

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 21, 1920

This Will Be the Most Important Election Ever Held in the State of Nebraska—Be Sure to Vote On Each of the Forty-One Amendments

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA: The Third Constitutional Convention of the State of Nebraska, authorized by the people to amend or revise the existing constitution, met in Lincoln, December 2, 1919, and continued in session 74 days. A total of 336 proposed amendments were submitted and 41 received favorable action. These will be submitted to the people at a special election to be held Tuesday, September 21, 1920. The convention was unanimous in the opinion that the amendments should be submitted at a special election, thus avoiding the confusion that might result from submission at a general election held in a presidential year. Many meritorious measures submitted at great expense in previous years have failed when submitted at a general election.

The form of ballot permits a separate vote on each amendment and every voter should see to it that he votes on 41 amendments. An "Address to the People" with simple ballot attached has been mailed to every voter in the state. In addition to this every voter who desires may get from the Secretary of State, county clerk or delegate a pamphlet entitled "Proposed Amendments" which gives full information in detail.

Following is a synopsis of the amendments, each being designated by the number appearing on the official ballot:

- No. 1. Authorizes a five-sixths jury verdict in civil cases. This prevents many unnecessary retrials and saves expense for the public and litigants.
No. 2. Permits regulation by law of property rights of aliens. If immigrants want the benefits and protection of our government but refuse to become citizens their property rights should be regulated.
No. 3. Declares the English language to be the official language of the state and requires common schools to be taught therein in all schools. This insures future citizens a knowledge of our language.
No. 4. Reduces percentage in number of signatures required for initiative and referendum petitions. Increase in number of voters caused by granting suffrage to women makes this advisable.
No. 5. Divides counties entitled to two or more representatives or senators into districts. This shortens public travel, distributes senators and representatives more evenly in the cities and provides representation for rural communities.
No. 6. Provides that the number of state senators cannot exceed fifty. This permits the legislature to provide one senator for two representatives as the growth and needs of the state require. It does not prevent the reduction of membership in either or both houses.
No. 7. Eliminates the provision requiring the legislature to remain in session 60 days; fixes salaries of members at \$800 and limits salary to \$100 for special sessions. This expedites public business and reduces expense by making it an object for the legislature to conclude its work as rapidly as possible.
No. 8. Requires a majority vote by "Yeas" and "Nays" on roll call for the passage of all legislation, including conference reports and amendments. This prevents hasty legislation, carrying in many cases large appropriations. In the closing days of a session when many members are absent.
No. 9. Prohibits appointment of members of the legislature to state offices. This prevents members from becoming beneficiaries of their own laws.
No. 10. Prohibits raising the salary of any public official during his term. This prevents lobbying for increased salaries.
No. 11. Reserves mineral rights in state lands, saves to the people the remaining natural resources.
No. 12. Eliminates obsolete legislative appointment.
No. 13. Provides for a board of pardons, an executive budget and continues the present state offices. Board includes governor, attorney general and secretary of state. Its action must be based on application, notice, a full hearing and a complete record. Sound public policy demands that one convicted of crime should not be released without a hearing and recorded facts sufficient to warrant clemency. If the board insures appropriations based on actual needs, prevents log rolling and avoids hasty consideration and waste.
No. 14. Creates the office of tax commissioner and provides a board of equalization. Will prevent many inequities now existing and more fairly distribute the burden of taxation.
No. 15. Revises and simplifies the procedure of courts; enables the supreme court to sit in division; the chief justice to sit with each division. This will obviate delays, reduce expenses of trials and prevent appeals without merit.
No. 16. Requires concurrence of five judges of the Supreme Court to declare laws unconstitutional, thus safeguarding the will of the people and insuring stability of law.
No. 17. Provides for election of supreme judges, except chief justice, by districts. This insures representation to all parts of the state, shortens the ballot and enables voters to be more familiar with qualifications of candidates.
