

### Dyball's Bills to Change Omaha Election Laws

#### Series of House Measures Increase Authority of Commission—Would Stop Checking of Voters.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Numerous changes in election laws affecting Omaha are included in a series of bills introduced in the lower house by George Dyball of Omaha. Briefly the bills provide:

Minor corrections in boundaries of Omaha senatorial and representative districts.

Empowers election commissioner instead of county clerk to receive primary election proclamations from the governor.

Empowers election commissioner of Douglas county to rearrange election precincts whenever necessary to make such districts contain as nearly as practicable 300 voters each.

Repeals requirements that primary election polling places in Omaha shall be at same place where voters were registered for such election.

Adds Douglas county election commission to list of officials who may print or distribute official ballots.

Forces Metropolitan Utilities district to pay expenses of election of officers of that district.

Provides that Douglas county election commissioner, instead of county judge, shall hear and determine all election contests.

Repeals section of Douglas county election law requiring checking of all registered voters before election.

### Harding May Reinstate Dismissed Employees

Washington, Jan. 26.—An "individual investigation" of employees of civil service status who were dismissed from the bureau of engraving and printing last April by executive order of President Harding is now under way, it was declared at the White House by an administration spokesman, who added that those who "deserve" it will be restored to the payroll.

It was said to be the belief of President Harding that not more than three or four days will be required to complete this investigation.

Announcement was made recently at the treasury that three of the former employees had been reinstated.

### Committee Kills Senate Measures

#### Bills on Second Reading Are Advanced—17 New Bills Are Introduced.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Senate committees today slaughtered a few bills, most important of which was S. F. 14, a bill requiring county treasurers in sending out notices of taxes due to itemize the statement. It was killed without debate.

S. F. 44, increasing the salary of the deputy highway commissioner in Douglas county from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year was killed along with S. F. 33, which provides that county boards in counties under 50,000 population shall serve as highway commissioners.

A fourth bill reported for indefinite postponement was S. F. 18, which reduces the allowance of sheriffs for mileage from 15 to 10 cents.

A number of bills on second reading were advanced for third reading, including the measure defining the qualifications for general manager of the Metropolitan water board of Omaha.

There was a flood of bills introduced in the senate today, 17 measures in all being dumped into the hopper.

### Dental Body Elects Officers



Dr. A. E. Webster, Toronto, Ontario, was elected president of the American Institute of Dental Teachers at the final meeting of the four-day convention at Hotel Fontenelle Thursday.

Dr. E. D. Coolidge, Chicago, was elected vice president and Dr. Abram Hoffman, Buffalo, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Dr. H. L. Wheeler, New York, and Dr. R. H. Bolland, Iowa City, were re-elected members of the board of directors, and Dr. Alfred Owe, Minneapolis, new member of the board.

Before final adjournment, the institute resolved to wind up its business, that it may merge with three other dental faculty associations into what is to be known as the American Association of Dental Schools.

### Legislative Bills

#### HOUSE BILLS.

H. R. 271, by Eason and Others—Bill creating guaranty fund commission and providing for more and complete supervision of banks.

#### SENATE FILES.

S. F. 139, White—County treasurer shall inform owners of real property of amount of taxes against property and accept payment for any annual back tax, where the total is not paid.

S. F. 140, Cooper—Reduces butter fat in ice cream from 14 to 12 per cent, and from 12 to 10 per cent for soft ice cream.

S. F. 141, Allen—Cost of paying interest on government bonds shall be assessed against all property of the city.

S. F. 142, Cooper—Repeals right of physicians and surgeons to withhold professional testimony where parties to pending action offer evidence as to physical or mental condition, or personal representative of deceased offers such evidence regarding deceased.

S. F. 143, Rickard—Provides that county judges in counties of more than 2,500 population may have one assistant, who shall be appointed by the county board.

S. F. 144, Anderson—Repeals action of quiring clerks of the district court to make out a copy of a trial docket for use of the bar before the first day of court.

S. F. 145, Osborne and Rickard—Provides that a majority of organizers of cooperative companies may be formed with or without capital stock and as non-profit organizations.

S. F. 146, Reed and Hastings—Permits owners of land or persons actually residing on land to hunt and fish thereon without a license.

S. F. 147, Ten Senators, at Request of State Tax Commissioner—Repeals law making all profit corporations pay an additional 50 cents for each \$1,000 of paid up capital.

S. F. 148, Nine Senators, at Request of State Tax Commissioner—Repeals law taxing capital stock of banks and trust companies and levying on tangible property tax on all bills receivable, judgments and claims owing such institutions on April 1, each year.

S. F. 149, Ten Senators, at Request of State Tax Commissioner—Provides county assessor appoint precinct assessors instead of election officials as at present.

### Minimum Wage Bill Is Favored After Hearing

#### House Committee Recommends Passage of Gallagher Measure After Four-Hour Debate.

By P. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Nebraska's poor working girl will have her hearing before the lower house of the Nebraska legislature.

