

Democrats Fear Bross' Report on Budget Plan

Legislature, for First Time in
History, Faces No Defi-
ciencies—Caucus Hears
Heated Debates.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—After calling a caucus last night at the Lindell hotel for the advertised purpose of outlining a plan of legislative action in accordance with the desire of the people, the first thing house democrats did was to bar representatives of the press from the meeting and lock the doors.

However, it was learned on good authority, that two propositions, the budget and the Bryan administrative council plan of government, were the prime factors in a rather heated series of debates extended over a two-hour period.

The Bryan plan isn't any too popular among many democrats and an effort, successful for a time at least, was made to keep the democrats from open revolt from the administration leadership.

Democrats Embarrassed.
While practically every democratic member is pledged to a repeal of the code, many, guided by Governor Bryan's remarks during the campaign to the effect that he would re-group code activities under constitutional officers, pledged themselves to this plan. It became popular among many voters.

Now, Bryan has gone before the legislature with his executive council plan, and it admittedly has embarrassed many democrats, who informed their supporters at home they favored the original Bryan plan of bestowing code duties on constitutional officers. However, a plea for harmony, until it was learned definitely just what Governor Bryan recommended in his budget message, won temporarily. Action taken by the house this morning in inviting Phil Bross, former secretary of finance, to appear before it tomorrow to go into an open, comprehensive explanation of departmental expenditures during the biennium also came in for attention.

Democrats, after they voted for

Legislators in Caricature



JACK KROH of O'GALLALA-YOURE RIGHT-HE'S AN EDITOR

SEN. W.N. CHAMBERS OMAHA- NEW MEMBER

Bross to appear and after the governor learned of the house action, didn't like the proposition. This, because again it will be called to their attention before the public that the code and budget, both inaugurated by the McKelvie administration, are responsible for the fact that for the first time in history a Nebraska legislature isn't obliged to face deficiency appropriations.

Every effort is being made to make the budget unpopular by calling it cumbersome and unwieldy in an effort to keep the fact from the people that the budget system is the first system that has ever throttled deficiencies.

However, it was decided that it was too late to rescind their action of the morning by attempting to keep Bross from the floor of the house and the best plan would be to throw in a few sarcastic remarks and thus cover, if possible, the facts Bross might develop.

Didn't ask information.
No one, excepting Theodore Osterman, democrat, objected to the appearance of Bross at the time the request was made by Tom Dysart, Omaha.

Governor Bryan, who almost daily makes bitter remarks about the budget system, was asked if he had requested Mr. Bross to clear the details which designed the governor. Bross, before resigning, volunteered to remain at the statehouse 15 days, free of charge, to aid Governor Bryan.

"No, I didn't ask him to help me, excepting that I requested all code secretaries to remain on the job until the legislature decided on what form of government we should have," the governor replied.

South Dakota Interested in Anti-Klan Measure
Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Members of the South Dakota legislature have evinced an interest in the anti-Ku Klux measure introduced in the Nebraska senate.

New Lobbyists Register With Secretary of State
Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—New lobbyists in the legislature who have

Sheriff's Profit on Jail Board Bill May Be Cut Off

Larkins and Chambers Sponsor Measure Changing Method of Purchasing Food for Prisoners.

By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Investigation of charges that the Douglas county sheriff makes thousands of dollars in addition to his yearly salary from board of prisoners in the county jail is promised in a bill introduced by State Senators John L. Larkin and W. N. Chambers, both of Omaha.

The bill itself provides that food for Douglas county prisoners shall be purchased and contracted for by some official other than the sheriff. It further provides that the person selected to purchase this food shall make an itemized account of cost of same to the board of county commissioners.

Furthermore, the bill specifies that the sum total spent per prisoner per day for food shall not exceed the 50 cents a day limit set by state statutes. However, it demands that anything less than the 50 cents a day shall be kept by the county and not by officials.

"It is current report in Omaha that the sheriff there, by cutting down board of prisoners to 30 cents and 40 cents a day, has been making thousands of dollars," Senator Larkin said.

"I am not deprecating the value of a good sheriff in Omaha, but I do say that if the state statutes doesn't provide him with enough straight salary it should be amended so he gets what he earns. In short, I don't want the sheriff to help make his salary off the board of prisoners."

"Another thing I wish to be understood on is that I do not want some outsider to come into the jail and supersede the sheriff in handling the prisoners and the food they eat. Under provisions of my bill, the sheriff, if he desires, may consult the purchasing agent chosen and order any food he wants for the prisoners providing the total doesn't aggregate more than an average of 50 cents a day."

