

GEORGE JACKSON CHOSEN SPEAKER

Democrats in House Meet in Caucus and Start Organization.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—George Jackson of Nelson was chosen to be speaker of the next legislature on the fourth ballot in the democratic house caucus here tonight. Fifty-seven democrats were present and three absent. On the decisive ballot Jackson received twenty-nine votes, Representative Ollis of Valley county fifteen, Reisenrath of Knox nine and Trumble of Sherman four.

Jackson will be re-elected when the legislature convenes tomorrow. He was first elected in 1915, and has been speaker for the past two years.

George Potts of DuBois was chosen in caucus to again be clerk of the house.

Other house officers elected were as follows: Lee Metcalfe of Omaha, first assistant clerk; J. W. Kelly of Merna, second assistant clerk; Jason Evans of College View, sergeant-at-arms; and Rev. Thomas Davis of Milford, chaplain.

W. J. Taylor of Merna was made chairman of the committee on committees and was therefore by that honor given also the right to the title of the floor leadership of the session. For this honor he defeated Nathan Norton of Polk county by a vote of 32 to 25.

Just before the adjournment of the meeting Taylor of Custer proposed a motion creating a special prohibition committee of five members, three of the majority party and two of the minority party. This committee will supervise all legislation of that character. He prefaced it by resenting the charge that the democratic party is the tool of the liquor interests and this remark was roundly cheered by members and spectators alike.

Representative Taylor of Custer presided at the democratic caucus. During the afternoon representatives held caucuses by congressional districts to make their selections of membership upon the committee on committees. Those chosen were:

First District—Dafoe of Johnson and Reischick of Richardson.

Second District—Bulla and Shannon of Douglas and Sass of Sarpy.

Third District—Dau of Dodge, Osterman of Merrick and Radke of Cedar.

Fourth District—Fuller of Seward and Norton of Polk.

Fifth District—Swanson of Clay and Hoffmeister of Chase.

Sixth District—Taylor of Custer, Trumble of Sheridan and Anderson of Boyd.

John Mattes of Nebraska City was selected by members of the majority party in the state senate as its choice for the presidency pro tem.

E. A. Walrath of Osceola was chosen as secretary and George Doid of Stockville, first assistant, and Paul Young of Nebraska City, second assistant.

Tom Costello of Grand Island was made sergeant-at-arms and the Rev. James Huff of Omaha was made chaplain.

Phil Kohl of Wayne was given the chairmanship of the committee on committees and the following members were elevated to that body: Mattes of Otoe, Gates of Sarpy, Tanner of Douglas, Wilson of Dodge, Wilson of Frontier, Burman of Howard and Beal of Custer.

Slight disagreement arose over some of the caucus details and the two Lancaster county members, along with Howell of Douglas, Wilson of Frontier, Burman of Howard and Beal of Custer served warning on their colleagues that they might not abide by results.

John Moriarty of Douglas was given the chairmanship of the committee on employees and was given authority to start work at once.

Senator Henry of Colfax county was the chairman of the caucus.

Republican organizationists had lots of time during the day to talk over party affairs. Not the least subject of discussion in that camp was the possible lineup of the party nationally during the next four years. There are standpatters and progressive republicans both in this year's legislative appointment of g. o. p. warriors, but all of them are hopeful that the party will profit by its mistakes. That was all the republicans had to talk about—the democrats were so peaceful in their settlement of honors in both houses that they couldn't rile them by endeavoring to throw monkey-wrenches into the smoothly-running machinery.

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LUTHER LEAGUE ENJOYS A FINE WATCH PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. August Roessler on North Fourth street was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Sunday evening last, when the Misses Roessler entertained the members of the Luther league of St. Paul's church at a watch party to bid the old year farewell and to welcome the new. The time up to the midnight hour was spent in games of all kinds and in a genuine good time among the members until the approach of the midnight hour marked the passing of the year 1916 and the dawning of 1917, when the members of the party joined in singing several songs appropriate to the occasion. The occasion was a very pleasant one to all the young people and they felt greatly the delightful hospitality afforded them by their hostesses. At a suitable hour refreshments were served, which added very much to the pleasure of the occasion.

CASS COUNTY COUPLE MARRIED IN LINCOLN

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. John W. Laughlin, of Ashland, and Miss Mabel Gerard, of Weeping Water, were married at high noon on Christmas day in Lincoln, in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

They departed on the afternoon train for Kansas City for a short visit with relatives of the groom in Garden City, Mo.

