

Code Fight in Assembly is Held Up

Governor's Appointments of Secretaries Passed on to Committee; Clash Certain.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—The expected fight over Governor Weaver's consolidation of the welfare and labor departments did not materialize when the two houses of the legislature met in joint session this afternoon. The confirmation of the governor's appointments of code secretaries was deferred into the hands of a committee which will make its report at another joint session later in the week. The objection to Governor Weaver's appointments was voiced by Senator J. C. McGowan of Norfolk, who is opposed to placing the welfare and labor departments under one head. He feels that the labor department, which administers the workmen's compensation law, should not have the divided attention of one man.

Scott Approved.

By placing the matter in the hands of a committee to investigate the qualifications of the code secretaries, merely a routine matter, the joint session gave Senator McGowan an opportunity to take up the consolidation with the governor personally.

The senate approved the appointment of Harry Scott as state tax commissioner, House rolls 1 and 2, providing for salaries and expenses of the session, were passed by that body. The contest over the seat of Senator A. J. Welch of Milford was referred to the committee on elections and privileges. Charles Meacham, republican, who lost the election by three votes, is the contestant.

Radio Stays Out.

An effort to reconsider the motion made yesterday excluding radio broadcasting equipment from the house chamber was defeated by a vote of 60 to 23. The equipment was installed by KPAB of Lincoln.

The election of Andy J. Welch, democratic senator from the Eighteenth district, was contested by Charles Meacham of Crete, republican candidate at the November election. Welch was declared elected by the canvassing board with a majority of three votes.

The seal and depositions of county officers of Saline and Seward counties and election officials were placed in the hands of Lieutenant Governor Williams, along with the notice of contest. These were presented to the senate and referred to the committee on elections and privileges.—Omaha Bee-News.

RE-APPOINTED DEPUTIES

With the re-adjustment of the offices at the court house and the new and re-elected county officials taking their seats there has been in the matter of appointing the deputies and clerks in the various offices and the public is pleased that there is no change in the efficient force that has been maintained.

County Judge A. H. Duxbury has announced the re-appointment of Miss Lillian White as the deputy in the judge's office and which will be very pleasing to the patrons of the office, as Miss White has had a long experience in this office and her familiarity with the office has made her most valuable in the position. Miss White served for a number of years under former Judge Allen J. Beeson and through the first term of Judge Duxbury and her continuance in the office will be very pleasing to the patrons.

In the office of the district clerk it has been necessary for the clerk to file a new bond of the term and also to make the appointment of a deputy and in this position Clarence E. Ledgeway has been re-named by Mrs. Beal. Mr. Ledgeway is known as the "Silent Cal" of the court house as he has the habit of being all business and little of the froth of the conversationalist, but when it comes to service and record work Mr. Ledgeway is all there and with the gracious and accommodating clerk of the court makes this office of real service to the public and the continuance of these two efficient officials is very pleasing to all who have business at the court house.

EIGHT BANKS ARE UNITED

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 8.—Eight banks in three states were united today thru a holding company of north-west financiers. The institutions are the Northwestern National bank of Minneapolis and four Minneapolis banks affiliated with that institution; the Minnesota Loan and Trust company of Minneapolis; the First National Bank and Trust company of Fargo, N. D.; the First National bank of Mason City, Ia.

The holding company will be capitalized at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The banks already in the corporation will have approximately \$150,000,000 in combined resources. Later it is planned to obtain other banks in key cities thruout the north-west. Each bank will retain its present identity and officers, altho stock will be owned by the holding company.

EXPECT FINAL SETTLEMENT

Paris, Jan. 8.—Final settlement of the irritating question of reparations will, it was predicted in reparations circles today, come with the advent of spring. This forecast was based on the work of the Dawes committee. Men closely associated with the new effort to end financial controversies between Germany and the allies calculated it would require two months to go over the ground again.

The experts will assemble in Paris the first Monday in February, and their report ought to be due about April 1. One of the chief tasks of the experts will be to work out some scheme whereby German railroad and industrial bonds, issued as guarantee of the annual payments, may be made commercially negotiable. This, it was said, probably would have an effect on the final total which Germany must pay in order to release herself from all obligations to the allies.

Re-Elect Officers of Historical Society

More Room Needed for Society Exhibits Reports Emphasize—52 Annual Meeting

The Nebraska State Historical society, holding its fifty-second annual meeting in Lincoln today, re-elected all officers for another year at an executive board luncheon at the University Club Tuesday noon.

