

Bill Giving Bryan Power in Oysters Placed on File

House Judiciary Committee Overridden When 20 Republicans Join Democrats on Vote.

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—Twenty republicans joined with democrats today to put Governor Bryan's bill on general file. The governor's bill gives him power to suspend any police chief, mayor, county attorney, sheriff or police officer pending outcome of an oyster suit. The bill had been recommended for indefinite postponement by the house judiciary committee.

"I will vote to put it on general file because I don't want to be put in the attitude of voting against the governor's bills," Representative Mears, republican, said.

"I don't believe our governor is of such small caliber that he would use the power this bill vests him with to satisfy political or personal spite," Representative Baldrige, republican, said.

Violates Constitution, Is Charge.

"The bill violates one of the principles of our constitution, the right of every individual to a trial before conviction," Representative Dycart, chairman of the judiciary committee, asserted.

"The law now gives the governor power to direct the attorney general to start oyster proceedings in the supreme court and such proceedings can be handled with dispatch," Representative Amspoker asserted. "We should remember the governor is made of the same clay as the rest of us and can be swayed by prejudice just like I can."

"Under this bill a public officer isn't given as much consideration when a charge is filed against him as a bootlegger receives," Representative Densmore said.

"It would put a lot of power in the hands of three or four disgruntled people in a community with political influence, who desired to put a public officer in bad repute," Representative Dycart asserted, rising to speak a second time. "The bill doesn't only refer to officials charged with failure to enforce the liquor law, but gives the governor power to suspend an official charged with any offense."

Says Legislation Is Needed.

"It is a bill needed badly because it gives the people, through the governor, an opportunity to reach political police officers in towns and cities who always have passed the buck to the sheriff," Representative Regan said.

"A number of organizations have asked me to support the bill," Representative Keck affirmed.

Fifty-eight voted to put the bill on general file, 26 voting to sustain the committee and 16 not voting. One democrat, Broome, voted with those in favor of keeping the bill off general file.

Those voting to sustain the committee are: Barbour, Belding, Broome, Colman, Davis of Cass, Densmore, Dyball, Dycart, Essam, Gallagher, Gould, Hall, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Johnston, Keifer, Keyes, McCain, Miner, Reece, Staats, Strehlow, Wise.

Absent and not voting: Bailey, Davis of Fillmore, Hettler, Burns, Johnson, Wilson, Lancaster, Wingert, Ward, Smiley, Reynolds, Pollard, Osterman, O'Malley, O'Gara, Parkinson, Lamb.

Creditors Seek to Cancel Contract to Sell Hotel Lease

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Attorneys representing more than two-thirds of the creditors of the defunct Nebraska Building and Investment company today filed two petitions in an attempt to force the trustee in bankruptcy to bring an action to cancel a contract of sale made with Rome Miller of Omaha for the Fontenelle hotel lease by the former directors of the company.

It is asked that the trustee be ordered to file a petition against Rome Miller for an order to show cause why his contract for the purchase of the Fontenelle lease and his \$25,000 mortgage on the Scottshuff hotel given to secure his first payment on the purchase price, should not be held void.

The second petition recites that E. C. Eppley present operator of the hotels, has made an offer of compromise and an offer of direct purchase for \$900,000.

Ex-Checker Champ Sentenced

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—Chauncey Lema, former champion checker player of Nebraska, was sentenced to two to 15 years in the state reformatory Monday afternoon in district court, when he changed his plea to guilty to a charge of highway robbery. He admitted holding up a street car conductor, asserting that he was "broke" at the time. He is an ex-soldier.

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Miss Blair, a stenographer of St. John, N. B., was selected as the prettiest girl of the Dominion when she was named "Miss Canada" at the Montreal Winter Sports Carnival.



Winifred Blair.

Smith Tram Bill Reported to House

Changes in Law Governing Street Railway Extensions Favored by Committee.

Lincoln, March 5.—The house committee on corporations voted a favorable recommendation on the Smith bill changing the present law governing the Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway company as regards extensions and franchises. The bill provides the following:

That all extension of tracks granted shall be with written understanding with city that in no event can a perpetual franchise be evolved out of the grant.

That if it is agreed, as the city contends, that the present franchise of the tram company expires in 1923 it will take a majority of electors to decide whether consent shall be given to the company to continue operation.

That motor busses may be used by tram company to carry passengers to points leading from ends of various lines.