They will return to Ashland to commence house-keeping on the home farm where the groom has a home in readiness for them.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Silas V. Gerard and has grown to womanhood in this vicinity. She is a graduate of the Weeping Water High School having won the scholarship of the class of 1906. She also attended several terms of school at Peru and has been a very successful teacher in the county for a number of years.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Laughlin, one of the prominent and pioneer families of Ashland, and is a highly respected and industrious young farmer.

This worthy young couple have a host of friends who wish them a happy and prosperous life. They will be at home to their friends after February 1st.

Those attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller, of Ashland; Mr. Paul Gerard, Mr. Fred and Miss Sophia Koester, of Weeping Water.

SCARCITY OF PRINT PAPER IS DISTRESSING

From Wednesday's Daily.

The crisis in the print paper supply of the country is fast approaching and even now the smaller publishers of newspapers are finding it very difficult to secure the paper needed for the publications, unless in small quantities and of a grade far inferior to that formerly supplied to the newspaper publishers.

While the paper is scarcer and the quality very much poorer the price has shot up to four times what it formerly was and this makes it hard indeed for the publishers of the small country papers to breast the tide of the high cost of printing. Every device that can possibly be taken advantage of is taken up eagerly by the newspapers of the country. Reducing the size of the papers, has been one of the first steps that the newspapers are put up against and this crisis in the news print field has made it necessary for the Journal to join in the movement by cutting both the size of the daily and weekly editions to the present size, four and six pages. The other papers have adopted a practice of observing all holidays by suspending publication and thereby gaining a little on the high cost of print paper and the other necessities of the trade. All over the country the publishers are looking for a possibility of some way of getting even on the cost of publishing their papers but it is a poor outlook at the present time.

MRS. STEPHEN BUZZELL DEAD.

From Wednesday's Daily.

A card was received here by friends today announcing the death at her home in Hickman, Neb., of Mrs. Stephen Buzzell, for many years a resident of Plattsburgh. The message did not give the particulars of the death but stated that the funeral was to be held in that city. Mrs. Buzzell was a sister of Mrs. Critchfield, for a great many years county clerk of Cass county.

ALICE DOVEY SOON TO MARRY A LEADING PLAYWRIGHT

From Wednesday's Daily.

The New York Herald has in a recent issue the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of two of the leading members of the theatrical profession in that city and one that will be of great interest in this city, as one of the parties is Miss Alice Dovey, the charming musical comedy star, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dovey of this city. The groom-to-be is Jack Hazard, one of the members of the "Very Good Eddie" company in which Miss Dovey has starred for the past two seasons, and a young man whose work as a playwright has brought him much success as his productions have been numbered among the greatest hits on Broadway in the past two seasons. "Go to It," and "Turn to the Right" are among the successes that Mr. Hazard has given to the stage and from these he has secured handsome royalties. The date for the wedding is set for the early spring. Miss Dovey in her time on the stage has become one of the leading stars in the great city of the nation and has appeared in the greater musical comedy successes of the past few years, including "Land of Nod," "The Stubborn Cinderella," "The Pink Lady" and "Very Good Eddie." It was while Miss Dovey was in the "Very Good Eddie" company that she met Mr. Hazard who was one of the leading men of the production and the romance is to culminate in happy wedding bells in the spring.

CHIEF BARCLAY GIVES CIGARS TO FIRE BOYS

From Wednesday's Daily.

The members of the Plattsburgh Volunteer Fire department met last evening at the council chambers in their regular monthly session and the boys were given a very pleasant treat when they found a box of cigars awaiting them as a present from Chief Barclay and the chief made a short address in which he expressed the general feeling of appreciation of the work of the members of the department when they had been called out to assist in protecting the property interests of the people of the city. The address was received with marked approval by the members of the department and was thoroughly appreciated by them. One of the chief matters of the session was the election of officers and the following were selected:

Chief—T. M. Scarbrough.
Assistant Chief—Percy Fields.
President—Joe Sebaska.
Vice President—Stanley Kuhns.
Secretary—G. H. Clossen.
Treasurer—Emil Stanek.

The following resolution was prepared and expressed the sentiments of the members of the department thoroughly:

"We wish to take this manner in thanking our chief of police for the speech and the box of cigars given last night at our meeting. If the other property owners of the city of Plattsburgh were as strong for the fire department as Mr. Barclay there would be far more enthusiasm in the Plattsburgh Volunteer Fire Department. THE FIRE BOYS."