J. F. Hanson of Fremont will continue as president. John W. Robbins of Omaha is first vice president; A. T. Hill of Hastings, second vice president; and Don L. Love of Lincoln, treasurer. The office of Addison E. Sheldon of Lincoln, superintendent and secretary, was not up for consideration.

At the general business session of the society Tuesday morning Senator A. B. Wood of Gering was elected to the executive board to take the place of Will Owen Jones who died during the past year. W. E. Hardy of Lincoln was re-elected. The other three members, N. C. Abbott of Nebraska City, E. P. Wilson of Chadron and D. S. Dalbey of Beatrice, hold office another year.

Favor Reunion

Following the annual reports of President Hanson and Secretary Sheldon the following resolution, introduced by Mr. Abbott, was passed unanimously:

"Resolved: that the Nebraska State Historical society favor a reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Washington, D. C., in the summer of 1929 as advocated by L. D. Richards of Fremont and as set forth in the bill introduced in congress by Representative Edgar Howard." A copy was telegraphed to Mr. Howard at Washington.

The reports of both Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Hanson emphasized the fact that more room is the immediate need of the society. Its cramped headquarters in the basement of the university library building have long been inadequate and both Mr. Hanson and Mr. Sheldon seek a new building. Mr. Hanson in his report, proposed building one story on the historical society basement just east of the capitol at Sixteenth and J streets by selling adjoining lots which the society owns.

Both men reviewed the progress made by the society in the past year and said that the tremendous stride taken warrants a new building which would house all of the material the society has collected. At the present this material is in four different buildings, none of them fireproof, in various parts of Lincoln.

At the temple meeting Tuesday afternoon addresses were to be given by J. G. Masters, principal of the Omaha Central high school; John Howe, Frontier county pioneer; Dr. John D. Hicks, chairman of the University of Nebraska history department; Charles Grayhair, Winnebago Indian; Mrs. Daniel Freeman of Beatrice, who with her husband were the first homesteaders in the United States; Judge A. T. McCoy of Trenton; and John N. Dryden of Kearney.

PLAN DORMITORY AT PERU NORMAL

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—President T. J. Mayors of Peru and other members of the State normal board held a special meeting at the capitol today to consider the construction of a \$100,000 dormitory at the Peru State normal school under the provision of the law of 1925, which provides for payment of such buildings out of rentals without appropriations or other obligations by the state.

The board accepted a contract offered by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln to finance the building by supplying funds as they are needed. A local board at Peru is to be formed to which the normal board will lease the ground upon which the building is to be built. The trust company is to receive reimbursement from rentals. No lien will be placed upon the building. When it is paid for the buildings will be the property of the state.

The Parable of the Trade Dollar and the Community

B. A. Rosencrans of This City in Chicago's Men's Wear Apparel Gazette Has Timely Story

Now there was a certain city in those days whose name was called "Yourtown" which is in one State toward the setting of the sun, in the country named America. And its people didst till the soil, fish the rivers and didst barter with each other for their substance. And these who didst labor didst eat and have plenty, and prosperity and a full dinner pail was upon the face of the earth.

And it was so. Came a time when one fellow, whose name was called Watt didst observe the jumping of the lid which was on his teapot, and with steam and oil didst cause one iron horse to move on rails and pull many wagons, which are called cars. So didst Fulton whose sobriquet was called Hob, cause a furnace of fire to be placed in the bowels of an ark. And the ark didst move upon the face of the flood, even into the tide that cameh his way.

Then out of the East cameh the words of Haynes, "Behold thy people and thy things travelth worse than the speed of oxen and snails," and he was sore vexed. "I shall build a chariot of fire that speedeth away and returnth simultaneously, and it shall be faster than Hell scorcheth a feather."

And it was so. And it came to pass that a Henry Ford who dwelt in Detroit which is in Michigan, goeth him one better until his wagons were upon the high-ways and byways, in ditches and up Western Union shade trees, which are called poles.

And when all those men, their wives and neighbor's wives and their handmaids who dwell in Yourtown and gat themselves horseless, cartless and the merchants of that city fell down and arose and thundered even unto the sky.

