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"Well, we got here all right."

The Third Congress office in Washington has been open since December 28th. There has been no interruption in the service and as most offices, the Third District Nebraska force is now clearing the desks for action. Many conferences have been held with the Prairie States Committee members who are anxious to co-operate on good farm legislation. Many bills are being made ready to drop in the hopper as soon as Congress convenes which will in some way give the public a trend as to how far members are anxious to go toward changing present farm legislation.

Eggs cost a minimum of 60 cents a dozen in Washington. Pork chops at bargain prices are around 40 cents a pound.

Loud speakers are getting another try in the House chamber. The present House chamber has been in use since 1857. Since that time there has been no architectural change in the big room. There has been some change in the seating arrangement by replacing the old desks with the present seats. Many members feel they ought to get up to date and have the advantage of modern science, especially loud speakers, so those who want to be heard will get that opportunity. Some of the members who have unusually loud voices don't like the idea.

Each member's office is filled with bushels upon bushels of propaganda literature. This must have cost many millions of dollars. This propaganda comes from all over the world, but more especially from within the borders of the U. S. A. It is literature which argues for or against any subject or legislation that may or may not come up. Much of it goes into huge wastebaskets. Some of it "takes hold" and will emerge on the House or Senate floor.

There was no fight by the majority against William Bankhead to succeed himself as Speaker. There was an under-cover fight however, among the Republicans, but Joe Martin of Massachusetts had the necessary votes for minority floor leader before the republicans held their caucus Monday night. Jim Wadsworth of New York who was pretty well known as an old guard republican, didn't have much show against the more liberal republicans who feel that Martin is a liberal. This indicates that a majority of the republicans now in the House are liberals and some are very progressive. One old member who has been here twenty years declares that there are but twelve of the old guard republicans left in the House.

The Nebraska delegation which is now comprised of two democrats and three republicans got together early. The entire delegation from Nebraska is pretty unanimous on working co-operatively on any legislation that will benefit Nebraska. All of the Nebraska members are being solicited to join the Prairie States Committee which is a group of members from both parties which meets frequently to discuss and lay plans for beneficial farm legislation.

The 76th Congress opened with the usual confusion. The usual crowds fought for tickets to the galleries for the opening session and the session at which the President addressed the House and Senate jointly. A lot of former congressmen were in town and utilized their privilege of the floor to see the show.

With the increased republican membership in the House, the minority party got several additional places on the major committees. The Third District office is running

a campaign to get a berth on either Agriculture or Appropriations. The latter committee is known as the "father" of all committees and nearly every member is trying for the place.

Members pretty well know what the legislative program is going to be. Some amendments to the farm bill; national defense; and relief, loom large on the program. Munition kings are on the job fighting for most anything that will mean the building of more battleships or selling more powder and bullets. Members, however, are going to be pretty particular about appropriations and will want to know definitely what is and what is not for the national defense. There is a general sentiment that Uncle Sam must keep his powder dry and his guns ready, but must do nothing which will force this country into any kind of war.

Everything in the new congress is in the formative stage. There is all kinds of sparring for positions and it will be a month before real legislation can be expected. Farm legislation, national defense, army and navy appropriations, relief and other major legislation are in the mixing pot.

A supplemental appropriation bill to carry on relief for a few more months is in the making. Then, will come the regular relief appropriation with the demand for amendments and some new plans for its distribution. There is a general sentiment that more responsibility for administering relief should go to the states and communities. Nebraska, because of the drought, needs additional relief funds. Many persons needing jobs have been released but about 170 have been put back to work. Some have been put back in the Third District and meritorious cases are being investigated by the State Director. The Washington office informs the Third District office that the lay-offs are temporary and were made as an emergency measure only. The Nebraska WPA officials at the present writing have a pretty blue picture to face in view of the fact that they have nearly 10,000 in the state eligible for employment whom they are unable to assist in any way. These relief matters and the plight of farmers who are being forced to leave their farms are being brought to the attention of the powers that be in this nation's capitol.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service
Lincoln, Nebraska—Aided by what friends of Senator Edwin Schultz declared to be an eleventh hour drive from the governor's office, Senator W. H. Diers, of Gresham was elected speaker of the unicameral. Omahans made no secret of the fact that they aided in bringing about the result, and, with the assistance of Governor Cochran, nosed Diers ahead of Schultz 23-20 on the second ballot. Executive influence is credited with pulling four votes away from Schultz on the first ballot when Diers got 17, Schultz 15 and Dr. A. L. Miller, 11 votes. Diers is a democrat; Schultz is a republican. The GOP strength is 24 votes; 19 senators are democrats.

Hugo Srb was reelected chief clerk. George L. Santo, of Lincoln was made sergeant-at-arms. Tracy Frost, of St. Paul, defeated by John Doyle for re-election, was made assistant. All are democrats. Senator L. B. Murphy, Scottsbluff, republican, was selected chairman of the committee on committees.