Continuing, Larkin intimated that when the bill is considered in committee tangible facts on how much of the 50 cents really went into the board of prisoners in the Douglas county jail would be presented.

The law as it stands provides 75 cents a day for board of prisoners in all counties, excepting Douglas, where it is cut to 50 cents. This, because of the large number confined in Douglas county, often running into the hundreds, and the belief that by wholesale buying for so many the cost per prisoner need not run so high.

However, the Douglas county sheriff in filing a bill with the state auditor for approximately \$7,000 for board of state prisoners charged 75 cents a day. These prisoners are men who were sentenced to the penitentiary and held in the Douglas county jail for weeks and months because of the crowded condition of the state institution.

University Reports on Its Expenditures

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—At the University of Nebraska for alleged failure to report financial transactions are contrary to the facts, according to Chancellor Avery.

"The code-budget law provides that all departments of the state shall make a report to the governor," he said. "It states further that this report shall be in lieu of all other reports. In accordance with the apparent spirit of that, other departments of the state have not published any report. The University of Nebraska has published one. It is the only department of the state which has done so. Its report is similar to that issued by other state universities and is as complete as the expense of compilation and publication permits."

Anti-Klan Bill Advanced in House

Baldridge Only Omahan to Oppose Measure—Ampoker Attacks Bill.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—The lower house advanced the anti-Ku Klux bill to third reading by a vote of 55 to 43.

The fight against it was waged by Ross Ampoker of Keya Paha, who read a statute which he asserted covered everything embodied in the bill. Ampoker branded it as a "useless straggling of the statute books."

"It looks more to me like an attempt to get negro voters," Ampoker said.

Strehlow, Omaha, author of the bill, urged its passage to insure a rapid operation of the law in the event of any trouble in Nebraska with the Klan. Baldridge was the only Omahan man to vote against it. The vote follows:

- For: Allen, Auxier, Axtell, Belding, Book, Broome, Brown, Collins, G. B. Collins, G. S. Colman, Davis (Class), Davis (Furness), Dennis, Dutcher, Eichel, Dyckert, Elasser, Essam, Gallagher, Gilmore, Green, Harrington, Huffins, Hughes, Jacoby, Johnson, Johnston, Kowalsky, Kuller, Kemper, Kendall, Mathers, Minor, Moore, Morgan, North, O'Leary, O'Malley, Osterman, Ottoman, Parkinson, Pollard, Quinn, Raasch, Reese, Regan, Rourke, Schaefer, Smith, Sibat, Sitchlow, Svoboda, Timme, Vance, Wise, Total 55.
- Against: Ampoker, Austen, Bailey, Baldridge, Ball, Barber, Boushassen, Burke, Denmore, Donnelly, Eger, Garber, Gordon, Gould, Hall, Harlow, Hardin, Herferman, Hyde, Keck, Lamb, Landy, McCain, Mears, Mitchell, Noff, Nelson, Orr, Peterson, Reynolds, Soudy, Staats, Thatcher, Thomassen, Ward, Wells, Whitehead, Wilson (Lancaster), Wilson (Dawson), Wingett, Wood, Yachum (Oros), Yachum (Saunders), Total 43.

See Want Ads produce results.

Corrupt Practices Bill Introduced

Anderson Measure Would Put Teeth in Present Law Regarding Elections.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—A bill amending the corrupt practices act has been introduced in the state senate by Senator C. E. Anderson of Lancaster county. The bill is designed to put teeth in the act by eliminating most of the exceptions which candidates are now permitted to make in their campaign statements.

The amendments provided in the Anderson bill permit a candidate for county office in a county casting over 1,000 votes to expend \$400, personal travel expenses added and no more. This sum gradually expands at a lower ratio in the case of the larger counties. Candidates for statewide office are authorized to expend the total sum of \$2,350 and no more—except the personal expenses of travel and subsistence for the candidate alone.

A provision of the new law cuts the operations of "personal friends" to an expenditure of 10 per cent of the principal sum permitted the candidate and requires a report on these expenditures the same as is required of a political committee.

Charges of violation of the law must

Baldridge Would Strengthen Law for Abetting Criminals

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—H. Malcolm Baldridge, Omaha, introduced a bill in the lower house making those aiding and abetting criminals subject to the same sentence as the active agent in the crime. The bill proposed to Baldridge by the Omaha police department is an effort to make it more uncomfortable for dispensers of "hot" or stolen cars.