The ways were too many for the populace to lie themselves to adjacent cities for robes of silk and sandals. The trucks, the chains, the trucks and chariots of fire which were known as motors even to this day, and cherubs that flew on the wings of the wind, didst strangle their trade.

And it came to pass when those which dwell in apparel didst perceive their business going to the bow-wows, one Hornsby, pinch hitter for a club which is called Commercial didst call a pow-wow of that organization, in its tabernacle.

And when they were all assembled in the chamber: the birds that sold shoes; and the beasts that sold hats and shirts and ties and what have you; and the poor fish who didst deal in costly raiment which are called suits; and the living creature which didst barter in changes of socks, Hornsby spake unto them.

"Hear ye, what I speak, the signs sheweth us there is someh thing put a-rid in Denmark. Kopeks and taunt fly through the mail unto other cities and returnth never more."

And they wist why it was so. And he blew on his bazoos further, saying, "Alas the rubs is no more, he driveth to the cities and knoweth more about style than one bird which is called peacock. He heareth from out of a tin horn named radio, the prices of raiment, and much bull, even before we have arisen from our couch."

"Build ye not a wall around our mighty city, lest ye have ill luck like China. Sell the truth unto our peoples, to prosper we must keep our talents and kopeks and yen in our krael, sticketh thus together with the tenacity of thy bride's pie crust, ie. even as two bull dogs."

So saying he took from out his poke a piece of silver known unto our children as the dollar. Being attached was one piece of parchment paper, with lines for scribbling names of many people.

"Verily I say unto you, let him be over, in whose lands this shall fall, scribe his name and send it forth to other merchants in exchange for sustenance and things to wear."

"Ere the setting of another sun our good people will wot why is it, ye shall see when coin is spent at home, it pays many things, and stays with us even unto the end."

So saying the gathering was dismissed, and those that didst play played put and take with small cards which are called poker.

And the names on the parchment were many. And Ruth's wife arose as a thief in the night and didst commit grand larceny, by taking from within her keeper's pocket the piece of silver.

And when the morning had come she exchanged it for sticks, which are used on lips, and paint that is not placed on houses. And the shekel was passed back as hange to one maid-servant, who didst purchase of manna from one manna baker. And the man who baked manna didst pay the miller who ground the grain. And the miller returned the silver to him who tilled the soil and raised the grain. And the tiller of the soil cried out, "hot-dog" unto the multitude

which are a fare line called telephone, I have the trade dollar in exchange for my crops, I knoweth it shall rubs prospereth in Yourtown and I go to the village to make purchase with it."

And he gat himself to a store and didst buy one suit of clothes which are called overalls even unto this day.

The clothier scribbed his name, after the fashion. And when the clothier had bought meat, and the men of the market place didst buy a new head covering, and the haberdasher didst pay his help on the sixth day, low, the shekel with many names, didst come into the house of the Lord on the seventh day, which is called Sabbath.

The minister rejoiced and didst keep it holy till the rising of the sun, when he didst make purchase of one shirt with hardboiled front and collar which buttoneth in the back.

And the tickets show the dollar had made an hundred purchases. And it was so.

Came a time when the Club didst wax wroth when they couldst not see the dollar over more. The life of it had been but one moon, and countless hundreds of tills it had warmed.

And they were sore vexed, like one batter. And they swore large blue swears, and he caused to be placed in all the newspapers in the land, one want ad, "Please return our dollar."

Came a time when one house that is in the East, and which didst send out catalogs which are called "silent salesmen" didst make answer, saying: "Oh ye poor slimps, the wife of thy clothier didst send us thy dollar as payment for stockings, shekels may come, and mighty few return, and this one is gone forever."

Then the clothier was given the Grand Oriental Razz, And Hornsby spake unto them, "The fruit of our dollar is gone, and a lesson this shall be to all of you, if you couldst build a great city, thus shalt practice as ye preach. Trade with him that smite thee, and sell the truth unto thy family they wife and thy maid servant and they neighbor, must trade within the village, and so must your old man."

And he turned from the water to wine, and fed the poor fishes. And this town grew, and how.

WILL GO TO COLORADO

The many friends in Plattsmouth of Carl Weigel, the genial and able gentleman who has served as organist at the Parmele theatre for the past year, will regret very much to learn that Mr. Weigel is soon to leave this city and expects to go to Colorado Springs and Denver within the next few days.

