeef in this town that isn't packed in some foreign country.

Contrasts in Spending

Talking about the amazing increase in the cost of government, when Washington ran this business for a while he had a standing army of eight men and no navy. This administration is spending nearly a billion dollars a year for the army and navy in peacetime. Ben Franklin, the first postmaster general, ran the department for fifty thousand a year. Today, that department costs about seven hundred million dollars a year. Members talk about this daily. They know, however, that we can't go back to Washington's or Franklin's time. They do know, however, that when the administration introduces nine billion dollars a year budget that this represents a lot of taxpayers' money and representatives of those taxpayers must be ever on the alert to see that the taxpayers get their money's worth from those who are spending those fabulous sums.

Nebraskans Note Waste

There is plenty of waste in our Government. People who live here in Washington all the time don't notice it so much, but people who come here from Nebraska quickly see how easy it is to spend taxpayer's money in this nation's capitol.

Racketeers

Racketeers made millions of dollars during the past few years by getting hold of Uncle Sam's list of people who made \$15,000 or more a year. The House the other day repealed the so-called "sucker-list." The repeal of the law which made public this list was aimed at kidnapers, swindlers and other racketeers. It was claimed that the law was a Godsend to crooks and criminals. It enabled them to get the addresses of subjects for exploitation. Those with other resources did not come under its provisions. The sucker-list is now out. But the list of incomes is still public and the government gets all the information it wants without handing the information out to the crooks. It is felt that the present law is strict enough to give Uncle Sam all the information he wants about how much money any citizen makes each year.

Judge Putney Visits Capitol

Judge F. L. Putney of Tilden, came to Washington the other day to see the nation's capitol for the first time in his life and also to see his cousin, Worthy Sterns, whom he has not seen since both men were seven years old. Judge Putney is accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Whitney of Chicago, who is doing some research work. Judge Putney has been visiting nearly all of the places of historic interest here and also had talks with some of the prominent members of the House and Senate.

Without a record vote, the House passed the army appropriation bill which gives the army nearly another half billion dollars for the fiscal year 1938. Every effort to lop off a few millions of dollars in this bill failed. Several members showed the House where some of this money could be saved but on the belief that all of this money was being spent for "national defense," the membership showed no opposition to the bill and the handful who thought some of the money was being spent uselessly failed in their annual fight.

Those who fought against the bill are strong advocates of adequate national defense but many of them have studied the appropria-

tions carefully and find many places where some of the money could be saved. The army lobby, however, is very strong and appropriation committees must depend upon the advice from the regular army experts when steering an army appropriation bill through the House. No opposition was shown against appropriations in the bill for the reserve officers or national guard but some members feel that the so-called professional army people are not much interested in economizing taxpayers' money. Other appropriations for money which will eventually go to the army are scheduled soon. All of the relief money does not go for actual relief. Debates showed that millions of dollars of relief funds are expended through the army and navy.

Police Racket

The Washington police have a great racket on strangers who don't know the parking rules. Just leave your car parked somewhere along the streets and "if" it is a prohibited space you will come back to find your car missing. Somebody removed the "no parking" sign from the curb the other morning and a stranger who had been driving around town an hour trying to find a parking space, spotted his car there. Only a few moments later a police wrecker car came along, jacked up the front wheels of the car and towed it to the parking lot at the police station. It cost the owner five dollars to get the car back. The police wrecking crew have a unique idea for getting into locked cars. This particular car had windows all pulled up tight and the doors locked. That made no difference to the police. They have a steel gadget with which they pry open the front window, reach the gadget down to the window lever and down goes the window and the car is unlocked. The steel gadget has a fitting especially made for this. In Chicago some of the car thieves have the same kind of gadgets so it doesn't pay to keep valuables in parked cars even though they are locked.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A. J. May, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a. m.
11 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor. Special music by the choir.
7 p. m.—Epworth League.
8 p. m.—Union service at the M. E. church. Baccalaureate Sermon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. C. E. Yantzi, superintendent. Departments for all ages.
Morning Worship 11:00—"The Four Ways" will be the subject of the sermon. The choir will furnish special music. Many want to know the way of life. These services will help.
There will be no evening service, the congregation will attend the Baccalaureate service at the M. E. church.
H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

Minutes of Meetings of the County Board

O'Neill, Nebraska,
April 20, 1937,
10:00 A. M.
Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present except Carson. Meeting called to order by Chairman.
At this meeting a large delega-

tion from Dustin precinct was present for purpose of having some roads opened in the precinct and also protesting against the installation of auto gates and fencing off of some of the section lines.

A petition commencing at a point where Road No. 358 intersects Township 33, Range 15 and running straight east and connecting with Road No. 266 a distance of approximately 60 rods was presented at this meeting.

This petition not being signed by the land owners along the proposed road, the Board took no action on same, and at 12:00 noon, adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

J. C. STEIN, Chairman,
John C. Gallagher, Clerk.
O'Neill, Nebraska,
April 20, 1937,
1:00 P. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by Chairman. Board again took up the discussion of fencing off some section lines and the installation of auto gates in Dustin precinct. A petition praying that the following roads be opened and platted was read at this meeting.

Mr. Adams, Mr. Pohn and Charley Peterson, land owners along the proposed road were present at this meeting.

Attorney Mounts was present at this meeting representing Mr. Peterson. After the reading of the petition Attorney Mounts offered the following objection: Mr. Peterson objects to the form of the sufficiency of and the legality of the petition presented to the Board.

