

Indeterminate Sentence Law Repeal Opposed

House Committee Hears Arguments for Indefinite Postponement of Measure to Abrogate Statute.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—(Special).—Reformation rather than vindictive punishment of men in the penitentiary by society was urged upon the house judiciary committee tonight by some of the foremost men and women in Nebraska in arguments for indefinite postponement of the Bryan bill repealing the indeterminate sentence law.

"When I was a girl 18 years old, I began taking an interest in penitentiaries and convicts," Mrs. Beas Gerhart Morrison, University pace, a well-known prison worker, said.

"They had the striped suits, the shaved heads and the lockstep at our penitentiary then. If two prisoners were seen talking together, they were under suspicion, and under the rules, if four were congregated they must be dispersed."

Working in Fields.

"Today, I can drive past the penitentiary and see dozens of men working on the penitentiary farm, a mile distant from the institution, without a guard. That wasn't true when I was a girl."

"What has caused this transformation?"

"On what is their hope based?" "On the indeterminate sentence law, which, in effect, is a promise by society that if they behave and show a spirit of redemption, their sentence shall be closer the minimum than the maximum."

Forty States Have Law.

"The first indeterminate sentence law was passed in New York in 1870 and is still on its statute books. Forty other states have followed in the wake of New York."

"Does our state wish to stop the dial of hope at midnight for these men?"

"What is your idea of a penitentiary, an institution for reformation or one of punishment and protection to society?" H. Malcolm Baldrige asked.

"Reformation," Mrs. Morrison replied, "because without reformation, society can never be protected."

Warden Gives Views.

"True, judgment of officials has been faulty at times," Warden Fenlon said. "All humans err, but I would rather show mercy and make an occasional mistake than to show no mercy at all."

"Warden, how many of the men in your institution are there to serve their second or more terms?" Donald Gallagher asked.

"We have 590 men today and 59 are second timers," the warden replied.

"Who knows," said the warden, "but that your boy, my boy, or some other lad will forge a small check some time, and would you want that boy on a flat sentence, or would you want him to be given an opportunity to make good and get his sentence reduced?"

Beal Opposes Change.

"The trouble is the public thinks all of the men in the penitentiary are criminals," Henry Beal, Douglas county attorney, said.

"In the four years I was in the county attorney's office, I don't believe 25 of the men convicted were criminals at heart. The remainder were men who had committed their first crime."

"We should not look at a prison as an end, but as a means to an end," Judge Howard Kennedy of Omaha said.

"Men, to reform, must have hope that reformation will bring reward," Gus Miller, superintendent of the reformatory said.

"Twenty years ago the average age of convicts was from 40 to 50," Mrs. Lillian Leavitt, Lincoln, said. "Today, it is from 18 to 25. We must not burden these young men against a society which you would make a vindictive society."

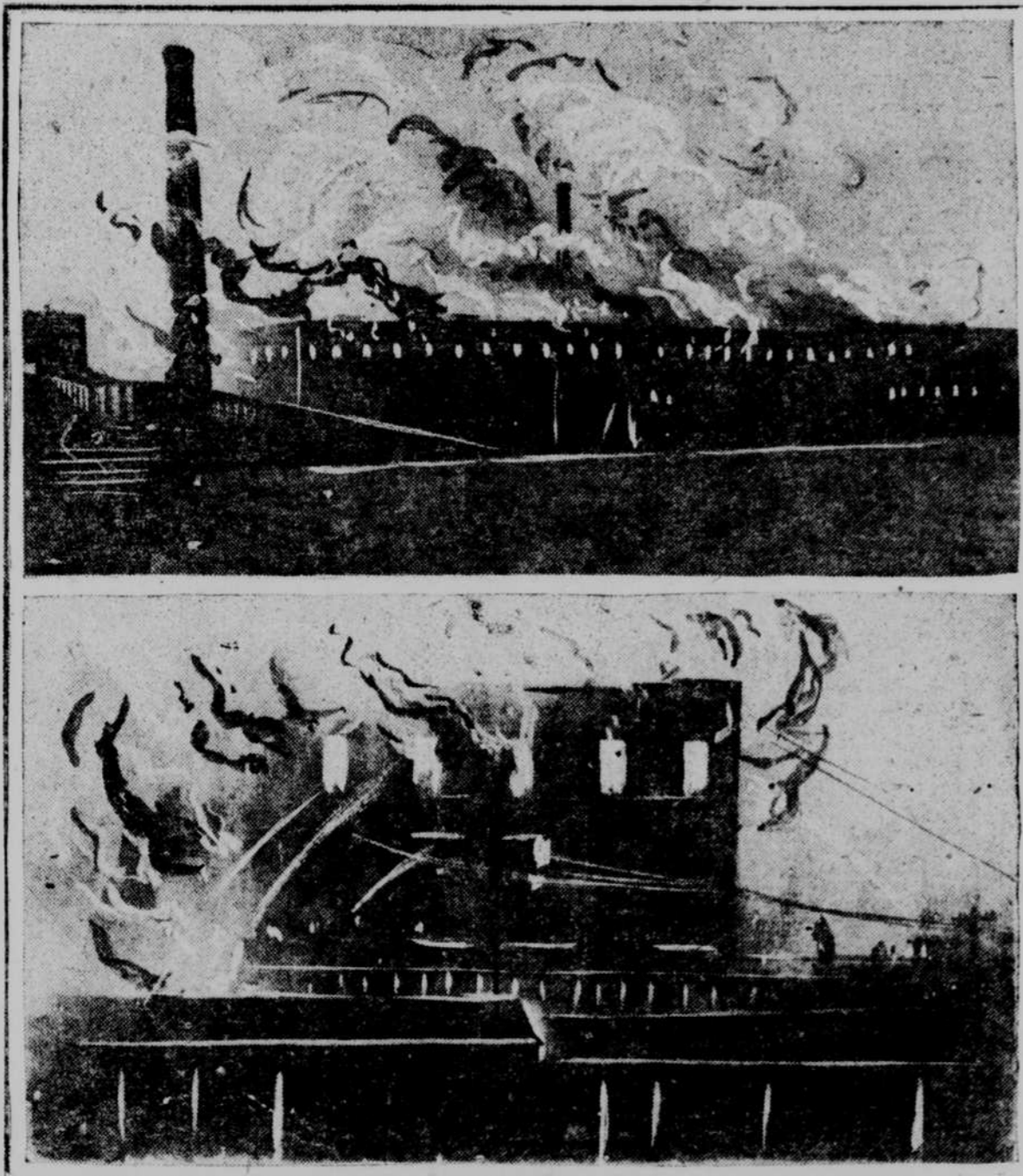
The committee took no action on the bill tonight.

