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Nebraska in Limelight at Capital

Senators Oppose Election of Cummins as Committee Chairman—Democrats Are Trouble Makers.

Howell Opposes South

Washington, Dec. 12.—Nebraska played spectacular roles in national politics here today.

In the morning, Senator R. B. Howell, republican national committee man from Nebraska, staged a lone and losing fight before the national committee against its action in increasing the size of the southern representation to 41. This is nine more than the southern had in the 1920 convention, and since that time their representation was decreased 22.

In the afternoon, Howell and Norris, by voting for La Follette for chairman of the interstate commerce committee, made the election of Cummins, the regular republican candidate for the chairmanship, and Adams, the democratic candidate, impossible, and as a result, the senate is deadlocked.

Howell's fight on the increased southern delegation was indeed sensational. He pointed to the fact that similar tactics pursued by the republican party in 1912 was the cause of a rupture in the party.

"I fear," he said, "that seeds are now sown that will lead to a similar harvest in the future. In short, the national committee has taken a distinctly backward step in the matter of representation in national conventions. When it is remembered that none of these nine states can be expected to cast an electoral vote for a republican president and yet are given this tremendous advantage in the next convention over those states upon which the republican party must depend for success, it must be realized that the question involved is more than affording representation to southern colored voters. It is a question of justice to the voters of the republican party, who can alone bring success in the next election.

"It should be added that the national committee has awarded 37 seats to the republican party, 37 additional delegates, or 37 more than was provided in the 1921 apportionment, a poor recompense for this step."

The continued insurgency of Howell and Norris on the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee caused conjecture here tonight as to whether the senate would be voted upon again Monday, Howell and Norris will do as Frazier, Magnus Johnson, Ladd, Shipstead, and Brookhart did today, join the democrats and vote for Adams.

Democrats Make Trouble.
The current report is to the effect that the democrats at heart don't want the chairmanship, preferring to let the republicans take responsibility for interstate commerce matters.

The fact that Bruce, democrat, Maryland, voted for Cummins and in so doing the second ballot today kept Adams, democrat candidate, from election is point to in substantiating the charge that all the democrats want to do is stir up trouble.

There was much talk here tonight that sufficient democrats would absent themselves from what the senate future to insure the election of Cummins to the chairmanship. Whether they will have the temerity to do this, now that the chairmanship fight is so much in the limelight, is problematical.

Omaha Light Company Sells All Iowa Plants

Centerville, Ia., Dec. 12.—The Iowa Southern Utilities company of this city today announced the purchase of all the utility properties in Iowa formerly operated by the Union Power and Light company of Omaha.

Jailor Blocks Delivery

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 12.—Three men, led by Vern Vath, arrested by Sheriff Lorenzen in a shack on Shoremaker Island in Platte river Sunday, are reported to have figured in an attempted jail delivery. Jailer Vance discovered the plot just in time to prevent its success.

Roads Must Pay Back Taxes

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—In an opinion issued today, Attorney General O. S. Spillman and his assistant, Hugh Lamasters, declare that they have no authority to release the Kansas City & Northwestern railroad from payment of back taxes, so that it may resume operation.

Labor Will Fight Control by Tories

London, Dec. 12.—The executive board of the labor party issued a communique this afternoon saying it had decided, in the event of labor being invited to form a government, that the parliamentary party should immediately accept the full responsibility of the government of the country with any form of coalition.

By International News Service.
London, Dec. 12.—The labor party today decided upon a "constitutional revolt" against the tory government of Premier Stanley Baldwin. At a meeting of the executive committee, the decision was taken to defeat the tory government in the house of commons at the first opportunity.

Grebe Assault Trial Opens at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 12.—The trial of William Grebe, constable, charged with assault and battery in the recent grand jury indictments against county and city officials, opened here today with testimony by Elmer Gaines, the plaintiff.