After another lengthy discussion on the petition, it was moved by Sullivan, seconded by Carson, that this meeting be adjourned and this matter laid over until the County Attorney can be consulted with on the question and also present at the meeting.

This motion was declared carried and the Board adjourned until April 27, 1937, 10:00 A. M.

J. C. STEIN, Chairman,
John C. Gallagher, Clerk.
O'Neill, Nebraska,
April 27, 1937,
10:00 A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by chairman. Minutes of previous meeting were read and on motion were approved as read.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Carson that warrant be drawn on the 1937 Estimate of General fund in the amount of \$100.50 payable to Ira H. Moss, Clerk of the District Court, for Court costs, as shown on claim No. 460.

Carried.
Delegation from Atkinson and Sand Creek precincts appeared before the Board requesting the designation of a feeder road in Atkinson precinct, under the new Federal road program to be established in the near future.

Motion by Matousek, seconded by Reimer that this road be given favorable consideration by the Board at the time this program is worked out, subject to the approval of the State Engineer.

Carried.
12:00 noon, on motion, Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

J. C. STEIN, Chairman,
John C. Gallagher, Clerk.
O'Neill, Nebraska,
April 27, 1937,
1:00 P. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present. Meeting called to order by Chairman.

Dr. Douglas appeared before the Board in regard to the allowance of claims for medical and surgical services rendered in 1934-1935.

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Matousek that claims of Dr. W. J. Douglas amounting to \$423.00 for medical and surgical services performed in 1934-1935 be allowed in the amount of \$150.00 and that warrant for this amount be drawn on the 1937 Estimate of the General fund in payment of same.

Carried.
Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Smith that balance of \$250.00 due on claim of Verges Sanitarium be allowed and warrant drawn on the 1937 Estimate of the General fund in payment of same.

Carried.
The following Resolution was presented at this meeting:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Carl J. Flanigan is a mental incompetent and a legal resident of Jones county, Iowa, but since 1927 an inmate of the State Hospital at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, heretofore, and on the 27th day of June, A. D., 1927, Julia Flanigan, the mother of the said Carl J. Flanigan, was duly and legally appointed his guardian by the District Court of Jones county, Iowa, which said Court had jurisdiction in such proceedings and over said incompetent, and

WHEREAS, the said Carl J. Flanigan is the owner of an undivided one-half interest in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

North Half of the Northwest Quarter, and the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven, Township Thirty-three, Range Fourteen, Holt county, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, his said guardian, Julia Flanigan, has commenced an action in the District Court of Holt county, Nebraska to sell the interest of said incompetent in

and to said real estate for the purpose of paying the debts owing by said incompetent person and the charges of managing his said estate, as set forth in said petition, and

WHEREAS, said Carl J. Flanigan is insane and a mental incompetent and a non-resident of this state, and written approval of this said Board authorizing the sale of his interest in said real estate is required by law before a license to sell said real estate may be granted by the District Court of Holt county, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, I move you, that we, the County Board of Holt county, Nebraska, do hereby approve of the sale of the interest of the said Carl J. Flanigan in and to the above described real estate, and that we do hereby declare that we deem such sale necessary for the purpose set out in the petition asking for said sale, and we do hereby authorize said sale.

John A. Carson,
John Sullivan,
Walter K. Smith,
Louis W. Reimer,
J. H. Gibson,
J. C. Stein,
Ed J. Matousek.

The road petition signed by A. Wehrly and other praying for the establishment of a county road commencing at the NE corner of the City of Atkinson at the intersection of Sections 28-29-32-33, Township 30, Range 14, thence east nine miles to the intersection of Sections 25-26-35-36, Township 30, Range 13, was presented at this meeting.
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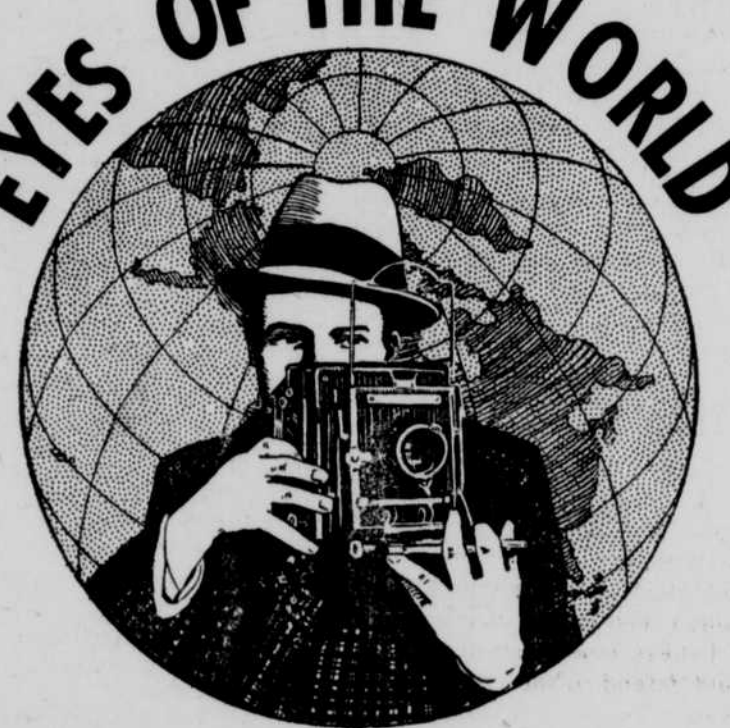
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