CLASS OF 1911 BANQUET AT THE RILEY

The spirit of Home Coming week so imbued the members of the class of 1910, last September at their picnic that they decided to have another meeting at Christmas time. With this idea they met Saturday evening at the Hotel Riley for a six-course banquet. The shaded candles on the table gave warmth and cheerfulness to the occasion and the class colors of brown and gold, revived memories and brought back to mind many things to be laughed about. It was indeed a pleasure, not only for those out of town but also for those living here, to assemble and reestablish the old time school associations. A meeting was held in the parlors of the hotel after the banquet and a permanent organization was formed. It was decided to meet annually during the holidays. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rachel Livingstone.
Secretary—Mary Peterson.
Treasurer—Gertrude Morgan.
L. H. Young of near Nehawka, and his sister, Mrs. Charles Troop of this city, were among those going to Omaha this afternoon, where they will visit their brother, R. A. Young, at a hospital.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT OF THIS COUNTY IN COLORADO

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Fred Spangler today received a message announcing the death of her brother, George Burke at his home at Louisville, Colo., after an illness of some duration and during which time he suffered from cancer of the face from which he has been a sufferer for the past year. Burke resided in this city up to fifteen years ago when he removed to the west and has since made his home in the mining regions of Colorado, being employed as a foreman in a coal mining company near Louisville. He was forty-one years old at the time of his death and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his death. The funeral will be held at the late home in Colorado tomorrow afternoon.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE WM. D. JONES

From Wednesday's Daily.

The funeral services of the late William D. Jones was held yesterday afternoon from the home on North Third street, where for so many years this lovable and kindly gentleman had resided, and the home was filled with a large number of the old friends who called to pay the last tribute to the memory of the worthy friend and associate who had gone from them for a time. The services were simple yet very impressive and were in accordance with the wishes of the departed, who had spent the greater part of his lifetime in this community and whose dealings with his fellow man had endeared him to them. The services were conducted by Father W. S. Leece of St. Luke's Episcopal church and Rev. H. G. McClusky of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. McClusky offered the prayer and read the passages of the beautiful Twenty-third Psalm, while Father Leece gave the scripture lesson and the final prayer as the casket was about to depart on the last journey to its resting place in the city of the silent. Prior to the funeral services the friends had been permitted to take their last farewell of the one they had held so dear, and at the conclusion of the services at the Oak Hill cemetery, where it was laid to rest in the family burial lot.

MISS CAROLINE LEINER IN A VERY SERIOUS CONDITION

From Wednesday's Daily.

The reports from the bedside of Miss Caroline Leiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leiner of this city, and who for the past week has been at the home of her aunt in Lincoln, indicate that the patient is in a very serious condition. The young lady was operated on at a hospital in Omaha for appendicitis several months ago, and had been getting along nicely until on Saturday, December 23d, when she was en route from her home here to Lincoln to visit her aunt, and was one of those in the Burlington wreck at Gibson. On reaching Lincoln Miss Leiner complained a great deal and medical assistance was summoned, and it was found that she had suffered an injury to her person that affected the former operation and made necessary a second operation, which was performed on Monday last. The attending physicians are hopeful that if the patient survives until after tomorrow she will have a good chance for recovery, and her family and friends are anxiously awaiting word from her bedside as to her condition.

NOW PROGRESSING NICELY.

The many friends of Miss Clara Mae Morgan will be pleased to learn that she is progressing nicely at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where she was operated on last Saturday, and is now feeling as well as possible and her friends hope for her speedy recovery. The attending physicians are well pleased with the result of the operation and have hopes that the patient may return home in a short time. Mrs. Mae Morgan, mother of young lady, has been at the hospital since the operation assisting in her care.

COMPLETES MORTGAGE RECORD FOR THE YEAR.

County Recorder A. J. Snyder has just given out the mortgage record for the year 1916 that has just closed and during this period of time there were filed 265 farm mortgages, valued at \$1,406,867, and during the same period 264 farm mortgages were released, valued at \$1,072,525. On city property there were filed 17 mortgages valued at \$197,369 and 144 released, valued at \$199,045.

AUTOMOBILE TAX IN CASS COUNTY AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

From Wednesday's Daily.

The registering and taxing of the automobiles of this county has become one of the largest tasks of the county treasurer's office and requires the attention of some of the office force almost constantly to handle the business and keep track of the receipts of the applicants for licenses. In the report that Treasurer Fox is sending to the office of Secretary of State Pool, for the business for the year 1916, it shows that there was in this county 1,283 automobiles registered, and sixty-six motorcycles. The office of the treasurer collected during the year the sum of \$3,609, and this is within \$400 of being sufficient to pay the salaries of the combined force of the treasurer's office. County Treasurer Fox turns over to the state \$471.80 as the share of the automobile tax that goes to the general government. These figures show that the automobile is some factor in the taxable property of this county and this feature will be even stronger as more and more of the prosperous farmers secure automobiles.

INSURANCE RATES OF A. O. U. W. GO UP

Nebraska Delegates Convene in Omaha to Decide on Re-Adjustment of Costs.