No. 18. Provides for equal suffrage answers the demand of enlightened public sentiment in state and nation and renders justice to women.
No. 19. Allows soldiers to vote when absent on duty, preserves the rights of citizenship to men who are in military service.
No. 20. Provides for equitable distribution of state school funds and for minimum term of school as a condition for participation therein. This safeguards the interests of children in small districts.
No. 21. Prohibits the sale of school lands except at public auction, thus insuring the maximum price if the state should decide to sell its school lands.
No. 22. Provides for election of University Regents by districts. Insures more state wide interest and representation for the university.
No. 23. Prohibits state aid to sectarian institutions and prevents requiring any religious test from teachers or pupils. This is declaratory of the well accepted American doctrine of separation of church and state.
No. 24. Raises the age for admission to the reform school from 16 to 18 years. Provides corrective training for young offenders rather than penitentiary sentences.
No. 25. Brings the board of education for normal schools under the constitution instead of under a statute. This will stabilize the teaching profession and give the normal schools constitutional recognition along with the university and common schools.
No. 26. Provides uniform taxes on tangible property and franchises, permits classification of other property and levies taxes on religious, educational, charitable and cemetery associations, except when used for profit. Also exempts \$200 of household goods for each family. This makes the old section more clear and encourages home building.
No. 28. Places county tax limit at 50 cents on \$100 actual valuation, renders the law certain and fixes fair limitation on counties.
No. 29. Prohibits changes in county boundaries except by majority vote in county affected. This insures protection of correcting irregular boundary lines.
No. 30. Requires public utility corporations to report to the Railway Commission, thus providing better corporate control.
No. 31. Prohibits the consolidation of competing public utilities without permission from the Railway Commission and only after public notice, thus protecting public interests.
No. 32. Regulates stocks and dividends of public utility corporations. No dividend to be declared except out of net earnings and after providing a depreciation reserve and setting aside equipment and service. This will result in maximum safety and minimum rates.
No. 33. Permits incorporation of cities to adopt present charter as home rule charter and simplifies the adoption thereof. Recognizes the principle of local self-government which is fundamental in a republic.
No. 34. Insures the control of corporations and prevents the issue of stocks and bonds except for full value; also permits co-operative companies to limit voting power and stock holdings of members. Complete control of corporations by the state and recognition of co-operative and mutual companies are manifestly in the public interest.
No. 35. Defines property rights in water and provides constitutional protection thereto because of its necessity for irrigation purposes.
No. 36. Protects public rights in the use of water power as against private control. The best engineers believe it possible to develop 600,000 h. p. in the state through the use of the water in our streams. This should be conserved for the use of the public.
No. 37. Provides that laws may be enacted regulating the hours and conditions of employment of women and children and securing to them a minimum wage. Insures protection to the mothers and to our future citizens.
No. 38. Provides that the legislature can create an industrial commission to administer laws relative to labor disputes and to investigate and report on public utility and any law would be subject to referendum. The authority of the state to deal with such matters in some instances is unquestioned. Therefore, it was deemed advisable to submit this amendment.
No. 39. Permits amendments to the constitution by a majority vote therefor provided the same is equal to 35 per cent of the total vote cast. This places the constitution under the control of the people and this simplified method of amendment will avoid the necessity for future constitutional conventions.
No. 40. Provides for contemporary salaries for state officers until otherwise fixed by law.
No. 41. Eliminates obsolete sections of the constitution and provides for a continuing schedule.
Each of the proposed amendments has received the earnest and careful consideration of the convention and we recommend all of them to the people of Nebraska. We believe that their adoption will not only modernize the constitution and simplify our system of government but will also result in a more efficient and economical administration of the public business.
Respectfully submitted,
A. J. WEAVER,
President of the Constitutional Convention,
HARRY L. KEEFE,
Chairman, Committee on Public Advertisements.
—Paid Advertisement.—
Cut this out and save reference.

