

Douglas County Sheriff Bills Start Hot Words

Thomas and Special Investigator for Committee of 5,000 Fight for Measures Increasing Taxes.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Following hot words between Senator John L. Larkin and Representative George S. Collins of Omaha and D. J. Phillips, a special investigator for the Committee of 5,000, before the house fees and salaries committee, Representative David of Filmore threatened to use physical force in expelling them unless they would talk one at a time.

The argument arose over two bills now in the hands of the committee. One, introduced by Larkin and Chambers, would save Douglas county approximately \$25,000 annually by placing feeding of prisoners in the county jail in the hands of the county commissioners and sheriff and cutting mileage from 45 to 10 cents.

The other, introduced at the request of Sheriff Mike Endres of Omaha, would add about \$15,000 annually to the Douglas county tax roll by permitting him to put nine more deputies on the payroll. These deputies, it was explained, would form a "morals squad" for eradication of vice.

Thomas is Present. Elmer E. Thomas of Omaha was present at the meeting urging the "morals squad" bill and fighting the anti-sheriff feeding bill. All of the Douglas county commissioners were present urging the saving of this \$25,000 to the taxpayers.

It seems strange that for years there was a sheriff in Douglas county and not a word was said about the sheriff pocketing these thousands of dollars until Mike Endres, a reform sheriff, was elected. Thomas said, "Minute he was elected the gangsters began doing everything possible to harass him and this bill is a result."

Endres needs extra deputies to enforce law violations in Omaha. Anyone who knows true conditions knows that to be true.

"I want to say that the remarks made by Mr. Thomas that I introduced this bill at the instigation of gangsters is absolutely untrue," Larkin said. "I never was a gangster, while Mr. Thomas is a reformed gangster."

No Political Motive. "I am no personal friend of Mike Endres. There is nothing personal or political in my motive in urging passage of this bill. I am one of thousands of taxpayers in Omaha desperate in seeking relief from taxation."

"Right this minute we have 300 policemen in Omaha. They are men who will go anywhere and do anything they are told to do," Phillips interrupted.

ple of Omaha I do want to see Mike Endres get a morals squad. One deputy sheriff can really mop up the town better than 300 policemen.

Barrows Salary Bill Up to Bryan

Christian Science Measure Returned to Committee for Specific Amendment.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Former Lieutenant Governor P. A. Barrows' salary claim for \$1,801.89 as acting governor while ex-Governor Samuel R. McKelvie was out of the state is now up to Governor Bryan.

Carrying an emergency clause, the bill finally passed the senate after several calls of the house brought the vote high enough.

Those voting "no" included Witte, Wilkins, Tomek, Smrha, Shallenberger, Meacham, Fries, Banning and Behrens. Anderson, Saunders, Warner and Johnson changed their votes after it had become apparent that the bill would pass.

H. R. 39, one of the so-called Christian Science bills, was again referred to the committee for specific amendment. It provides that school children cannot be examined over the protest of their parents by other than the teacher. The amendment will add "or nurse" after the word teacher.

The Cooper bill, S. F. 135, which prevents medical men from pleading professional confidence in withholding facts in court testimony under certain conditions, was revived in the senate today. The author claimed that the bill had been indefinitely postponed by mistake, and it was returned to the judiciary committee of which he is chairman.

Each-Cummins Law Discussed by House Railroad Committee

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Repeal of the Each-Cummins law was urged upon the house committee on railroads tonight by several supporters of a bill which memorializes congress to wipe the law off the slate.

Thomas A. Brown, a member of the state railway commission, criticized certain features of the Each-Cummins bill. He stated that to repeal would be detrimental to public interest and suggested that the committee amend the bill so amendments to the law correcting undesirable features are requested and the absolute repeal request be eliminated.

Ice Cream Feed Is Given Members of Legislature

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Members of the legislature had their regular biennial ice cream feed today.

Senate Favors Giving Omaha Part of Auto Tax

Division of Road Fund in City and County Meets With Favor—50-50 Division of \$420,000 Planned.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—S. F. 202, the bill giving the city of Omaha half of the \$420,000 paid in for automobile licenses in Douglas county, was advanced to third reading in the senate.

Under the present law, all of the proceeds from automobile licenses go to the county to be administered by the county board on county roads. All of the Douglas county members in the senate are back of the bill.

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Bryan Bills to Be Discussed by Lower House Tuesday

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Republicans and democrats joined today and adopted a motion providing for consideration of the Bryan executive council bills and code modification bills at 10 Tuesday morning, March 13.

Under the motion, the two plans of government will be discussed informally without voting on either. After they have been considered thoroughly, each of the bills will be considered and voted upon separately.

Lower House Passes Three Bills on Third Reading

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Bills passed on third reading by the lower house today follow:

Forcing county at large, instead of school districts, to pay tuition of pupils.

Providing when two or more persons are charged with the same offense they may be tried together.