Mr. Weigel came to Plattsmouth on September 16, 1927 and in the little over a year that he has been a resident here he has grown to be a real factor in the community and a man that was active in everything that would add to the community advancement and Mr. Weigel, while



CARL WEIGEL

having no permanent interest here have contributed to the community far better than many of the long time residents of the community.

The many beautiful numbers that Mr. Weigel has given on the Wurlieter organ at the Parmele has endeared him to the music loving public of the city and it is with the most profound regret that the music lovers learn of the leaving of the city by Mr. Weigel.

Mr. Weigel is a musician of more than usual merit and his talents have not been alone confined to the console of the organ as he has a number of his own compositions and to which he hopes to be able to devote some time in the future.

It is a distinct loss to the community to have this genial and agreeable gentleman leave the city and those who have known Carl will feel a deep personal loss in his going and will retain a warm interest in his future and which should be very bright with the talents that he has in the musical line.

Sheriff Bert Reed was at Lincoln today where he was called to look after some matters of business and also looking in on the state sheriff's convention which is holding its meetings this week.

Avers State Banks Won't Pay Deficit

State Morally Obligated to Make Good on Guaranty Fund, Declares Dan V. Stephens.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—That the state banks of Nebraska "do not intend to pay the deficit in the state guaranty fund" was asserted Tuesday night by Dan V. Stephens, president of the State Bank of Fremont and leader in the legal fight to have the special bank assessment declared illegal, in an address before the Nebraska Historical society here.

"It is useless to talk about the banks paying the obligation," Mr. Stephens said. "It is not their obligation. The moral obligation of the people to pay this deficit cannot be escaped. All the facts prove that the state is morally obligated."

Honor at Stake. "The state can repudiate the debt, if it wishes to do so, but if it does it will be a stain upon the honor of Nebraska that can never be wiped out. There are a few states in the union that have repudiated honest obligations, but they have never lived down the disgrace that followed such repudiation."

Mr. Stephens gave a history of the bank guaranty law, severely condemned the state for "failure to provide proper supervision of state banks," which he said was responsible for the collapse of 264 banks since 1920.

Political control, mismanagement, politically appointed banking department heads, and general incompetence on the part of the state banking department and its examiners were blamed by the speaker for the loss of so much money in bank failures during the past eight years.

Raps Special Levy. He urged the repeal of the special assessment feature of the bank guaranty law and the creation of a banking board composed of five or six experienced bankers, who will choose a banking commissioner and through him supervise all the state banks in Nebraska.

He said if that were done the banks could go ahead and build up a strong bank system and guaranty fund.

He said that unless the changes were made and the special assessment of 1/2 of 1 per cent abolished, the state banks would join the federal reserve system and that the state banking system would end.

Mr. Stephens said that some banks in the state had paid out assessments amounting to three times their capital stock since 1920 and that many banks had paid more than their capital stock.—Omaha Bee-News.

FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA

Forty-five states held legislative sessions in 1927. In all 50,893 bills were introduced and 17,199 became laws, or about one-third of the proposals were enacted. In the same year 947 bills were introduced in Nebraska and 203 passed, or about one-fifth of the proposals becoming laws.

There are twenty-five varieties of native grasses growing in Nebraska's eastern section and more than 125 species of grasses and sedges abounding in the sand hill regions.

There is only one highway of consequence on a Nebraska state line and that is about thirty miles long, between Perkins county and Colorado. Nine highways cross the state line to the south, 7 to the west, 7 to the north and 6 toward the east.

NAVAL DIRIGIBLE ON TOUR

Lakehurst, N. J., Jan. 8.—The navy dirigible Los Angeles took off at 8:45 tonight for a training cruise of more than 2,000 miles which will take it south along the coast to Florida. The craft will participate in the dedication of the municipal airport at Miami, Fla., and then proceed to St. Joseph's bay to the mast ship Patoka.

Lieut. Com. Charles E. Rosen-dahl was in charge of a crew of forty-five officers and men aboard the ship. He expected to reach Miami in twenty-seven hours, following the coast line on his flight south.

WOULD DROP DUTY ON COLLEGE BELLS

Washington, Jan. 6.—Authority for the secretary of the treasury to admit free of duty a set of 26 bells to be imported for Iowa State college, Ames, to complete a carrillon, was asked in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Cyrenus Cole of Cedar Rapids.

