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## LAWS PASSED BY THE LATE LEGISLATURE WHICH GO INTO EFFECT TODAY

**Read Over the List, Hunt Up the Laws and Become Posted, as Ignorance of the Provisions of Any Law is No Excuse.**

Today, July 7, a large number of laws enacted by the late session of the legislature become effective, and many laws that have heretofore been in force were repealed at the same time. The new closed primary law, the automobile regulation act, the reapportionment measure, several reforms attempted in the line of the conduct of the state's business, the trust company act and the law providing for the commission form of government for cities over 5,000 in population lead the others in general importance and are among those which will be operative statutes beginning today.

Among those measures which were enacted at the 1911 session and which are of moment to the people of the state at large are the following:

H. R. 433—Requiring the registration of stallions.

H. R. 477—Relating to the control and suppression of infectious diseases of domestic animals.

S. F. 415—The Ollis stock yards bill.

S. F. 273—The Placek senatorial reapportionment.

S. F. 200—The Alberts judicial reapportionment.

S. F. 314—The county attorney's salary act.

S. F. 342—The Banning bill providing for the commission form of government for cities.

H. R. 5—Providing for the incorporation of religious societies.

S. F. 171—The Tibbets-Jensen trust company act.

S. F. 84—Relating to the payment of jurors.

H. R. 389—Making judges ineligible to election to other offices while still holding the office for which they were elected.

S. F. 173—The Bartling bill changing the method of teaching at the Omaha school for the deaf.

H. R. 309—Providing for the appointment of legislators in cases of vacancies.

H. R. 176—The new primary election act.

H. R. 7—The act relating to the salaries of clerks of the district court.

H. R. 60—The county commissioners' salary bill.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER IN KEEPING GOOD HIGHWAYS

### Good Roads Commandments That Should Be Learned by Heart by All Believers.

1—Thou shalt everlastingly keep at the good roads work, and let nothing discourage thee.

2—Thou shalt trim out all brush and hedge rows bordering on the road, that the sun and wind of thy Creator may keep thine highway dry and that the passerby may not be suffocated to death.

3—Thy noble drag or two-horse grader being thy handy and most efficient weapon, thou shall wield it twice a week at the very least. Blessed is the man that useth these tools for his fellowman's sake.

4—Thou shalt open all drainage ditches at the side of the road bordering thy farm, lest the water collect in low places and form a mire in which thou or thy neighbor may get "stuck," whereupon the recording angel listeneth with great pity to wicked words and snapping of the whip.

5—Toss thou those aggravating and damaging stones from the track of the highway, for thou grittest thy teeth in anger and thinkest wicked sayings when thy vehicle striketh them. And they do knock the "stuffing" right out of thy buggy and wagon wheels. Likewise they do trouble and injure thy noble horse.

6—If thy neighbor be a shirk and doeth not his full share of improving the roads, let not this put a damper on thy enthusiasm; but rather set a good example and show by thy words that thou art truly an honest "booster" and not a hanger-on. Then shalt thy neighbor blush with shame and feel constrained to follow thy shining example.

7—When thou drivest to town put thy spade in the buggy. If thou comest to one of those ruts which do cause thee and thy neighbor to swear when passing over, fill it with a few spadefuls of dirt. Thy neighbor will bless thee for it and thou mayest save a big repair bill on thine own vehicle.

8—If thou hast been guilty of throwing brush of any kind into one of those small drain ditches along thy farm, go thou straightway and remove the obstruction. Or if thy neighbor has committed a like offense, thou shalt intercede with him till he also removes these hindrances and opens up the ditch. For a road with ditches across it or down the main track, is an abomination and a curse in sight of every mortal who laboriously travels over it.

9—Do thou all this and as much more that seemeth good and the traveling public will raise on tiptoes and call thee blessed among men.

### As the Girls Used to Appear.

Backward, turn backward, oh Time in thy flight, and give us a maiden dressed proper and right.