Dan Garber led off on the second day of the session with a resolution to stop enforcement of the testing of motor vehicles. No voice for continuation of automobile testing was raised. Swan Carlson introduced a bill to cut down driver's license fees and also joined with Jay Hastings in a bill to repeal the truck regulatory act.

Sam Klaver, of Omaha frankly admitted that he was preparing a bill to provide \$30 a month old age pension to every person 65 years of age or over. Income, according to his plan, is to be deducted. The provision applies, however, to wives 65 years of age or over, without income or earnings from their separate estate. Children are not required to contribute to the support of parents.

Sales and income tax measures are in preparation. A determined effort will be made to redistribute the gasoline tax, while persistent attacks will be made on the state patrol by attempts to reduce the amounts charged for drivers' licenses.

Leo Swanson, who has been holding office of land commissioner under

court decree, refused to yield on January 5 and announced he intended to hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. The 1935 legislature submitted a constitutional amendment to abolish the office, but neglected to repeal the statute. This was attended to by the 1937 legislature, and Swanson's retiring date was set for January 5, 1939. Swanson was served as secretary of the board of educational lands and funds under a statute passed by the last legislature. Two democrats, Secretary of State Swanson and Governor Cochran, serve on the board with two republicans, Auditor Johnson and Attorney General Johnson. At the last meeting of the old board, composed of four democrats, Leo Swanson was displaced as secretary, and Secretary of State Harry Swanson was elected. In this way, Cochran and Harry Swanson could prevent Leo Swanson from clinging to the office during a deadlock. The outgoing attorney general pronounced Leo Swanson's claim to "life tenure" in an office abolished by the people "mere piffle."

In a unanimous decision, judges of the Supreme Court affirmed the sentence of two to five years imposed on Former Lieutenant Governor Walt Jurgensen on an embezzlement charge. Chief Justice Simmons took no part in the deliberations of the court, as the case was argued before he took his place on the bench. Jurgensen was given fifteen days to file a motion for rehearing and forty days to prepare briefs. In a lengthy opinion, the court reviewed the many assignments of error. Justice Rose wrote the opinion.

Several members of the legislature seemed inclined to take seriously a report that Barlow Nye executed \$50 a day for his services in prosecuting a state case, trial of which was set for January 3. Attorney General Johnson took charge of the office January 5. According to the reports received by the legislator, Nye resigned as assistant attorney general on the night of Dec. 31. He announced a partnership with Williams & Beynon, of Lincoln. In the meantime, Attorney General Hunter engaged Nye for the special work before Hunter left office. Late in December, Nye canvassed the legislators, seeking to be appointed legal adviser to the legislature.

From Washington comes the report that Administrator Dwight Felton of the WPA has been commended by the Nebraska delegation for his sympathy and untiring efforts in behalf of the needy. Legislators bring in similar reports from county commissioners. They feel that Felton has cooperated in every way with the county officials.

The University of Nebraska now ranks seventeenth in the nation in size. An all-time high point in enrollment of 6,810 has been reached. This is an increase of 3.4 per cent over the enrollment of last year, according to university officials.

Briefs were filed in the Nebraska Supreme court last week by attorneys for the stockholders of the Indiana State bank, a failed bank, supporting the decision of District Judge C. E. Eldred of Red Willow county denying the right of the state banking department to enforce the double liability statute against stockholders. The briefs declare the 1933 legislative act which sought to dispense with the judicial appointment of a receiver for failed banks unconstitutional and void, and they claim that when the banking department and not the court is made the judge of the insolvency of failed banks, the law mistakenly places judicial power upon an executive officer.

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Neil C. Vandemoer, state assistance director, has announced that the merit system inaugurated last summer for state and county assistance workers is now ready for operation. Only 465 persons are listed in the approved registers from which assistance workers are to be chosen, although 1,814 made application to take the merit examinations last summer. From the list of successful candidates, fifteen appointments have been made since Sept. 1, although none of these have been in Douglas or Lancaster county.

Frank Sorrell, of Syracuse is the author of the first bill introduced in the 1939 unicameral legislature. It is a bill to have all gasoline sold in Nebraska after 1940 to contain a blend of not less than ten per cent of alcohol manufactured from agricultural products. Sorrell explained that an inducement to capital would be given by such a law, since processing plants would be needed; also that the agricultural market lost when the switch to mechanized farming was made would be replaced.

Fred Klietsch, maintenance engineer in the state highway department has been appointed by Governor Cochran as capitol custodian to succeed Leo Swanson, whose office as state land commissioner became non-existent on Jan. 5. The appointment is, for the present, temporary, but the governor said that it might seem best to make it permanent later.

On the first day that the unemployment compensation act went into effect, Jan. 3, 2,860 claims were filed, according to Henry Bane, director of the state unemployment service. Of these, 986 came from Omaha, and 238 from Lincoln. Almost all of those filing claims had previously registered for work by the state employment service.