HITS THE VETERAN MEMBERS

Omaha, Jan. 4.—Rates in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, one of the oldest of the fraternal insurance companies, are to be advanced. Representatives of the Nebraska grand lodge of the order are now in Omaha to make the advance and put it into effect. Some 600 of these delegates are in the city holding their session in the Hotel Fontenelle behind closed doors.

Before the Ancient Order of United Workmen grand lodge delegates solve the problem that has brought them together, the level plan of rates adopted not long ago by the National Fraternal congress will be in effect. The new rates will not hit the young fellows very hard, but the men who joined the order years ago and have been paying assessments of \$1.50 to \$2 per month and have now reached the age of 65 years or thereabouts will be boosted to \$8 or so per month for the remainder of their lives, in the event they continue to participate in the insurance feature.

To see how this advance, or rather readjustment of rates, as it is called, is made, besides the Nebraska delegates there are present Joseph Oberfelder, Sidney, member of the grand finance committee; G. M. Graybell, grand lodge, Kansas; Ford Cooper Jackson, publisher of the Kansas Woodman, St. Louis; Wilbur J. Howell, grand recorder, Missouri; E. B. Evans, grand master, Iowa, and B. F. Carlson, grand overseer, Minnesota.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the special session of the Nebraska grand lodge convened in the ballroom of the Hotel Fontenelle. It was called to order by Frank Anderson, Holdrege, grand master for Nebraska. The address of welcome was by Mayor Dahlman, followed by the response by the grand master. Then the grand lodge went into executive session.

During the morning session Jacob Oberfelder presented the rules governing the present session of the body and they were adopted unanimously. Anderson Makes Plea.

Grand Master Anderson delivered an executive address, explaining the necessity of a readjustment of rates and giving the reasons for calling the present session.

While no vote was taken on the proposition looking to an advance or readjustment, it was apparent that members present were in perfect accord with the ideas advanced by the speaker.

The afternoon session was given over almost entirely to a discussion of the proposed rates, what effect putting them into effect would have upon membership now and in the future. Every phase of the rate question was gone into and some slight changes were made in the bylaws governing subordinate lodges.

Another session of the grand lodge will be held Thursday, the desire being to complete the business in order that delegates may catch the afternoon trains home.

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R. W. COMMISSION FOR BETTER LAWS

Recommends Strengthening of Public Warehouse, Car Distribution and Other Acts.

In a detailed report to the governor, covering forty-five typewritten pages, the Nebraska state railway commission tells of the work it has done during the past year, and recommends to the legislature, strengthening of the public warehouse, transmission line, car distribution, anti-pass and other laws.

The report is in the ninth issued by the commission. It is signed by Henry T. Clark, chairman; Thomas L. Hall and H. C. Taylor. It will be the last report signed by Mr. Clark, who was defeated for re-election by Victor Wilson.

The commission complains that it has been given the duty of enforcing the public warehouse law, without the machinery to make of the act all its framers intended. It declares provisions should be made for investigations. Since the law went into effect seventy-eight elevators have been licensed as public warehouses, and the monthly reports to the commission have indicated a heavy business is being done.

The attorney general has been asked to prosecute violations of the law, but he has refused to do so because of his opinion that the law could not be enforced. The inharmoniousness between the commission and the attorney general has made it impossible to prevent violations of the law.

The transmission law, regulating the construction of high voltage electric transmission lines outside of cities of the metropolitan, first and second class, is a good law, the commission believes. It recommends that it be strengthened by the addition of penalties for non-compliance.

The box car shortage during the past year is given considerable space in the report, and the commission confesses that it has been almost helpless in dealing with the situation. The most acute shortage in railway equipment that has ever been known in the state was felt during the year, reaching its height November 30. Nebraska, however, on account of her favorable position, has suffered less than Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and other states to the west.

This one problem has caused a very heavy drain upon the commission's finances. The office force was put on the field as much as possible to check on the carriers and insure a fair division of cars among the shippers. The commission recommends that the legislature provide a more elastic law covering this condition, and allow the commission to make the rules after hearings have been held.

The report also covers the litigation over the class freight rate advances, which ended in the interstate commerce commission holding the rates in order No. 19 discriminatory, and allowing the railroads to make higher

rates. The litigation over this decision will be one of the big problems to be handled during the next biennium. The difference in rates involved means at least three and a quarter millions to the Nebraska consumers, who must ultimately pay freight rate advances, the commission reports.

Other features of the report are on the complaints that have been made and decisions rendered. Four hundred sixty-eight informal complaints have been made and 401 disposed of. Thirty-nine formal complaints have been received and thirty-seven disposed of. The commission passed on 336 applications.

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