Gaines testified that he and his brother, Harold, were assaulted on the night of May 21 by Grebe as they were returning from an alumni banquet at Valley. They left Valley in a motor car about 10:30, Gaines said, and when about a mile and a half from Plattsmouth a light was flashed on the rear of their car and some one ordered them to halt. Not knowing who it was, they increased their speed. Later, Gaines said, Grebe's car drew alongside them and the constable shot off a front tire from their car. Grebe jumped out and ordered them to halt.

"I asked him who he was," Gaines said, "and he struck me in the face and said, 'That's who I am.' They then showed me his badge. He did not have a search warrant and did not produce any authority for stopping us until after he had struck me. I did not know he was an officer until he showed me his badge."

The Grebe trial got under way only after some trouble in selecting a jury.

Theft Suspects May Evade Return

Mother, Charged With Stealing Sons' Savings, Fights Extradition in Texas

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 12.—Word has reached here that Sheriff Condit may be forced to return to Nebraska with the outlaws Chades and Mrs. Sequira Crogalia, two Fremont Mexicans, being held in Texas on charges of larceny. The Dodge county sheriff won his fight in habeas corpus proceedings, but an appeal made by the fugitive couple may cause considerable delay.

Condit wired that their appeal to the appellate court at Austin, Tex., will cause delay in the proceedings and that he may start home without his prisoners.

Man Sleeps at Steering Wheel; Car Over Bluff

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 12.—Ralph Young had a narrow escape from death when he fell asleep at the wheel of his car. The machine dashed off a culvert and rolled over at the bottom of a ravine, a wreck was exhibited by Bert Williams and Harry Greaser, Council Bluffs.

Candidacy Announced by McAdoo

Democrat, Opening Boom on Coast, Raps Coolidge for Stand on Rail Mergers and Bonus.

Says Fathered Tax Cut

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—William Gibbs McAdoo announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for president during an address today before the Democratic Luncheon club and the Women's Democratic League.

"I am made to feel that my California friends have designs on me. Whatever the future may have in store, California, at least, is double-barreled for this presidential election. One of the things we are certain California is going to be more on the map in the future than ever it has been in the past."

This was the first political address of the former secretary of the treasury and son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson since the action by the proposal convention in Pierre, S. D., naming him as a nominee in the primaries for president.

The address centered upon the recent message to congress by President Coolidge. McAdoo said the message was "largely a counsel of dourness." The executive's proposal of voluntary consolidation of railroads within seven years to reorganize the freight rate structure was described as a "seven-year itch for reduced freight and passenger rates, with no assurance of relief at the end of the trail."

Veterinarians at Meet Urge State Bureau

Lincoln Named for 1924 Convention—Dr. Moslander Elected President.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 12.—Establishment of a bureau of veterinary activities in the state department of agriculture was urged by the 26th annual meeting of the Nebraska State Veterinary Medical Association at its closing session here today.

Warming Up on Coast

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—The cold snap that has settled over northern California and the mountainous region of southern California, in the last four days, showed signs of moderation tonight.

Has 6 Wives; Jailed

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—George R. Russ, alias Reid M. McKnight, alleged to have had six wives at the same time, was sentenced to criminal court here to serve a year in the county jail on a bigamy charge brought by Mrs. Vera Gee McKnight of Kansas City.

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Beatrice Man Seeks High State Office

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—J. W. Mayer, republican, former Beatrice mayor and for four years chief clerk of the department of agriculture, today filed his nomination for the office of secretary of state. He formally announced his candidacy for the office November 14.

Mayer was a resident of Beatrice for 34 years and served two terms as mayor, but is now a resident of Lincoln. He is also a former president of the Nebraska Municipal League.

Spillman Denies Bryan's Charges in Quinton Case

Attorney General Says His Office Had No Part in Cass County Indictments.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Attorney General O. S. Spillman today took exception to a recent statement made by Governor Bryan declaring his experience in the case of Sheriff Quinton has shown the necessity of special counsel for the governor or the right to appoint the attorney general.

24 Cases on High Court Docket

Session Opens at Lincoln, January 7—Cases Are Announced.