Corporation Counsel Lambert explained that the bill drawn by him was aimed more to clarify the present law than anything else and provide a clear way to handle the franchise matter in 1923. Representatives of the tram company were present and did not fight the bill although they refused to admit that the franchise expires in 1923.

No Inquest to Be Held Into Death of Fremont Man

Fremont, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—No inquest will be held in the death of Holger L. Sommer, 60, Uehling, found dead Friday by Dr. H. P. McKnight in his hotel room. The bullet of a 22 rifle passed through the roof of Sommer's mouth and left a hole in the top of his head. Doctors believe Sommer bled to death as a result of the wound.

Friends of Sommer state that he had made threats to take his life. He is said to have been dependent upon financial worries. Sommer never married. His only surviving relative is a nephew, Arthur Sommer, Oakland, Neb.

Militia Troop to Be Formed by Citizens of Fremont

Fremont, Neb., March 5.—Fremont will undoubtedly have a troop of National guards made up of citizens in the near future as a result of plans launched by F. V. Stine, disbursing officer and adjutant general of the Nebraska division. The idea was placed before the chamber of commerce today and given a vote of approval and support. The company will be organized for protection of citizens and property in time of riots or disturbances. The state and government bears a share of the expense in maintaining the company. Mr. Stine said.

Wife Seeks \$15,000 for Sale of Rum to Husband

Grand Island, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Charges in a damage suit brought by Mrs. Charles Boyle, wife of a plumber, against Daniel Bushhausen, former saloon man, are that he has been supplying Boyle with liquor more or less for the past three years, with the result of rendering Boyle physically unable to pursue his work and destroying the peace and comfort of the home. The plaintiff in the case seeks restitution in the sum of \$15,000.

\$50,000 Loss When Lumber Yard Burns at Hastings

Hastings, Neb., March 5.—Fire, believed to have been started by defective wiring, almost completely destroyed the stock of the Pauley Lumber company Saturday night. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000, part of which is covered by insurance. The yards will be rebuilt at once.

Ice Cream Bill Hearing Set.

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—The bill reducing butterfat requirements in ice cream has been set for special consideration at 10 Thursday morning.

New Takes Oath of Office as Mail Head

Washington, March 5.—Harry S. New, who completed a six-year term as United States senator from Indiana yesterday, took the oath of office today at the 49th postmaster general of the United States. He succeeded Hubert Work of Colorado, who was promoted by President Harding, to be secretary of the interior, in place of Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, resigned.

Dr. Work witnessed the swearing in of the new postmaster general, then went immediately to the Department of Interior where he was sworn in as the head of that department. He is the 28th secretary of the interior.

At the War department, Dwight F. Davis of St. Louis was formally inducted into office as assistant secretary and a short time before Secretary Weeks left for a vacation of two or three weeks at St. Augustine, Fla. Representative-elect Wainwright, Mr. Davis' predecessor, will remain with Mr. Davis a few days to aid him in lining up departmental affairs.

Four Inmates of Soldiers' Home Expire on Same Day

Grand Island, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Four deaths reported in a single day among the members of the soldiers home are evidence of the rapidly decreasing ranks of the veteran soldiers and their wives. They were: Mrs. Rebecca Smith, 76, passed away at the home. Her husband survives.

James A. Heard, 79, died at Lexington, where he was visiting a daughter. His wife survives.

Horton S. Collard, 78, who in a moment of delirium, walked out of the upper story of the residence of his daughter in this city some weeks ago, died today. His wife survives. Interment will take place at Beatrice.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunting, 74, admitted from Grand Island, died. Her husband succumbed in 1908.

Infirmities of age were an important factor in each case.

John Watson, Old Resident of North Bend, Succumbs

Fremont, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—John Watson, 56, oldest resident of North Bend, Dodge county, died. Watson came to North Bend in 1879 and operated a nursery. Not until a month ago was he forced to remain within doors. He is survived by his widow and four children, Fred Watson, Omaha; Mrs. John Shriver, Mrs. F. W. Young and Archie Watson, North Bend.

Bee Circulation Men Guests at Gayety Show

Old Man Johnson of the Gayety theater entertained the circulation men of The Omaha Bee at his Town Scandals Indoor circus, Monday evening. Thirty of the men who distribute the paper and give service on its circulation were invited to attend.

Ex-Head of Typographical Union Dies in Colorado

Colorado Springs, March 5.—(Special)—G. Scott, former president of the International Typographical union, died here last night after an illness of 10 days.