We are so weary of switches and rats, Billy Burke clusters and peacock basket hats. Wads of jute

hair in a horrible pile, stacked on their heads to the height of a miles. Something is wrong with the maidens we fear. Give us the girls as they used to appear.

Give us the girls we once knew of yore, whose curls didn't come from a hair dressing store.

Maidens who dressed with a sensible view. And just as Dame Nature intended them to. Give us a girl with a figure her own, and fashioned divinely by Nature alone. Feminine styles getting fiercer each year—Oh give us the girls as they used to appear.

### Received Present.

Mr. Edwin Bates is the recipient of a Fourth of July present from Max Ploen at the penitentiary. The gift is a broom, the handle decorated with red and blue plush, and between these the broom straws are entwined about the handle in quite a pleasing fashion. The broom is otherwise decorated with red, white and blue ribbon.

Mr. A. Childers of near Oceanside, was in the city this morning on business for a few hours, having come down on No. 4.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF FREDRICK OHM

Taken to Jail Soon After Taking Poison, Where He Will Remain for a Time.

From Friday's Daily.

Fred Ohm, whom the officers think was recovering from a spree, yesterday afternoon had some words with the local management of the gas company about the payment of a bill. Ohm objected to the bill in some of its details, but stated that he had the money with which to pay the bill. He was asked why he did not pay it, then, when he wheeled upon his heel, left the office of the gas company, went to a local drug store, procured poison on the pretext that he wanted to kill bedbugs, hurried back to the presence of the gas officials and started to take the contents of the bottle of poison and succeeded in swallowing a part of it before the bystanders could prevent him.

A physician was summoned at once and a quantity of lard and raw eggs were given Ohm and he was arrested and taken to the county jail. It was the physician's order that he be given no water until 11 o'clock, but so persistently did the would-be suicide beg for water that at about 7:30 the chief of police, with the consent of the physician, allowed him to have some water. He was given a large tumbler, which he swallowed at one gulp and asked for

more. Ohm was given the cup and told to go to the hydrant, where he drank seven or eight more cupsfuls.

It is the feeling of some of the citizens of the town that Ohm should have a term in the penitentiary, as one who values human life as lightly as he appears to, and attempts to take it with no apparent cause, should have a chance to learn self-control. The offense is punishable by a term in state's prison and there is no doubt it would be beneficial to Ohm to serve the state for a few years.

Ohm will not die from the poison taken. It is the general opinion that he tried to kill himself because of the trouble he has been having with his wife.

### Bent Kinkead Writes.

Mr. Charles Martin is in receipt of a letter from his old friend, Bent Kinkead, at Seattle, in which Benton expresses himself as somewhat lonesome, saying that there he knows no one, while in Plattsmouth he knew everyone and their dog, and he finds time hangs a little heavy on his hands.

The labor market there is in bad condition, and he says they are the same all along the coast cities. There are many men for each job. The spring had been somewhat backward there and fruit was not going to make more than half a crop. The weather had been cool all spring, and every night a man needed two pairs of blankets to sleep under.

Smoke La-Flor-de-Fama, the popular 10¢ cigar. The best on the market.

### Enterprise Appreciated.

From Friday's Daily.

The enterprising firm of C. E. Westcott's Sons last night placed 75 chairs on the walk near their store and reserved them for ladies who wished to hear the band concert. The chairs were all occupied and the recipients of the favor were very grateful for them. At the close of the concert every chair was brought to the store entrance and placed in Mr. Westcott's hands, with thanks. He was agreeably surprised, as usually people do not have time to express appreciation for so small a favor.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE BARELY AVERTED AT ELMWOOD

### Big Store Building of L. F. Langhorst Caught Fire From Firecrackers.

A very disastrous fire was narrowly averted at Elmwood on the Fourth of July, which resulted from a bunch of firecrackers which were thrown under the only board wall remaining in the city. The building threatened is the Langhors' opera house, which is occupied and owned by Mr. L. F. Langhors, as a store below and hall above.