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—Twenty-four cases are listed on the final call of the supreme court for the session commencing January 7, 1924. On the call sheet, issued today by H. C. Lindsay, clerk of the court, attorneys are directed to have all records, papers and briefs which are to be used in the trial of the cases in his office before January 5.

Every Cent Goes for Warm Shoes

Free Shoe Fund 100 Per Cent Efficient—Your Help Needed.

The 100 per cent fund, that is the Free Shoe fund of the Omaha Bee, why? Because every cent of it goes to buy shoes for destitute children. Not a cent is paid anybody for raising the fund or spending it.

Year for Speeding

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The city's battle against the violators of traffic laws reached its high mark when two judges in speeders' court heard 481 cases and sentenced an 18-year-old boy to jail for one year and fined him \$500 and costs. Rubin Lyons was the youth sentenced to jail when witnesses declared he had driven his automobile onto the sidewalk and struck and injured a woman.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Chester Star, Hastings, Neb.; Anna Potts, Trumbull, Neb.; Joseph Strickland, Blair, Neb.; Charlotte Hunt, Brainard, Neb.; William Larson, Omaha; W. B. Parikh, Des Moines; Earl Stender, Kennard, Neb.; Christine Schumacher, Kennard, Neb.; Lillian Haseman, Harlan, Neb.; Neil West, Blair, Neb.; W. A. Parikh, Des Moines; Rudolph Wise, Kennard, Neb.; Rose Luecher, Bennington, Neb.; William Duval, Omaha; Hattie Duvalman, Des Moines; Adolph Duvonny, Axtell, Neb.; Lulu Hanson, Harlan, Neb.; Harold Bell, Fremont, Neb.; Harry Greaser, Council Bluffs; Pauline Rhinsart, Omaha.

That's the Trouble With Inexperienced Help



Dodge County Asks New Census

Recount Sought to Establish Salary Basis for County Officials.

Prizes Awarded at Poultry Show

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Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 12.—There are about 500 birds on exhibition at the annual poultry show here. A. T. Modlin of Topeka, Kan., scored the fowls last evening, the birds being the strongest class. Bert Thomas of Beatrice won first prize and Chester Bonnell of Fairbury, second. Dick Thomas of Shickley, was awarded first prize on cocks and David Mitchell of DeWitt, second. Bonnell also won first on hen and Mitchell first on cockerel.

Bonus Applications Must Be in Oregon by Jan. 1

At the last session of the Oregon legislature the final date for filing applications for the cash bonus or loan benefits under the Oregon soldiers' bonus law was fixed as December 31, 1923. Any applications received after that date will be rejected.

Governor Holds New Cass Sheriff Is Not Disbarred

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—E. P. Stewart, appointed sheriff of Cass county by Governor Bryan after he had suspended Sheriff Quinton, is not disbarred because he was a member of the grand jury that indicted Quinton, the governor said today.

Capper Will Run for U. S. Senate

Vice President Boom Will Not Cause Senator to Change Public Life Plans.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Recent developments in midwest and eastern politics, climaxed last week when the state proposal convention at Pierre, S. D., selected him as a running mate for Calvin Coolidge, won't act as a deterrent in the candidacy of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas for re-election to the United States senate. This fact was made plain by Senator Capper in discussing the vice presidential boom to which he has fallen heir in recent weeks.

The Kansas senator didn't say that he would insist upon his name being kept off any more slate. It seemed from his remarks as though he would accept any endorsements for the vice presidency, but would steadfastly decline to use his personal or newspaper strength in boosting his candidacy along vice presidential lines.

"This vice presidency runs at directly right angles with my plans and ambitions," the senator said. "I do want to run for United States senator again and feel I will be re-elected."

"Of course, I appreciate the recent action in South Dakota. However, I intend to push my candidacy for re-election to the United States senate with as much vigor as though the vice presidency had never been mentioned."