Held for Car Theft.

Loup City, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Sheriff J. A. Thrall has returned from North Platte with Charles Fells, who is accused of stealing a car belonging to Charles H. Fels. When arraigned in county court Fells waived preliminary hearing and was bound over. He is now in the county jail.

Anti-Cigaret Bill Killed.

Olympia, Wash., March 5.—The house today killed a bill to prohibit smoking of cigars in Washington.

Market Week Draws Crowd

Merchants of State Flock to Omaha to Look Over Latest Fashions.

The spring merchants' market week opened yesterday with many out-of-town merchants already in town and scores arriving on every train. Many merchants, after obtaining hotel accommodations, went directly to jobbing houses to view the big displays of new merchandise.

The visitors were expected to register at the Chamber of Commerce on the 11th floor of the Woodman of the World building. The festivities opened with a reception and dance at the chamber last night.

Many eastern firms are taking advantage of the influx of merchants by placing displays in hotels about the city, and practically all display rooms in the larger hotels are said to be occupied.

Beet Growers to Get More Pay on Crop for 1922

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Sugar beet farmers of the North Platte valley will receive \$650,000 in cash April 2 as an additional payment on the 1922 crop, according to an announcement by the Great Western Sugar company today. This will be paid out of the factory district of Scottsbluff, Gering, Bazaar and Mitchell, and will bring the total paid for the 1922 beets to \$4,500,000 with further payments assured if the sugar market stays at or near the present level.

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Bonar Law Cabinet Man Loses Election

London, March 5.—(AP)—Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, minister of health in the Bonar Law cabinet, has been defeated in the by-election for the Mitcham division of Surrey by J. Chuter Ede, the labor candidate.

Col. F. G. Stanley, under-secretary for home affairs, who was defeated in the by-election for the east division

of Willesden, tendered his resignation to Premier Bonar Law today. Colonel Stanley was defeated by Harcourt Johnstone, nephew of Gifford Pinchock, governor of Pennsylvania.

Fairbury Mill Burns.

Fairbury, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—The Fairbury alfalfa mills valued at approximately \$20,000 burned at 4:27 Monday morning. The building is a total loss. It was partially covered by insurance. The mill was owned by W. P. McClucas and Ora Cox of Fairbury.

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Slander Misdemeanor Bill Is Recommended

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—S. F. 167, making it a misdemeanor punishable with a fine up to \$1,000 to publish "slanders" in political campaigns, without the signature of the person or organization publishing the document was recommended for passage by the judiciary committee of the senate Monday afternoon.

The committee on privileges and elections reported out the following bills:

S. F. 168—Requiring voters by mail to swear out their votes before the hour of closing the polls in Nebraska on election day.

S. F. 297—Extending the hour of closing the polls from 6 to 8 p. m.

S. F. 290—Originally increasing number of sample ballots from a tenth to a half of the number of official ballots printed, but amended by committee to a quarter of the number of official ballots.

Senate Passes Four House Bills on Third Reading

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—(Special)—Four house bills were passed by the senate on third reading Monday afternoon and now go to Governor Bryan. They follow:

H. R. 219—Provides for bonds against general city property in towns of 5,000 to 25,000 for paving in front of U. S. postoffices.

H. R. 71—Requiring drivers of rigs conveying school children to stop before railroad crossings.

H. R. 123—Provides for incorporation of Nebraska Press association and Benevolent and Protective Order of Doves, and Elks' auxiliary.

H. R. 118—Permits incorporation of dioceses and other church units in Nebraska.

Jacoby and Courthouse Bills Passed by House

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—Without a dissenting vote the house today passed the Jacoby bill, which doubles the present inheritance tax.

Another bill passed on third reading provides that when counties contemplate building a courthouse and when 75 per cent of the total cost of the building is raised, work of erection may start. The bill was aimed to take care of conditions existing in Richardson county.

Telephone Companies Wage Bitter Fight on Rate Bill

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—Representatives of the Northwestern Bell Telephone and Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company waged a bitter fight in the house judiciary committee against a bill which would make all rates maximum and eliminate the present fixed charge or minimum rate set by the state railway commission.

Axtell Bill Killed.

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special)—The house banking committee voted tonight to kill the Axtell bill calling for a \$1,000,000 appropriation to start a state-owned bank. The project proposed is similar to the one launched in South Dakota.



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