Timme Fixes Jail Sentence for Drunken Motorists

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Anyone caught in a drunken condition driving an automobile would be liable to from 1 to 10 years in the penitentiary under terms of a bill introduced in the lower house by Herman C. Timme, Omaha. The present law makes the owner of a muddled alcoholic head at the steering wheel a misdemeanor.

Bryan Will Deliver His Budget Message Today

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Governor Bryan will deliver his budget message before a joint session of house and senate tomorrow afternoon.

The ruby is regarded as the heaviest precious stone, followed by the garnet, topaz and diamond.

Uniform Law for Bonds Proposed

Series of Bills Would Regulate Elections on Publicly Owned Projects.

Lincoln, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Placing the majority necessary to vote bonds for publicly owned projects in second-class cities and in counties at a uniform scale of two-thirds is provided for in a series of bills introduced in the lower house by Representatives O'Gara of Cedar and Harlow of Scottsbluff. Instances in which a two-thirds vote would be necessary to carry elections under provisions of these bills follow:

County internal improvement bonds and denying resubmission for a year, if defeated.

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Internal improvement bonds for second-class cities and denying resubmission for a year, if defeated.

Waterworks propositions and denying resubmission for a year, if defeated.

O'Gara stated that at present voters are necessary to carry such propositions ranged from a majority of 1 to 99 per cent and three-fifths majority.

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- Exceptional Values in Irish Table Linens.
 - 70 by 70-inch cloths, \$5.00.
 - 70 by 90-inch cloths, \$6.75.
 - 20 inch napkins to match, a dozen, \$5.00.
- Cross Stitched Huck Towels. Fifty dozen of a most substantial quality, specially priced Thursday, 19c.
- Linen Sheeting.
 - 72-inch, \$2.50 a yard.
 - 81-inch, \$3.25 a yard.
 - 90-inch, \$4.00 a yard.
 - Fine quality all linen, at these very great reductions.
- Turkish Towel Specials for 39c. One hundred dozen beautiful "Snow Drift" white Turkish towels (22 by 45 inches), for Thursday, at 39c.
- Pillow Cases. Twenty-five pairs of hemstitched linen pillow cases for \$3.25 a pair.
- Snow White Satin Damask Cloths and Napkins from Ireland. (New Patterns)
 - 2 by 2-yard cloths, reduced to \$7.38.
 - 2 by 2 1/2-yard cloths, reduced to \$9.75.
 - 2 by 3-yard cloths, reduced to \$12.89.
 - 22-inch napkins to match, \$9.75 a dozen.
- Pure Irish Linen Huck Towels for Important Savings. The hemmed styles, 39c and 50c. Hemstitched hucks, \$1.25 and \$1.75.
- Figured Linen Huck. 15-inch for \$1.15 a yard. 18-inch for \$1.25 a yard. 20-inch for \$1.50 a yard.
- Wash Cloths. Turkish, in fancy designs, 5c and 8 1/2c. Shell edge Turkish reduced to 10c.
- Linen Crash. 18-inch brown linen crash toweling, 29c a yard. 18-inch bleached linen crash for 45c a yard.
- White Goods Are in This Sale. Longcloth, nainsook, dimity, flaxon, luna lawn, English voiles, batiste, checked mull and lingerie cloth, sheer organdies and phantom cloth.

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Continuing Thursday, January 18th

DREXEL'S Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Ladies' Shoes, Oxfords, Pumps

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There are thousands of pairs of oxfords and pumps in satins, patents and suedes, all out of our regular stock and the best makes. There are also several lines of Silver Cloth Pumps. Broken lines and many full lines are included.

This sale includes so many styles and makes that to group them all under a few prices is impractical, but we have marked everything so low that they are going to move very quickly. We urge you to be here when the store opens Thursday morning.



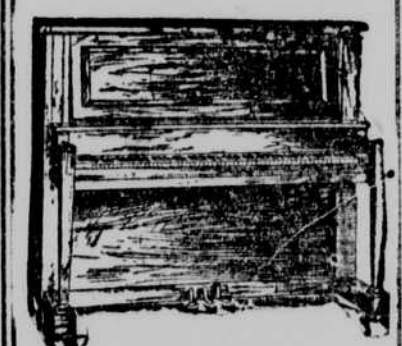
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