The original set of 16 bells of the carrillon was presented to the college by Edwin M. Stanton in 1899 and was admitted free of duty.

Read the Journal Want-Ads.

Putts Reads on Trial Today for the Last Time

Former Shenandoah Bankers Into Federal Court on Bank Charges—Father 85 Years Old

Creston, Ia., Jan. 7.—An aged banker, 88 years old, tonight awaited the start of the trial that will either send himself and his two sons to prison or free them from charges growing out of the failure of the First National Bank of Shenandoah. For 14 months, Thomas Read and his sons, Elbert and Henry, have been under indictment under nine counts of misapplication of funds of the bank and of falsely reporting the condition of the bank to the controller of the currency. Numerous times the trial date has been set, only to be postponed at the request of one or the other side, sometimes by both sides. Now, counsel for both government and defense say, all is in readiness and no continuance will be sought.

If the Reads are not convicted at this trial, government officials say, no further charges can be brought against them. All the indictments that can be made are included in the nine under which they go to trial tomorrow.

These allegations, in general, are the same as those on which the three bankers were unsuccessfully prosecuted in October, 1927, at which time some of the indictments were thrown out, the cases on the rest were dismissed as far as they applied to Thomas and Elbert Read and the jury disagreed as to Henry Read.

In the present indictments, one kind of misapplication of funds only is alleged, that of diverting funds paid to the bank by Carl McClure to

private use. Two kinds of false report are charged, that of reporting the wrong amount of Liberty bonds borrowed and of reporting wrong amount of dividends unpaid.

Each of the nine counts carries a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment and a fine of five thousand dollars.

The case is to be presided over by Judge Munter of Lincoln, Neb.—World-Herald.

WARRANT FOR ALMA RUBENS

Los Angeles, Jan. 8.—A bench warrant was issued by Judge Elliott Gibb for Alma Rubens, film actress, when she failed to appear in court here today to face trial on a charge of disturbing the peace. The charge against Miss Rubens was brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Uhl, owner of an apartment court in which Miss Rubens lived. In municipal court at the time of the issuance of the warrant were Rita Carewe, film actress, and her husband, Leroy Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Flinns Fox and Mrs. Uhl. While Mrs. Uhl filed the charges against the actress the others were to appear as witnesses against her. Miss Rubens is charged with holding "wild parties" at her bungalow apartment.

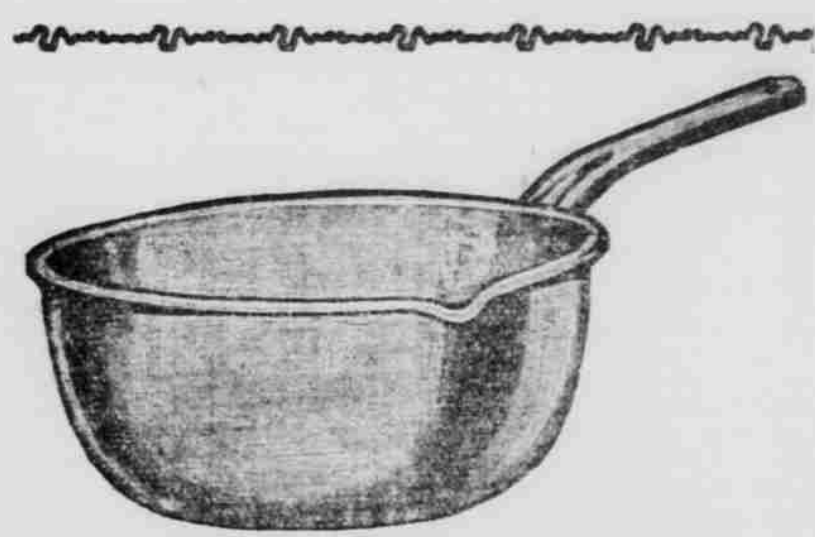
MAYOR HAGUE RELEASED

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 7.—The recent arrest of Mayor Frank Hague, democratic leader, on a legislative warrant was declared illegal, in a opinion handed down today by Vice-Chancellor John J. Fallon. Hague was arrested November 22 as a result of his refusal to testify before a legislative investigating committee a few days before the November election. The vice-chancellor's decision was given in a habeas corpus action instituted by Hague. He declared the arrest, under which it was proposed to bring Hague to trial before a joint session of the legislature, for contempt, was void.

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