The fire was not discovered for some minutes after the firecrackers had been exploded under the walk, and it had crept to some dry rubbish under the foundation of the wooden structure and was making its way upward between the weatherboarding and plastering when the smoke was noticed.

The fire department soon had three streams of water playing on the blaze. The weather boarding was slightly scorched, and the stock slightly damaged by water, but the loss was small compared with what it would have been had the fire gained more headway before being discovered.

### Nebraska Manufactories.

The board of governors of the Ak-Sar-Ben has decided to give one parade this fall to Nebraska manufacturers. This is a good move, and if every factory in the state is represented it will prove an eye-opener to the world. Maupin's Weekly says:

"The fact of the matter is, comparatively few Nebrascans have any adequate idea of Nebraska's marvelous strides forward as a manufacturing state. Nebraska is an agricultural state, to be sure, but there are more Nebrascans working for wages than there are tillers of the soil in the state.

"In 1910 Nebraska's output of manufactured articles were upwards of \$200,000,000, exclusive of packing house products, and much of it made of Nebraska raw material.

"The percentage of growth in manufacturing was double that of the growth in agricultural development.

"In 1910 Nebraska wage earners received upwards of \$30,000,000 in wages.

"The government census disclosed the fact that a dollar invested in manufacturing in Nebraska brings a greater return than a dollar invested in any state touching Nebraska's borders.

"Without any natural supply of fuel, power is cheaper in Omaha than in Massachusetts towns, cheaper than in Pittsburg and the same price as in Chicago. And there is more power going to waste in Nebraska streams than can be developed at Niagara. This year of 1911 should see Nebraska's total of manufactured products exceeding \$100,000,000 in value."

### The Stork's Work.

From Friday's Daily.

Mrs. C. S. Johnson received a card yesterday from Mr. and Mrs. Dana Sleeth, nee Miss Gene Marshall, informing her of the arrival at the Sleeth home in Portland, Oregon, June 25, of a fine baby daughter. The little stranger has been named Martha Allen Sleeth. The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sleeth will no doubt be pleased to know of their good fortune.

Lon Hackenberg was an Omaha passenger on the afternoon train today.

### FARMERS BUSY AND CROPS LOOK WELL

#### A Journal Representative Gives Glowing Account of What He Saw on Trip.

From Friday's Daily.

The writer had occasion to go to the country yesterday and was agreeably surprised to see the corn crop looking green and healthy all along the route between Plattsmouth and Elmwood, the fields not showing the ill effects of the drought as much as one would expect. The earlier fields of corn are growing at about what the farmer would call "waist high," and looks thrifty, the shower of the 5th having revived the corn wonderfully, if it previously showed signs of succumbing to drought. Occasionally over the top of the corn there will be a stalk which is perfectly white, but these are few.

The late corn, while it looks green, does not look as thrifty as the earlier plantings, probably due to the larger plants shading the ground more; then, too, the earlier plantings have had no more cultivation as a rule, which no doubt served to retain the moisture in the ground. In one field the farmer was plowing his corn, though most of the early plantings have been laid by.

There were many steamers busy along the route, threshing out the all wheat crop, and those who had spring wheat were running their harvesters harvesting the same. The spring wheat crop along the Weeping Water creek looks heavy and fine and will no doubt make large yields.

If Cass County gets no hot winds and hot days, such as we have just gone through, there will be lots of corn, provided we get another rain or two.

### Return From Platte Center.

W. E. Rosencrans and son, Bruce, and Earl Travis, who departed by the automobile route last Saturday evening for a few days' visit and business trip to Platte Center, Nebraska, returned home Wednesday evening. The party left here Saturday afternoon, going to Omaha, where they remained over night and took up the westward journey Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, and arrived at Platte Center about 6:30 that evening.