REV. HUNTER RETURNED TO LOCAL FIELD

PASTOR OF M. E. CHURCH ASSIGNED TO CONTINUE THE MINISTRY HERE.

HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK

And Members Are Pleased to Note His Retention—New Parsonage One of Big Tasks

The people of Plattsmouth are to be congratulated on the fact that for another year at least they are to have the services of Rev. A. V. Hunter, pastor of the Methodist church, who, during his labors here has accomplished so much for the good of the community. At the district convention being held this week, Rev. Hunter was delegated to continue his ministerial duties here, which will be pleasing news both to members of his church and numerous other friends throughout the city. During his tenure as pastor, the church has enjoyed prosperity and the different organizations have labored together harmoniously. New members have been added from time to time and bills have been paid promptly, plenty of money being subscribed to carry on the work without difficulty. One of the achievements of his pastorate is the new parsonage just completed and which has been paid for as the work progressed. From funds raised for that purpose, in addition the church edifice has been considerably improved.

List of Other Appointments

The allotment of ministers to this district, which is now attached to Omaha headquarters, is as follows, to-wit:
J. W. Kirkpatrick, superintendent, 320 City National Bank Bldg., Omaha, Neb.
To be supplied, Ames-Maple Grove, Joseph Stoford, Arlington, Nebr., R. F. D.
Frank L. Reeder, Blair.
E. O. Johnson, Craig-Alder Grove, Edwin L. Slater, Decatur, William A. Bowden, Elk City, N. D. Hull, Fremont.
H. S. Weary, Greta-Spring Grove, Charles W. Ford, Herman.
O. M. Adams, Hooper.
To be supplied, Kennard-Rose Hill, Cutbert L. Elliott, Louisville, J. H. Wilcox, Nebraska City.
E. C. Moore, Nehawka.
S. E. Mason, Nickerson, P. O. Fremont, Neb.
E. H. Tipton, North Bend.
G. A. Bolas, Oakland, Nebr.
E. A. Smith, Purple Cave, P. O. North Bend, Nebr., R. F. D.
W. H. Guest, Springfield-Richfield, W. H. Thompson, Tekamah.
L. L. Morrison, Union-Wyoming.
J. B. Stogner, Valley-Leshara.
G. A. Luce, Washington, P. O. 2414 No. 24th St., Omaha, Nebr.
W. F. Haskins, Weeping Water.
To be supplied, Ralston, Omaha—
J. Drubaker, Ashbury; John Calvert, Benson; E. M. Brown, Dietz; Titus Lowe and L. A. Pruitt, First; C. R. Whitlde, Florence; C. C. Wilson, Grace; Arthur Attack, H. C. Wilson, M. L. Ceissinger, First; J. E. Reynolds, Jennings; W. M. Wallace, Leffer; L. F. Townsend, McCabs; Gerriett Janssen, Oak street; W. L. Austin, Pearl; A. S. Buell, Trinity; A. D. Davis, Walnut Hill.

MARRIED AT PARSONAGE

From Monday's Daily. Last Saturday evening Mr. James F. Ward and Miss Alice Ina McCann, both of Darling, Ia., arrived in Plattsmouth and after having secured a permit to wed sought out the home of Rev. A. G. Hollowell, pastor of the Christian church and in the presence of Mrs. A. G. Hollowell and Mrs. Harry M. Wilcox, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The young people will make their home in Montana, where they will live on a ranch which they have near Gillette.

R. C. COOK AND SON RETURN

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. R. C. Cook and son Eck Cook, who make their home near Cullom, have for the past three weeks been in the north where they have been visiting at the home of the sons of Mr. Cook, Walter Cook and Jacob Cook, and wife of Brookings, S. D. Mrs. Jacob Cook will be remembered as Miss Clement, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clements.

WILL SPEND FORTNITE IN WEST

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. P. Miner and daughter, Miss Magdaline, departed on the afternoon train for the west and will spend some two weeks at Denver, Colorado Springs, and other popular and pleasant places in the west during this warm weather. They will surely find a pleasant place for the hot days which will come in September. The nearness to the mountains affords a fine opportunity for a splendid vacation to the people who are compelled to be housed during the remaining portion of the year.

FOUND, TIRE AND AUTO PLATE

There has been found a tire on rim with auto plate attached bearing number 209,368, Nebraska. The owner may have same by calling and paying for this ad. 14; 1w

CITY DADS HOLD SHORT SESSION

ORDINANCE FOR THE NEW LIGHT RATE READ THE FIRST TIME AND LAID ON TABLE

MUCH BUSINESS TRANSACTED

Hold Short Session But Executes a Vast Amount of Business—Bills Ordered Paid.

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening was one of the shortest sessions which the city council has had for some time, but into the few minutes which they were at their work they executed a vast amount of business. There was no communication, but the report of the police showed eight arrests had been made and of which seven paid fines and costs aggregating \$147, the eighth one being committed to the city bastle.

The amount of bills paid was in the aggregate for the two weeks, \$2,129.49 and were as follows: Bert Coleman \$1,027.83, Clause Boetel 1.95, Alvin Jones 36.85, M. E. Manspeaker 100.00, Gas and Elec. 218.83, F. R. Gohelman 2.60, Jess Wurga 2.75, M. Archer 30.00, City Hall, Light .50, Telephone Co. 4.95, Mike Lutz 102.00, Antone Nitka 110.00, John Ziska 75.35, Wm. Hassler 6.00, John Cecil 72.95, Walt Gochenour 142.10, John Wynn 7.70, Joe McMaken 4.40, Cliff Snacker 5.00, Frank Dickson 14.00, James Winn 155.00.

The new light ordinance was read for the first time and layed on the table for consideration at a future meeting.

The bills of Martin Sheldon for the construction of two sanitary sewers one known as Marble street sewer and for the sum of \$1,239.50, and the other designated as the Rock street sewer, amounting to \$1,270.15, both totalling \$2,509.65, were held until the 6th of the engineers were obtained on the work, which has been completed for some time.

The committee having in charge the water rate matter, asked that they be furnished with more definite information as to the flat rate and asked and were granted more time in which to make their report.