Suspends Fund Draft.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—(Special).—Attorney General Spillman received word today that District Judge Fallworth has suspended temporarily his order for a draft of \$187,000 upon the state guaranty fund, in connection with the failure of the Holdrege State bank, pending hearing March 5. Spillman had denounced the order as illegal.

The maharajah of Cooh-Behar, 7 years of age, rules over 600,000 people in India. His income, without taxes, is about \$150,000 a month.

Views of Fire in Armour Sausage Plant



The Armour fire started in the top floor, in the sausage department, and worked its way to lower floors of buildings 18 and 19.
Below is view of the fire from L street viaduct, showing dense clouds of smoke.

Bond Issue Bills Passed in House

Two-Thirds Majority Required for Public Improvements in Cities and Counties.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—(Special).—The lower house today passed on third reading a series of the O'Garra-Barbour bills making voting bonds for improvements more difficult. These bills, all carrying the emergency clause, which means they become effective immediately after the passage in the senate and signature by the governor, call for two-thirds vote on county bond issues, parks and public grounds in cities and villages, county and city internal improvement bonds.

When a bill came up calling for two-thirds vote to make enlargement or improvements on city waterworks it was killed, and the present law for a majority vote stands.

Another bill killed called for a re-

duction in potato grading fees from \$3 to \$3 per carload.
Other bills passed on third reading follow:
Making legal artisan's lien on automobiles and other vehicles.
Makes bootleggers liable for damages suffered by a person in consequence of liquor sold.
Validates all real estate conveyances on record for 10 years regardless of defects or irregularities.
Makes tapping gas or water pipes unlawful.

State Fair Sunday Closing Bill Killed

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—(Special).—The state fair Sunday closing bill was killed in the child welfare committee by a vote of 6 to 5.

Secretary Danielson of the state board of agriculture opposed the bill, while church delegations from Lincoln and University Place spoke in favor of it. Danielson told the committee that the passage of the bill would cost the fair \$15,000 to \$20,000. He said the only concessions operated

on Sunday were church dining rooms and practically the only entertainment was sacred concerts.

The committee also heard several exponents in favor of the bill for the standardization of motion pictures by a state board of censorship, to consist of three members, each drawing \$3,000 a year. One of the arguments advanced in favor of the bill was that it is favored by a good many motion picture theater owners to get away from the movie trust.

Plan Cantaloup Acreage.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special).—An acreage of 200 acres of cantaloupes will be secured here to test the adaptability of this region to produce and market cantaloupes in competition with Rockyford, Colo.

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Rigid Economy With Road Funds Plan of Senate

House Measure Permitting Use of Dragging Funds for Extensively Treating Highways Is Killed.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special).—The Nebraska senate went on record this morning as opposed to permitting county boards to use road dragging funds for dragging or otherwise extensively treating highways by killing H. R. 86.

It was a sense of rigid economy which provoked the onslaught against the bill, with speakers declaring that if this was permitted, the next step would be paying. Shaalenbarger, Tomek, Hillan and Rickard spoke against the measure.

The senate refused to pass a resolution giving Secretary of State Charles W. Pool permission to take state records into court at Omaha. Pool had been ordered to bring the original department records and

papers applying to the Waterloo Creamery company case to Omaha.

Cooper, Thielen, Saunders and Wittke spoke against the resolution, claiming that certified copies were all that are required, and if the Omaha federal judge had issued a valid order, no further action by the legislature was necessary.

Bills Reported Out.

These bills were reported out to the general file:

S. F. 92, Fries—Establishes educational or experience qualifications for county surveyors.

S. F. 93, Larkin—Stiffens auto-stealing law and makes mutilated engine number evidence of theft.

S. F. 121, Hastings and Anderson—Adds a new penalty to present bad check law, with provision for abatement of prosecution on payment of check and costs under certain conditions.

S. F. 123, Cooper—Strikes for marriage law provision for court investigation in default divorce cases.

S. F. 49, increasing the salary of the deputy county surveyor of Douglas county \$500 a year, was indefinitely postponed, as was S. F. 16, the Ku Klux Klan bill. A similar Klan measure is pending in the house.

Measures Advanced.

Bills advanced to third reading were:

S. F. 100, permitting investment of state funds in irrigation district bonds.

S. F. 106, making paving assessments payable annually for 19 years instead of 30 years.

S. F. 109, reducing interest rate from 5 to 3 per cent and requiring three-fifths vote to carry school bonds in Omaha.

H. R. 117, authorizing governor to donate Burket Soldiers' home to the federal government.

H. R. 123, incorporating the State Press Association and Order of Docs.

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