Nebraska May Collect Full Bank Tax Rate

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—By taking advantage of an act passed by congress during the closing days of the session, the state of Nebraska and local subdivisions may succeed in collecting the full tax rate on capital stocks of banks, which the Nebraska supreme court last week held is intangible property and taxable only at one-fourth rate.

Omaha Man Found Dazed by Farmers

Mystery Surrounds Discovery of Andrew Pamanka on Railroad Tracks.

Fremont, Neb., March 7.—(Special).—Police are puzzled over the incidents leading to the discovery of Andrew Pamanka, 36, found lying in a dazed condition on the Union Pacific road near Mercer. Apparently unable to understand any one of four different languages in which he was questioned, the mysterious stranger is unable to state his case.

Pamanka was lying near the tracks and would have been drawn under the wheels of a passing train if not discovered by farmers nearby.

State-Owned Bank Bill Killed by Lower House

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—The lower house by a vote of 52 to 40 refused today to override a report of the banking committee to indefinitely postpone the Axtell state bank bill.

This measure called for a \$1,000,000 appropriation for establishment of the bank and would force the state to deposit all of its funds in the institution. This money would be loaned at low interest rates to farmers and others.

Those favoring putting the bill on general file declared the same plan had been followed, when the Non-partisan league gained control of the state administration in North Dakota. They declared it had proved a success. Others disputed the claim and asserted it would run the other banks in the state out of business.

Refuse to Fix Adjournment.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—The lower house voted down a motion by G. B. Collins which would force adjournment of the legislature on March 23.

Kill Gambling Bill.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—The judiciary committee voted to indefinitely postpone house roll 469, prescribing penalties for grain gambling.

Governor Issues Second Appeal

Bryan Urges Supporters to Speed Up Postcard Replies—Makes Debate Challenge.

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—Governor C. W. Bryan issued a second 5,000-word appeal today to the people of Nebraska to hurry up with their postcards urging members of the legislature to vote for his executive council plan of government. He issued a challenge to every member of the legislature to a debate at the county seat of each member's district on the executive council plan of government as against the modified code system proposed by Representative Dysart of Omaha and others.

The appeal and challenge were issued at the same hour that the Dysart bill and the Bryan executive council bill were placed on general file in the lower house by the judiciary committee, without recommendation.

The governor charged that paid lobbyists of corporations were in Lincoln working desperately to retain the code. He asserts that the corporations want the present system of government retained because they could influence code secretaries to make appointments which would favor them throughout his administration.

Continuing, he asserted that if the modified code were retained, there would be four governors instead of one.

The governor also declared that the code officers at present are not executive officers but that if the code is retained, the secretaries will become executives.

"The governor would not be shorn of a bit more power under the code modification bills than under the old code law," Representative Dysart asserted.

Prohibition Opposed by Congresswoman

Washington, March 7.—Announcement that Mrs. Mae E. Nolan, who recently became a member of the house from the Fifth California district, succeeding her husband, the late John I. Nolan, had assured the association against the prohibition amendment that she would work for modification of the Volstead act was made last night by the association which said in a statement that Mrs. Nolan had signed up her hand on prohibition as follows:

"I believe in the modification of the Volstead act and am for the control of alcoholic beverages by the government. This would stop traffic in impure liquors that is now a menace to public health; would eliminate the un-American interference with personal liberty that the present laws permit.

"It would remove disregard for laws that do not represent the will of the majority that is a growing danger to our national life."

No Agreement Reached on State Bank Measure

Lincoln, March 7.—(Special).—For two hours Governor Bryan and members of the senate and house banking committees adjourned by Dan Riley, president of the Nebraska State Bankers' association; V. B. Hughes, secretary; Jess Palmer, state-house representative of the association; and Dan Stephens, a prominent Fremont banker, locked horns over house roll 272 which passed the house with only four opposing votes and is now in the senate banking committee.

Representatives of the banking association asserted that they would insist upon passage of the bill as it was received from the house.

The house bill empowers appointment of bankers by the association to act as a commission which can advise the state department to change the personnel of weak officers in weak banks, decide upon receiverships of failed banks and enables advancement of money from the guaranty fund to bolster up banks that are near failure.

Man With Pencil Rings Fire Alarm in Telephone Booth

Norwalk, Conn., March 7.—Joseph Smith, local butcher, killed in a public telephone booth while waiting for a call and killed time by decorating the walls with a lead pencil. Smith suddenly went through the closed door and when he came to fire apparatus was clanging up to the door. His pencil had struck the fire alarm circuit and met the lighting circuit at the same time, causing a short circuit that shocked him and sent him out of the booth.

U. S. Coal Supply Held O. K.

Washington, March 7.—In spite of the long strike of coal miners during 1922, and transportation difficulties which were encountered following its conclusion and during the winter, the national situation as to coal supply is now good, according to a summary of reports from mining districts, issued today by the National Coal association. Almost without exception, the coal association declared, the great producing districts are turning out sufficient fuel to meet current demands, and where any shortages exist, they exist only because of inability of railroads to furnish sufficient cars.

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