United States Marshall George E. Proudft was sworn in Jan. 3 at Lincoln by Deputy United States Court Clerk J. B. Nickerson. He spent much of Wednesday afternoon in his Omaha office meeting other federal officials and planning business matters with members of his staff.

Fred Carsten, of Avoca has been chosen as chairman of the legislative administration committee of the unicameral. This committee has the job of selecting legislative employees. The other members of this committee are Sam Klaver, of Omaha, Carl Peterson, of Norfolk, and Hugh Ashmore and George Gross, of Valentine.

Denial of the demand of the Nebraska Commercial Truckers' association for reconsideration of a

recent order cutting intrastate railroad rates 20 per cent was made Wednesday by the state railway commission. The cut was allowed in order to enable the railroads to meet truck competition. The commission announced that it would proceed on its own motion to investigate railroad rates at a hearing on January 27.

Following the taking of the oath of office and installation of the recently elected new state officers Thursday afternoon Governor Cochran, before a crowded house, delivered his message to the legislature, urging earnestly the necessity for reducing the cost of governmental services. The elimination and curtailment of boards and bureaus wherever it is possible was recommended. "Let us refrain from adopting any new agencies," insisted the governor, "and let us abolish any now in existence if they are not absolutely necessary."

In regard to state assistance, the governor asked that revenue be appropriated to maintain at least the present level of assistance, but he urged that the determination of assistance be based on need, and that the law as to family responsibility be made more effective. Attention was called to the error made by the 1937 legislature which made it impossible to use one-tenth of each cent of the gasoline tax. This money has been accumulating, and the governor asked that an emergency appropriation be made at the earliest possible moment to correct this error, the money being needed to make relief payments on Jan. 15.

Raising the rate of the inheritance tax was recommended; also the placing of personal property on the tax records on the same basis as real property. For the University of Nebraska and the four state normal schools, the governor considers one board of education sufficient, and points out that considerable saving could be made by having but one board. Rigid supervision over all insurance companies operating in Nebraska was urged.

In regard to highways, the governor called attention to the 8,733 miles of road building that had been accomplished, and said that while he did not urge an increase in the building program, he felt that the public would not be satisfied if the rate of progress in the future did not equal that of the past. He urged that counties match federal feeder road funds.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

V. C. Wright, Pastor
Sunday school 10:00 a. m. H. B. Burch, supt. Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Special music by the choir and sermon by the pastor on the subject, "The Ecclesiastical Trail of Christ."

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Evening worship 7:30 p. m. The subject of the sermon will be "The Mustard Seed."

MEEK AND VICINITY

Charlie Lawrence trucked hogs to Sioux City for Rouse Bros. on Tuesday. Arthur went with him. Willie Hansen spent several days the past week at the John Krough home.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Sam Robertson on Wednesday afternoon. Several members were absent. Mrs. Robertson served a delicious lunch. The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. L. Borg.

Several pupils in the surrounding schools have been absent from school with flu or grippe. Lois Jean and Ilene Robertson have

been having the chicken pox, while at high school in O'Neill and remained in town over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and sons, Lawrence, Lloyd and Delbert were guests at the Guy Young home near Opportunity on Sunday. At the coyote hunt last Sunday two coyotes, were captured, there was a shortage of men on the west side, the report is that some coyotes escaped in that direction.

Last week on Wednesday we had rain, sleet and snow and more strange than anything else we had thunder, like in June or July. Late in the afternoon the sun came through the clouds and it was like a balmy evening in June. So far Holt county people have no need to go to the south land, to get ideal weather this winter.

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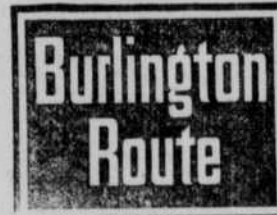
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The O'Neill National Bank

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ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts (including \$371.39 overdrafts)	\$130,320.97
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	178,741.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	59,251.33
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	53,552.50
Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	304,266.11
Bank premises owned \$3,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$500.00	3,500.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
Total Assets	\$732,632.81
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$339,918.19
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	99,159.14
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	2,559.21
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	105,901.95
Deposits of banks	35,790.40
Total Deposits	\$583,328.89
Total Liabilities	\$583,328.89

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	
Capital stock: Common, 500 total par \$50,000.00,	50,000.00
Surplus	59,000.00
Undivided profits	45,803.92
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred stock)	3,500.00
Total Capital Account	149,303.92
Total Liabilities and Capital Account	\$732,632.81

MEMORANDA	
Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	30,000.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	18,000.00
(c) Total	\$48,000.00
Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	\$59,734.50
(d) Total	\$59,734.50

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss:
I, S. J. Weekes, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. J. WEEKES, President.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, 1939. [SEAL] MARJORIE DICKSON, Notary Public. My Commission expires June 5, 1941.

Correct Attest: Emma Dickinson Weekes, F. N. Cronin, E. F. Quinn, Directors.

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