The house committee has stamped a favorable recommendation to the \$12 per week minimum wage working girl bill with an amendment attached to the effect that a girl not working by the week should not receive less than 25 cents an hour after she had worked three consecutive months at the same labor, provided she lived in a first-class metropolis city, such as is classified by law.

Favorable recommendation of the bill followed a four-hour debate last night in which the "heartbeats" of the working girl and "bread and butter" story of the employer were revealed a graphic forms by dozens of persons from Omaha, Lincoln and other points in the state.

#### Youth Introduced Bill.

The bill is the creation of Donald Gallagher of O'Neill, a beardless, wireless youth of 23 summers, with cheeks as rosy as apples.

Mr. Gallagher is a university law graduate of recent date and admitted frankly that it was his first effort to do anything for a working girl without hope of material reward.

Mr. Gallagher also admitted that he had been aided and abetted, cradled and cajoled into the bill by Jerry Howard of Omaha, Mr. Howard declared his fight last night for the bill ended 16 years of ceaseless work without compensation.

Mr. Howard told his listeners that the wages paid certain girls in Omaha drove them to shame.

Here Mr. Gallagher waxed eloquent and raised one hand to a Patrick Henry pose.

"Not a person has appeared here to oppose this bill," he shouted, "unless he had a mercenary motive."

"That's a lie," shouted an unidentified Omaha man.

"What do you do?" Gallagher demanded.

"I take in washing," he replied.

"You mean you get good wages to get girls to take in washing," retorted Gallagher.

"He's merely another hireling, Donald," advised Jerry Howard.

#### Teacher Myrs Views.

Mrs. Esther Myers, Lincoln school teacher, declared enforcement of the minimum wage would drive employers to coax boys from schools to work for low wages and would ultimately force a minimum wage law.

Employers asserted it would result in increased prices to consumers, a detriment to clerks working on sales percentages and would necessitate employment of men to take the places of women.

On inquiry, it was revealed that one laundry paid new girls 20 cents an hour, which, if they worked 8 hours six days a week, would give them a wage of \$9.60 a week, and 24 cents an hour after they became efficient, which on the same basis, would return them a weekly wage of \$11.52.

The hearing ended abruptly when O. M. Parke, a Lincoln employer of women, arose and said:

Meeting Breaks Up.

"I am disappointed. They told me Jerry Howard would be a whole show and he has been the show only three-fourths of the time."

"Don't you take me name in vain," Howard shrieked.

"Hurrah! Hurrah!" shouted the crowd as it dispersed.

A number of head salesladies in Omaha and Lincoln department stores, laundry managers and others were present. Some of the well-known men there were: H. A. Jacobberger, Kimball laundry; H. E. Moss, Burgess-Nash; C. W. Russell, M. E. Smith & Co. John W. Steinhart, Nebraska City, president Nebraska Manufacturers' association, was another spectator.

Mrs. Blanche McKelvey, Omaha, took the side of the poor working girl.

### Democrats File Code Repeal Bill

#### Green Would Make All Voters Be Able to Read and Write the Constitution.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Voters must be able to read and write their names and the constitution of Nebraska in the English language, under the terms of a bill introduced in the lower house by J. Reid Green.

Green proposes that the contents of this bill be referred to the voters in 1924 as a constitutional amendment.

Repeal of the code and installation of the Bryan executive council plan, as outlined in Governor Bryan's budget message, is provided for in House Roll 315. The bill, thrown into the house hopper today, contains names of 41 of 43 democrats and progressives in the lower house.

The other two democrats were absent. It was declared by the democratic floor leader that they would affix their names upon their arrival. Not one of the 57 house republicans signed the bill.

#### House Committee Favors Employment for Convicts

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—The house committee on state institutions asked Ross Amspoker of Keya Paha county tonight to amend his bill, providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for building a brick plant at the state reformatory, Lincoln, so it would be optional with the state board of control as to what activity would be started at the reformatory.

The committee appeared to be unanimous in the opinion expressed by Amspoker that "idleness is the devil's workshop," and some employment should be given inmates of the reformatory. The inmates have been kept busy for a year in making it a suitable quarters for them, but now the question of employment is imminent. Gus Miller, superintendent of the reformatory, will appear before the committee Monday.

#### May Register Bees.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—George Dyball, Omaha, introduced a bill today making possible a registry of bees to be kept by the state and outlining housing conditions necessary for the honeybees.

#### Increases Gamblers' Costs.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Convicted gamblers would, in addition to their fines, be obliged to pay expenses of officers who spied on them and caught them under a bill introduced by Dan Heffernan.

#### Vote to Abolish Circle.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—The lower house by a vote of 84 to 26, recommended a bill for passage abolishing the party circle on ballots. There were no party lines drawn.

#### Fixes Commission Rates.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Live stock commission rates are fixed in a bill introduced in the lower house today by Dan Heffernan. At present there is no hard and fast set of commission rates.

### Lincoln Man Injured in Motor Accident

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special)—Henry W. Craig, deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, Max Towle, deputy county attorney, and Clark Jerry, formerly representative, narrowly escaped serious injury, when their car swerved into a ditch and rolled over several times, finally landing in an upright position.