The trip was a very pleasant one and numerous stops were made along the way. While at Platte Center they were the guests of Mr. E. T. Hughes, president of the Platte County bank. Mrs. Rosencrans, who has been in Colorado for the past few weeks, arrived here Monday morning, where Mr. Rosencrans met her with the auto, and returned to Platte Center, where they spent the Fourth. Bruce and Earl Travis returned home by rail and Mr. and Mrs. Rosencrans came in with the auto Wednesday evening. The round trip, a distance of 260 miles, was made in good time without the slightest accident or delay, so you can easily see why "Rosy" boasts for the Mercer car. They report that the good roads movement has had the desired effect up around Columbus and Fremont, where they had ever traveled.

### Proud of It.

The Worth County (Mo.) Times comes to us this week looking as bright as a brand new silver dollar. Hon. E. S. Garver & Son, the editors and publishers, have installed a Junior linotype machine and the paper presents a very neat appearance. No one is more pleased to note the success of the Times than the writer, because he has known both father and son for many years, and we also know that none deserve greater success than the Times people. Long live the publishers, for we know as long as it remains in the hands of E. S. Garver & Son it is bound to thrive and prosper.

Automobile owners will do well to read the law pertaining to boys under 16 years of age driving automobiles. It is also just as well for the boys under 18 years of age to know that they are prohibited from using tobacco, and dealers are prohibited from selling to them. Both are fineable offenses.

### Has Injured Finger.

From Friday's Daily. J. C. Brittain, a Burlington employee, working on the freight car repair track, had the misfortune to get the index finger of his left hand severely cut with a piece of brass. The accident occurred Thursday morning. Mr. Brittain went to Dr. J. S. Livingston's office and had the injury dressed and will be off duty for a few days.

## FIRE IN THE MISSOURI PACIFIC YARDS

### Two Bunk Cars, Occupied by Greek Laborers, Destroyed in a Short Time.

About 3 a. m. this morning the citizens of Plattsmouth were awakened from their slumbers by the alarm of fire, which proved to be at the M. P. railway yards, where two bunk cars had caught fire from some unknown cause, thought to be incendiary in its origin.

The fire department turned out as speedily as possible and made the run up the avenue to the station and turned the hose on the remains of the fire. Very little of the cars were saved except the trucks. The distance over which the hose carts had to be taken by hand was too great and the time so short that the fire could not be reached in time to save the cars. The bunks were occupied by Greek road men, who were able to get most of their own belongings out of the cars.

### Happened in Weeping Water.

Bro. Oliver of the Weeping Water Republican, when he is hard up to say anything about Plattsmouth and her people, always appropriates something that occurred in that village to "hand it" to Plattsmouth. Here is the latest production:

"A Plattsmouth girl went to a picnic with her favorite beau. While eating dinner the young man noticed a speck of what appeared to be lint on her shoulder. When she wasn't looking he attempted to knock it off with his finger. After several futile attempts he took hold of the line and started to pull it off. He unraveled several yards of fleecy stuff, and when he seemed to have it all threw the wad under the table. That night the girl told her mother she had a perfectly lovely time. 'But,' she added, 'I have just been lying here in bed, mother, and wondering what became of my union suit.'"

### Big Harvest Story.

August Steppat holds the belt so far for the large amount of grain harvested on a short time. Mr. Steppat had in this season 66 acres of spring wheat, which was good. Mr. Steppat, with the help of two men, one of them working about half the time, put the 66 acres of wheat in the shock in four days. He used six horses for the power to take the binder, three of them in two-hour relays, the shockers bringing and taking away the horses each time a change was made. The reaper ran day and night until the moon set. Mr. Steppat commenced the field July 3 at 9 a. m., and finished July 7 at 8 o'clock a. m. If there is anyone that can beat that record Mr. Steppat and his helper, Dick Wells, would like to see the color of their hair.

### Died After Operation.

From Friday's Daily. Mr. Raymond Henry received a phone message from an Omaha hospital this morning that his brother, Charles Henry, of near Shenandoah, Iowa, who was operated upon for appendicitis last Tuesday morning, died this morning at the hospital. Mr. Henry went to Omaha on the fast mail today to accompany his brother's remains to the home near Shenandoah. The deceased was about 22 years of age and leaves his parents, three sisters and three brothers to mourn his death.