

### Ku Klux Klan Bill Is Recommended for General File

Senate Committee Acts Favorably on Measure That Has Already Passed the Lower House.

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The judiciary committee of the Nebraska senate, of which Senator Cooper of Douglas county is chairman, today reported out the Ku Klux Klan bill, H. R. 56, with the recommendation that it be placed on general file.

The bill has already passed the lower branch of the legislature. Among other bills considered were S. F. 14, by Allan, creating a state real estate commission and licensing all dealers, and H. R. 78, for the filing of notices of internal revenue taxes. The really bill was killed without discussion while the house measure was sent to the general file.

The following three bills were passed by the senate:

S. F. 154, by Behrens—Validates recording of mortgage, release, or deed in recorder's office and makes suits to cancel or annul impossible for 15 years.

S. F. 153, by Wittke—Extends jurisdiction of constables to serve district court processes.

S. F. 93, by Fries—Sets educational or experience standards of county surveyors.

In the committee of the whole, the senate advanced the Allen bill to exempt religious workers from the provisions of the anti-pass law to third reading. The Kroh measure to allow counties to buy 320 acres of school land for county poor farms, and S. F. 4, providing that county superintendent be elected for four years, were also advanced to third reading.

### Norris Resents House Muscle Shoals Action

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ance of the Ford offer. I am unwilling to give away the birthright of millions of unborn citizens for the enrichment of private corporations at the expense of the taxpayers of America, and I am unwilling to do this even when requested to do it by so high an honorable body as the house of representatives of the Nebraska legislature.

Dealing with Corporation.

"Of course, you gentlemen have studied the Ford offer. You certainly would not ask the members of congress to accept it unless you had thoroughly studied and analyzed it, and if you have thus analyzed it, you are aware of the fact that the only obligation Mr. Ford assumes in the Muscle Shoals proposition, is that he will organize a corporation with a paid up capital stock of \$10,000,000, and that as a condition of the offer, when he has organized this corporation, his responsibility has entirely ceased and we are therefore dealing with a corporation. We turn over to this corporation, in absolute fee simple title, property that has cost the taxpayers of America about \$30,000,000 for the price, but the real estate has enormously enhanced in value since it was purchased.

"It consists in part of two towns, modern in every respect, equipped with electric light, water works and macadamized streets—all built and constructed in an up-to-date manner.

Prodigious Gift.

"This gift to Mr. Ford's corporation is the smallest part of the transaction. In addition, the Ford offer provides that the United States government shall give him a lease on the water power at Muscle Shoals for 100 years; that the government of the United States shall pay all the money necessary to construct and equip the dams necessary to the development of hydro-electric energy, and in addition to this, it is provided that the government of the United States must keep most of this property in repair during the hundred years, for the payment of a very modest and inadequate sum. Mr. Ford assumes no risk for earthquakes, high water or washouts. He pays a small sum annually to the government, which his shrewd lobbyists advocate is an amortization fund, but when analyzed, and Mr. Ford's corporation given credit for every dollar paid at the time it is paid, it is found that it amounts to paying interest on the government's investment at less than 3 per cent annually; and when we consider that this loan to Ford's corporation from the federal treasury runs for 100 years, we can easily see that it is giving to this corporation a gift of the American taxpayers' money so elaborate and so great as to make every legislative job of a similar character from the dawn of civilization fade into insignificance.

How to Interest Ford.

"Taking up now the second proposition contained in your resolution, that Henry Ford be invited to come to Nebraska, and look over the water power sites, I have learned from statements in the daily press that Mr. Ford has declined this invitation, and one of the main purposes of this communication is to give you the benefit of my experience with this business in order that you may change your invitation in such a way as to secure the assent of Mr. Ford to come to Nebraska and look us over. If you

will couple with your invitation an offer to deed him all the water power sites in fee simple, to give him a lease on the power developed for 100 years, and to loan him the money to make the development at less than 3 per cent per annum, and then provide that the electricity thus developed shall be free from any regulation by the Nebraska legislature or any other body, I feel confident that Henry could be induced to reconsider his declination of your invitation and come to our great state and make an examination of our water power resources.

"If I can be of any further service to you in the way of inducing Mr. Ford to accept your invitation, please be free to call upon me. I have the honor, gentlemen, to remain, "Very truly yours, "G. W. NORRIS."

### Bank Bill Goes to 3d Reading

Creates Guaranty Fund Commission with Power of Investigation.

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—With only one audible negative vote, the Nebraska Bankers' association bill was advanced to third reading by the lower house this morning.

This bill creates a guaranty fund commission composed of bankers, who shall have power to examine the records and papers in state banks, in co-operation with the state banking department.

Under the provisions of the bill, this commission may request the state banking department to draw on the guaranty fund and with the consent of the state department, banks discovered to be weak, may be advanced money from this fund. It also provides for a legalization of receivers' certificates.

Members explaining the bill told of the millions of dollars lost in the last two years in failed banks and asserted that if some such step as that contemplated in this bill were not taken, the larger banks would nationalize and the smaller banks would be unable to withstand the drain on the guaranty fund.

It also was stated that receiverships numbering 54, were exceptionally extensive and cost on an average \$600 a month per receiver.

### Public Utilities Tax May Be Left to Voters of State

Senate Committee Suggests Two Amendments to Bill Allowing Exemption on Household Goods.

