

Fenton Salary Bill Remains at Same Status

Lower House Spends \$200 in Time Discussing and Voting on Measure Increasing Warden's Pay \$500.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—The lower house spent \$200 worth of the state's time today in arguing as to whether or not a senate bill giving Warden Fenton a \$500 annual increase in salary should be approved. A motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was lost by a vote of 47 to 37. Then a motion to advance the measure to third reading failed by a vote of 39 to 42.

According to the house journal of Frank P. Corrick, the bill went through all of the above parliamentary procedure and emerged in exactly the same position it was before any action is taken. In other words, bill is still on general file and must be considered a second time.

Want Taxes Reduced.

Opposition was based upon the fact that this is a tax reduction year and that the present salary of the warden, at \$2,500 a year with quarters, board and servants, was adequate.

Friends of the bill asserted that the warden was one of the few institutional heads who refused to ask for an increase in salary during the war, that he has built the institution up to one of the best in the country and deserves an increase in salary for such services. The warden has been in charge of the penitentiary for 10 years without an increase.

Among bills advanced to third reading today by the lower house are: Imposing one to five years penitentiary sentence for false cattle branding.

Giving state railway commission power to direct railroads to build cattle and shipping yards where that body believes it is necessary.

Change Compensation Laws.

Giving employees right to seek relief for injuries under either common or compensation laws.

Cutting number of cattle owners necessary to petition cattle inspector in county from 100 to 50.

Providing \$5 to \$25 fine on auto accessory dealers for selling "seconds" and not informing purchasers of the fact they are "seconds."

Series of bills by Dyball of Omaha making minor changes in Douglas county election laws.

Making issuance of parole impossible unless recommendation for same is made by trial judge.

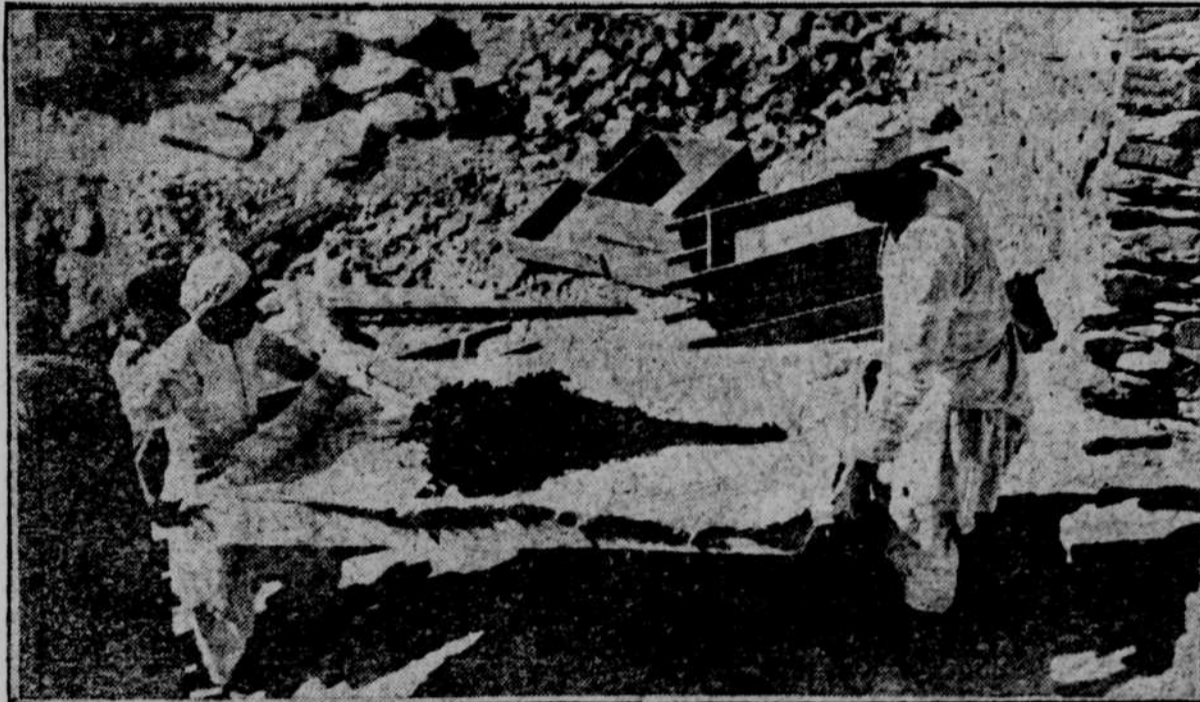
Hotel Phone Charges Will Be Discussed Next Friday

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—The railway commission next Friday will hold a hearing on the 10-cent charges for local telephone messages from Omaha hotels. On Tuesday the com-

Treasures From Tutankhamen's Tomb



Bringing white casket from the recently discovered tomb of Tutankhamen, king of Egypt, who ruled Egypt 3,500 years ago. The excavations are being conducted under the direction of Howard Carter, American archaeologist, and Lord Carnarvon, near Luxor. The casket shown contains valuable fabrics. The relics already found are valued at \$15,000,000. The inner chamber is still to be entered, in which it is expected to find the pharaoh's mummy.