The accident occurred a few miles south of the city, while the party was returning from Kearney, after taking several boys to the industrial school. A farmer brought the men to a hospital here.

Jerry, in the rear seat, escaped injury aside from the severe shaking up. The other two were in the front seat. Towle has a slight cut on the wrist and body bruises. The tip of Craig's collar bone was broken. Both the latter complain of pains in the back and chest.

#### New School Law.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—A bill introduced by Senator Perry Reed today rewrites the school laws so as to include the first nine grades as a part of public school courses, leaving three years for the high school as preparatory training for the university.

#### Insurance Agents License.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Qualifications necessary for insurance agents and a system of licensing them through the state department are provided for in a bill introduced in the lower house by Representative Denmore.

#### Would Halt Exemptions.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—Representatives Vance and Davis would submit to referendum a constitutional amendment discontinuing exemption of \$200 in household property from taxation. They introduced a bill to this effect today.

#### Wage Bill Orders.

Lincoln, Jan. 26.—(Special)—The minimum wage bill, recommended by the labor committee for passage, will be a special order of business in the lower house at 2 Wednesday afternoon.

Bee Want Ads Bring Results.

NEW YORK OMAHA MINNEAPOLIS

## 63 Fine Coats In a Phenomenal Close-Out Saturday at Haas Brothers

Every one of these Coats would sell in a regular way at twice and three times these Final Clearaway Prices

Gorgeous coats in the richest, most beautiful fabrics, enhanced with collars and cuffs of fine quality furs. They include the most exclusive styled wraps it has been our pleasure to show this season.

We've Divided These Coats in Three Lots \$19 - \$39 - \$59

Sizes 14 to 38 only. The prices quoted above would fall far short of paying for the Fur Collars and Cuffs on these Coats and Wraps. Just 63 Coats in the house, and they cannot last long.

Startling Offers From Our GRAY SHOP--4th Floor Where Sizes 42 to 56 Are Featured

### All Stout Dresses Remarkably Underpriced

Smart Dresses in both silks and woools—sizes 42 to 54—all favored shades; values that are positively surprising.

Beautiful Dresses of Real Lace shown in both Blacks and Browns—the ideal dress for dinner and party wear—sizes 42 to 48 1/2

### Extra Size Suits to Close Out at \$37 and \$57

Choose from fur-trimmed or mannish tailored effects. Selections are limited, so we advise an early attendance Saturday.

All Extra Size Coats and Wraps at the Season's Lowest Prices

TAKE ELEVATOR TO Haas Brothers "The Shop for Women"

Brown Block 16th and Douglas Streets

## Soft Collar Sale

### Special for Saturday

A cleanup of Delpark, Arrow, Handicraft and other odd Soft Collars that formerly sold at 35c, 50c and 60c, at

3 for 50c

All Sizes--14 to 18

Jadden & Bittner

Sixteenth St. at Harney

The New Dresses \$35.00 New Spring Frocks \$24.50 \$40.00 New Spring Frocks \$29.75 \$45.00 New Spring Frocks \$34.50 Our Cash Prices Are Low

## Coats and Frocks

### That Carry Us From Winter Into Springtime

Coats of English camel's hair cloth that for smart sports occasions, speak well of the excellent taste of the wearer. Wraps of soft pile fabrics make the most charming exhibition in the afternoon or evening.

Silken crepes and fine taffetas portray the most recent mode in dresses. Taffetas choose tight bodices and full skirts, while many of the crepes favor the straight silhouette and draped effects.

Coats \$39.50 to \$119.50 Frocks \$25.00 to \$98.50

Third Floor

## The January Sale of FINE LINENS

Offers an opportunity that is unequalled as far as quality and lowest prices are concerned—and they are the only things that count.

Fine linens of every type, together with towels and toweling, are included in this remarkable event.

## Sheeting and Sheets Reduced

9-4 Aurora bleached sheeting on sale for 48c yard.

72 by 99 Pequot bleached sheets, very special for \$1.79 each.

Second Floor

## Wonderful Sale of Sonia Hair Nets

Single nets, 3c each, 35c a dozen, or three dozen for \$1.00.

Double nets, 4c each, 45c a dozen, or three dozen for \$1.25.

The Cap and Fringe Style in Every Desirable Color.

Truly a value-giving event that should prove profitable to a most every woman, for it is an opportunity to lay in a season's supply for the lowest price possible.

Mail and Phone Orders Filled in Rotation.

Linen Section—Main Floor

HANDY SERVICE STORE—You've Waited!

Central Coal & Coke Co. 414 S. 15th Street JA cksn 3012

HANDY SERVICE STORE—Bigger Dollars!

Thompson, Belden & Co. The Most Recent of NECKERIES. Refreshing, indeed, are these newest neck fixings. For the old wintry frock will take on a springtime air if it collars itself with some of these fancy tabs. They are shown in white or ecru laces and embroideries. Priced from 75c to \$3.50 a yard.