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Nebraska voters will pass on the question of taxing public-owned utilities, if the provisions of a senate bill which was up for consideration today remain unchanged.

The bill, S. P. 24, originally provided that the question of allowing a \$200 exemption for household goods, should be submitted to popular vote. The committee suggested two amendments which will submit these three issues to the voters in the event that the bill finally passes both branches of the legislature:

1. Allowing \$200 exemption for household goods.
2. Exempting bonds and warrants issued by the state and its various subdivisions, which now go tax free.
3. Taxing municipally-owned public utilities.

The members of the senate were not of one opinion as to whether the three questions should be submitted on one ballot or on three separate ballots and the bill was finally recommended for the purpose of allowing additional study by the committee on constitutional amendments.

The senate adjourned following the joint session this afternoon to meet Wednesday morning.

### Omahans Favor Relaxing Immigration Law for Baby

Omahans have become interested in the case of the baby born to Polish parents just before the family reached this country, and the majority of them declare that even though the immigration quota is filled for the month and the baby has no passport, the little tot should not be refused admittance.

They say that through no fault of its own the baby is in the predicament and that a relaxation of the laws should be made.

"Laws are practical and are for the general cases," said one woman, "but

there are always exceptions which must be met."

### Nebraska Solons to Visit Home for Feeble-Minded

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The house and senate voted today that when they adjourn Wednesday evening, they will not meet again until Friday morning.

This is in order to take advantage of an invitation extended by the city of Beatrice for all members and employees of both houses and newspaper men to visit the state institute for the feeble-minded, to permit them to learn first hand whether the acquisition of additional land for the institution is needed.

The city of Beatrice will furnish a special train for the trip.

### Lawmakers to Visit Home for Feeble-Minded

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 20.—Two hundred members of the Nebraska legislature, some of them accompanied by their wives, will come to Beatrice Thursday morning to inspect the feeble-minded institute east of the city. The visitors will take dinner with Superintendent Stewart, and in the afternoon will be entertained by the pupils. Members of the Chamber of Commerce have arranged to take the solons about the city by auto and show them the various manufacturing plants and other places of interest.

### City Population 209,173, Education Board Figures

Omaha public, private and parochial schools care for 37,988 children of the city's total of 46,483 children of school age. This brings the population of Omaha to about 209,173, according to the calculation of the board of education at its meeting Monday night in the city hall.

The board arrived at its conclusion by multiplying the number of children of school age, determined by school census, by 4 1/2.

### Tuition Remains Unchanged for Country Students

Battle Is Waged in Legislature Over Attempt to Reduce Tuition in High Schools.

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—City and country legislators held solid lines today in a hot fight over a bill to lower high school tuition for country students from \$3 to \$2 a week. The city denizens won by a bare majority of two and the bill was killed.

This measure has been the subject of discussion for several days. Country legislators assert that country students are at more expense for their schooling without tuition because their parents are obliged to pay transportation and board and room.

When confronted by statements to the effect that the \$3 a week doesn't pay the tuition now and the \$2 would be even further from the actual cost, country members asserted that if frills were taken from high schools the tuition charge would meet expenses.

City members asserted that if such procedure would really cut expenses they would accept the bill. However, they asserted that such a reduction would be merely placing an added burden on city residents, who, they asserted, now pay more in taxation than country residents.

Finally, agrarian members offered to compromise by amending the bill so \$2.50 would be the tuition charge. But the city folks were obdurate and finally won their fight.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

### Beatrice Judge Grants 2 Divorces; Sets Aside Case

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Judge Colby handed down his decision in the divorce case of William McKinley Lawrence against Florence Lawrence, giving the husband an absolute divorce and awarding the wife \$500 alimony and the custody of their only child. The family formerly lived at Auburn, but Mrs. Lawrence located at Wymore some time ago.

A divorce was also granted to Anna Berry from John Berry.

Otto and Edith Hrdlicka, who recently became entangled in a divorce action, appeared in court and requested that the decree be set aside.

### Farmer Pays Too Much Interest, Says Mathers

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—A. N. Mathers, speaker of the house of representatives, in an address before the Lincoln Association of Credit Men, said that too high interest rates are preventing prosperity of the farmer.

"High and impossible interest rates make the farmer a tenant instead of a land owner and make him only 50 per cent efficient," said Mr. Mathers. "Interest rates on land security should be from 2 to 3 per cent instead of from 6 to 8," he said, "and loans for operating expenses should be obtainable at from 4 to 5 per cent instead of 10 at present."

### Three Officers Find Giant Still at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 19.—Sheriff Talbot, in company with Deputy Sheriff Frank Crable and Marshal Stieger of Callaway captured what is perhaps the largest hootch factory in this part of the state. The house containing the unlawful stuff was located on the John Stapleman farm, 13 miles northwest of Callaway. The result of the haul includes 34 barrels of mash, six copper stills, three of them operating; several stoves, 49

Jugs, three pressure tanks, two tire pumps, rubber hose and part of a sack of sugar. The alleged operators, William Talbot and Hiram McClure, are awaiting trial.

### Direct Election Favored.

Lincoln, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The lower house by a vote of 57 to 35 passed the resolution memorializing


congress to submit to state referendum the proposition of direct election and abolishment of the electoral college.

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