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### EDITORIALS

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## Policy vs. Nebraska Statutes

The following is the article maintaining at least one tavern from the Lincoln Star, May 1, which caters exclusively to regarding the sale of the license Negroes."

McArthur charged that Robinson was himself being discriminated against. The lawyer said Robinson had been unable to find a Negro buyer for his business and the Council policy was improper because "it applies to only one licensee."

City Attorney C. Russell Mattson, who said he had tried to avoid a direct discussion of the subject, told the commission, "We in Lincoln do not want the problem of colored persons asking to be served" in taverns which usually do not accommodate them.

City Attorney C. Russell Mattson apparently has little regard for the laws of Nebraska and is resorting to policy.

### Howard University Founder's Day Observed

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Dr. Edward J. Sparling, president of Roosevelt college in Chicago, was the principal speaker at the 85th Founder's Day program at Howard university, March 31, Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of the school, announced.

Two graduates of the university will be honored at the occasion. They are Dr. Clarence F. Holmes, dentist of Denver, Colo., and Dr. Thomas W. Turner, head of the division of science at Hampton institute, Hampton, Va.

**THE CITY ATTORNEY'S** comments came at a hearing on an appeal from the City Council's denial of an application by Burdette and Evelyn Johnson to buy the beer license now held by Dave Robinson at 223 No. 9th. The Johnsons are white; Robinson is a Negro.

Robinson, who has entered a sale contract with the Johnsons, surprised his attorney, Edwin F. Dosek, and the John's lawyer, John McArthur, by his testimony that he did not understand that the purchasers intended to move the business to 17th and O to serve white patrons.

**MATTSON EXPLAINED** that the "underlying reason for the City Council's action was a desire to comply with its policy of

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by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent  
**STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Nebraska's Senators (4)

Algernon S. Paddock, who served two terms as United States Senator from Nebraska (1875-81, 1887-93), was one of that distinguished group of territorial pioneers who came to Nebraska as young men and who occupied positions of prominence in the territory and state throughout their lives.

He arrived at Omaha in May, 1857, coming up the river by steamboat. He was then a young man of 26, having been born in Glens Falls, N.Y., November 9, 1830. He had attended Union College, taught school, and studied law.

Young Paddock pre-empted a farm near Fort Calhoun, but spent most of his time in Omaha, serving for a while as an editorial writer for the Omaha Republican. His strong anti-slavery views and evident ability soon won him a position of leadership in the newly-born Republican party. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and the next year—largely through the influence of his friend, Secretary of State William H. Seward—was appointed secretary of Nebraska territory, a post he held until Nebraska became a state.

Mr. Paddock ran for the Senate

when Nebraska entered the union, but was defeated by Gen. John M. Thayer. In 1875, however, he won that honor, succeeding Thomas W. Tipton. He was defeated in 1881 by Charles H. Van Wyck, but six years later defeated Van Wyck in the contest before the legislature. Senator Paddock tried for a third term in 1893 but was defeated by William V. Allen. During the interval between his two terms in the Senate, Mr. Paddock served as a member of the Utah commission.

Senator Paddock rought to his task an intimate knowledge of Nebraska and the West based on long experience. As secretary of Nebraska territory, he had been active in raising troops for the Union cause and in providing for the defense of the frontier. As senator, he exercised his great ability unstintingly in behalf of Nebraska's interests. He secured the first river and harbor appropriation for Nebraska, was instrumental in retaining the headquarters of the Department of the Platte at Omaha and in establishing a road to the Black Hills.

As chairman of the committee on Agriculture, Senator Paddock was in a particularly good position to serve his constituents. He worked to build up the agricultural bureau and helped to bring about its change to departmental status. He was instrumental in securing cattle quarantine and meat inspection laws. He was particularly active in support of pure food legislation.

Senator Paddock's greatest enthusiasm was the state of Nebraska, in good times and bad. He was, indeed, one of the new state's

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