Here is a bouquet 35 centuries old from the outer chamber of Tutankhamen's tomb. The flowers are wonderfully preserved and are of a dark brown color, probably due to the preservative used. The leaves resemble beach leaves. The bouquet is three feet long.

mission will investigate rates on common bricks within the state.

An informal complaint of Giltner citizens against the Burlington, involving change in Aurora-Kearney freight schedule will be heard Saturday.

North Bend Banker Dies.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special).—George Fisher, 79, vice president of the First National bank of North Bend, died at the Fremont hospital.

Modern Pied Piper Leads Wet Raids in Capital City

Switches From Ashman to Wandering Musician in Hunt for Evidence—More Than 80 Arrested.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Through the magic strains of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again," from the strings of a violin in the hands of J. L. Asher, Washington's versatile revenue agent, who for a week has been assaying the role of a modern Pied Piper of Hamelin, more than 80 alleged bootleggers have been uncovered recently and were arrested today during raids conducted simultaneously in every section of the capital. More than 55 individual raids were conducted, netting, in addition to the prisoners, 2,000 gallons of liquor.

Switching his disguise from ashcart driver and coal deliverer, by means of which he recently collected evidence for more than 60 raids, netting as many arrests, Asher last week donned the shabby but gray clothes of a wandering minstrel, selected a harp-playing companion from the detective squad, George Bauer, and from their limited assortment of old-time melodies played their way into the heart of Washingtonians and on to the trails of bootleg whisky.

Much Evidence Collected.

A storehouse full of pint bottles and demijohns of whisky and wine collected by the minstrel revenue agents was sorted Friday night by prohibition chiefs and police and orders given the raiders for their drive today.

All afternoon the patrol wagons hurriedly between the fast-traveling squads of raiders in the various police precincts, carrying prisoners to the station house, while government trucks hauled in the gallons of confiscated liquors.

At one of the busiest station houses during the afternoon stood Asher, clean shaven and well-dressed, an apparent neutral onlooker, calmly identifying prisoners not one of whom, to all outward appearances, recognized him.

Change Disguise.

Their fingers worn by their unaccustomed efforts on the violin and harp, Asher and Bauer, in their quest for evidence, later switched to a grind organ and monkey arrangement. Again they went into other sections as hucksters, the wagons making it more convenient to carry their ever-increasing evidence, while the cabbages and potatoes covered the whisky and wine most conveniently.

In his new garb Asher went several times over the same route traveled recently in collecting evidence for the raids of a week ago. His disguise, however, was complete, and in several instances he obtained evidence from alleged bootleggers arrested at that time.

Another Movie Wedding.

Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—Anna Q. Nilsson, motion picture actress and John M. Culerson, show dealer, were married here last night at the home of the bridegroom, the Los Angeles Examiner stated today. The ceremony, which was witnessed only by a few close friends and relatives, was performed by the Rev. W. C. Martin.

Railroads Are Fighting Grain Rate Reduction

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—Defending present grain rates against the demand of eight midwestern states for a reduction, the railroads are attempting to show that the farmers of this section are not nearly so bad off as is generally supposed, according to Thorne A. Browne, member of the Nebraska Railway commission, who has just returned from a hearing before a federal examiner at Kansas City.

L. E. Wetling, manager of the statistics bureau of the western railroads, presented the argument that the roads earned a net profit of less than 4 per cent in 1922, and denied that the hauling of grain is a paying proposition for the carriers.

Boy Following Rat Trainer Held for Chicago Police

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—Fred Fratton, 14, who started out to accompany an ex-soldier on a tour of the county giving exhibitions with trained rats and guinea pigs, is being held at the Lancaster county detention home at the instance of the juvenile authorities of Chicago. Fratton appeared in Omaha early in the week with Frank McClousky, owner of the rats. The boy had posed as McClousky's brother. McClousky said he had sent the youngster back home from Omaha, but young Fratton came on to Lincoln and was picked up by the police.

Changes in Legislature Favored by Committee

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—A Hardin bill providing for four-year terms for senators and representatives and providing that one-half the members shall be elected each two years has been reported by the house judiciary committee with a favorable recommendation.