On motion it was the sense of the council that hereafter the practice of shutting people in the city jail who have been arrested, keeping them over night and then be liberated by the police, must be discontinued. Hereafter when one is arrested there must be a charge filed against them and they cannot be turned loose unless on the order of the mayor or having been liberated by the police judge.

VISITING WITH FRIENDS HERE.

From Tuesday's Daily. H. W. Vallery, who was one of the pioneers of Cass county when this county was new and Nebraska was "out west," is visiting here from Douglas, Alaska, where he has made his home for several years. Mr. Vallery constructed a number of the early day buildings here setting the stride for the advancing civilization that was destined to sweep over the prairies of the Cornhusker state. He was a brother of the late J. R. Vallery and C. M. Vallery, both of whom have recently passed away, as well as a brother of T. W. Vallery, who lives a few miles from Murray. Mr. Vallery is thinking seriously of forsaking the northland to again take up his residence in Cass county.

MAKING GOOD IMPROVEMENT

Geo. I. Lloyd of southwest of Murray, was a visitor in town this morning on his way to Omaha, where he had some business matters to look after and also to visit with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Dill, who is in the St. Joseph hospital where she is recovering after having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

LOSES TWO VALUABLE COWS

From Monday's Daily. Fred Bauers, who makes his home on the farm of August Stander, one mile west of Manley, last Saturday evening suffered the loss of two valuable cows, one of which was the lot for milking, when some one came along driving a large car and going at a rapid rate of speed, striking two of the cattle killing both of them. The driver hastened away not stopping to inquire as to what injury he had done and making such haste that Mr. Bauers could not catch the number on his car. Wm. Baird and wife and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ghrist were visiting in Lincoln and when returning last evening found the cattle still lying in the road.

FOR SALE

Ten acres of good prairie hay, 3 miles west and one mile north of Murray. Inquire of R. C. Hitchman at Pollock's Auto company, or phone number 83, Plattsmouth, Neb. 13 2t-av. Fine stationery, Journal office.

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MOST men find that Spurs fit their cigarette. wants seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. Just bet your "bottom dollar" that you won't tire of Spurr's old-time tobacco taste, for it's real-as-life and rare-as-June. Now to find out why!

Good tobacco puts Spurs at the top. Just that. The blend of finest Turkish leaves and the pick of home-grown crops gives Spurr their new, mild richness. But Spurr don't stop at cheering your taste. They draw easier and burn slower, because Spurr are crimped—not pasted.

Then there's a neat "brown-and-silver" package that's three-fold, which keeps Spurr's fragrance and flavor ready for you. Spurr up! Spurr up! Light up a Spurr! LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.

RESIDENCE FOR SALE The commodious brick residence in Plattsmouth known as the Weckbach-Walker home located at 4th and Oak streets. This property is the last of the best down town properties that can be secured at a reasonable price. Only half block from post office, library, court house and shopping districts. About four fine lots, is high, sunny and sanitary, fine shade and lawn, good well, cistern, city water has good barn, partly modern, polished oak floor in living room. The place needs some repair; will make splendid home for retiring farmer or any one desiring a substantial investment or high class residence property. Out-of-town owners of this property have requested me to dispose of it at once. I will therefore offer it for about one-fourth of its actual replacement value. L. C. SHARP MFG. CO., Plattsmouth, Neb.

QUIT YOUR EXTRAVAGANCE! Don't let YOUR MONEY Just Leak Away

IF YOU WORK FOR YOUR MONEY, IT IS YOUR MONEY— THEN WHY WASTE IT? THOSE LITTLE SUMS YOU THROW AWAY FOOLISHLY FOR UNNECESSARY THINGS WILL MAKE A BIG PILE OF MONEY SOONER THAN YOU THINK, IF YOU CAME TO OUR BANK AND DEPOSITED THEM REGULARLY. PUT YOUR MONEY IN OUR BANK. YOU WILL RECEIVE 4% INTEREST.

Farmers State Bank PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA

Orange Model 2d is for sale, also some good spring boars at \$50 to \$65, while they last. S. RAY SMITH Plattsmouth, Neb. Tel. No. 3422

W. A. ROBERTSON LAWYER Coates Block Second Floor EAST OF RILEY HOTEL

PROMINENT SOCIAL WORKER TENDERED BIG OVATION From Monday's Daily. Last Saturday evening the local chapter of the Moral Uplift club turned out in a body to bid farewell to one of their members, who departed for a trip thru the southwest for a much needed rest. The entire chapter marched to the midnight Missouri Pacific train headed by the Plattsmouth band, where a number of sections, including the hymn of the society, were played. The departing brother expects to spend some time in the mountains, cultivating the acquaintance of the astute mountaineers and inspecting the grape crop.

Read the Journal.