Another Hardin bill cutting number of representatives to 50 and senators to 18 has been on general file for some time. Hardin requested that consideration of this bill be held up until action was taken by the judiciary committee on the four-year terms. He wants the two considered at the same time.

Coal Stored at Fremont Is Destroyed by Fire

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special).—Three hundred and fifty tons of coal owned by the Nye-Schneider-Jenks company here burst into flames shortly after noon today as a result of spontaneous combustion. The flames were confined to the coal bin, constructed of concrete. The bin had gained considerable headway in the depths of the high tank in which it was stored and offered stubborn resistance to the firemen.

Committees in House Kill Many Measures

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—The following bills killed today by standing committees of the house: Cutting salaries of legislators. Permitting changes in salaries of district and supreme court judges at any time. Permitting changes in salaries of state officers at any time. Exempting farm improvements from taxation. Establishing grades of ice cream.

Former Resident of Omaha Dies at Sioux City, Ia.

Hershel Gilkeman, 70, for 45 years a resident of Omaha, died yesterday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. A. Berger, at Sioux City, Ia. He is survived by his widow, eight children and eight grandchildren. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 at the home of M. Mayerowich, 4314 South Twenty-second street, a nephew. Burial will be in Ceth Hamedrosh cemetery.

Bryan Defends State's Action in Bank Case

Governor Declares Politics Not Responsible for Investigation of Holdrege Consolidation.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special).—Governor Bryan made an explanation today of his action in the dual failure of state banks at Holdrege.

The governor denied that politics caused him to start the investigation of the Holdrege situation. He pointed out that the attorney general, a republican, and himself, a democrat, acted in harmony. He said further: "Although the action of the district court at Holdrege ordering Mr. Hart, secretary of finance, to turn over \$187,000 of the bank guaranty fund, was entered on December 18, and although Mr. Hart was ordered to pay the money to the so-called receiver on or before December 28, and although Mr. Hart would be technically in contempt of court after the 28th, if the money was not turned over by that time, Mr. Hart did not receive the notice from the court until the morning of January 4, seven days after he was in contempt for not obeying the court order.

"January 4 was the day that the new governor was inaugurated, and the court order reached Mr. Hart just seven days after the time had elapsed in which he was to pay, and he received the order just at the time the change was being made in the state administration at the capitol. The court order Mr. Hart received on the morning of January 4 was in an envelope bearing the card of the district clerk at Holdrege.

The letter, however, was not mailed at Holdrege, but the postmark showed that it was mailed at a railway post-office on January 3. The postmark also shows it reached the Lincoln postoffice at 5 o'clock on January 2, and was delivered to Mr. Hart on the 4th, as stated above.

"The letter that Clarence A. Davis, former attorney general and vice president of one of the banks involved in the failure gave direct to me and to the press was dated February 2, but was not delivered to me until the morning of February 7, and when it was handed to me by Mr. Davis he said that the Holdrege bank was not open that morning."

In reply to criticism of certain state bankers at his action, the governor said: "The action of the state officials in connection with the Holdrege bank matter was approved by a number of bankers while the investigation and the action of the state in securing a rehearing has also been commended by state bankers."

Owner of Fremont Store Announces Bankruptcy

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special).—Frank Wroe, proprietor of the Wroe Variety store, one of Fremont's largest dry goods stores, announced today that he is forced to file a petition in bankruptcy. Omaha creditors, clamoring for returns, are blamed for the action by Wroe in addition to the fire that wiped out his former place of business about one year ago. Wroe stated that he is unable to care for \$12,000 debts held against him. Wroe started in business in Fremont about five years ago. He was also manager of the Wroe Variety Baseball club that traveled about the state the past two seasons.

Omaha Boy Wins Prize in State Essay Contest

Ernest Bendekovic, 14, and an eighth grade pupil at St. Wenceslaus school, is the winner of a bronze medal awarded by the state of Nebraska and \$5 in gold, the prizes for an essay on "Safety on the Highways." State Superintendent Matzen notified Ernest that his essay had won first prize for Nebraska. The contest was sponsored by the highway education board of Washington, D. C. Ernest was a winner in a writing contest on the constitution last June when school children of Omaha competed.

Hooper Man Fined \$100 on Charge of Gambling

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special).—Henry Goetsch, Albert Schaeffer and John Goodman, all of Hooper, pleaded guilty to a charge of gambling in district court. Each paid \$100 fine. The three men were arrested by Sheriff Condit following a complaint from residents of Hooper. Schaeffer was charged with operating a gambling house. He was arrested a short time before in a raid made by Tom Carroll, state law enforcement officer, charged with violating the prohibition act.

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