Under cross-examination by Attorney Robert Beatty for the defense, however, the witness admitted that it was not an unusual thing for Souder to come to the county clerk's office looking for records and that Souder had asked for the key to the commissioners' office to gain access to his attic. He was seeking a personal tax schedule in the attic for 1917, it was brought out.

Mr. Beatty's questioning also brought out that the county recorder's office, which had been broken into prior to the fire and that the door between these two offices was kept unlocked.

Shortly before court adjourned until morning, C. E. Hartford, Lincoln, state fire marshal at the time of the fire and now a cigar and confectionery merchant, was called to identify vials containing oil and to establish identification of other articles. He was excused from further testimony because of the illness of his wife.

Green Promises Tax Cut.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The definite promise that the American people will be paying lower income taxes by 1925 at least, was made today by Representative Green, republican, of Iowa, chairman of the powerful ways and means committee of the house, which will have charge of all tax measures.

"I expect to call the full committee together next Monday to take up revision of revenue laws," said Green, "and thereafter to proceed with the work of revision as rapidly as is consistent with accuracy and thorough consideration."

Jurors in Arson Case See Banner

Talesmen Trying County Treasurer Take Whiffs of Exhibit, Introduced After Hard Battle.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 12.—What remains of a charred American flag, which, according to testimony, was found in a log on the second floor of the old Lincoln county courthouse after that structure was burned last April, finally became a part of the state's evidence today in the trial of Samuel M. Souder, former county treasurer, charged with arson in connection with the fire.

Twice before, once yesterday and again this morning, Judge J. L. Tewell of Sidney, presiding, had sustained temporarily objections by the defense to admitting it as evidence, but the prosecution this afternoon was able to work it in while L. J. Butcher, Lincoln, deputy state fire marshal, was under direct examination by George Gibbs, special prosecutor.

Asked what condition the flag was in when found, the witness asserted it was oil-soaked and charred and expressed the opinion it was he himself who pulled it out of the keg.

The defense also introduced it as evidence, but the court sustaining the prosecution and the flag, known as "exhibit No. 22," was handed to the jurors in a pastedboard box and each took a sniff to see if he could detect the odor.

A bundle of tax receipts, also charred, became part of the state's evidence. Cross-examined by Walter V. Houlgaard of counsel for defense, Mr. Butcher told of a search of Souder's farm after the fire, but admitted he "did not find anything."

The state also succeeded in getting into the evidence a batch of what Hershey Welsh, engineer employed by the county, said were burned and torn—county warrant stubs which the prosecution chose to refer to as "Exhibit No. 54," and which the witness said were found in the district courtroom on the second floor of the building by L. N. Dempsey of North Platte courthouse guard after the fire.

They also smelled of oil, according to testimony given by A. E. Larson of Minneapolis, auditor employed by a Cleveland public accountancy firm which made an investigation of Lincoln county affairs.

Theodore Lowe, jr., county clerk, was called to the stand to tell of records in his office on the Saturday preceding the fire which occurred on the night of April 23-24. These included, the witness said, a road fund warrant book and a commissioners' proceeding known as "No. 8," a record of the business transacted by the county commissioners.

Mr. Lowe also testified he recognized "exhibit No. 54" as part of a road fund warrant book, asserting that it contained some of his own handwriting.

"Exhibit No. 20," which was admitted as evidence at the morning session and which the state contends was a part of the county commissioners' record No. 8, was recognized by the witness, who also described a visit he said Souder made to his office on the Saturday before the fire.

Souder Sought Records.
Souder, he declared, asked where road claims were kept and also where the commissioners' record was, and when he was told where the latter document was, he inquired if it was "No. 6." He also asked for and was given a key to the county commissioners' office and was gone for about 15 minutes, returning the key, the witness said.

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Game Warden Gets 300 Pheasants to Distribute

Lincoln, Dec. 12.—George Koster, state game warden, today received a shipment of 300 pheasants, which he is preparing to distribute among a long list of applicants. The department of agriculture, which authorized the purchase had limited, except in exceptional cases, the distribution to three birds to one person, although organizations are entitled to more than that number.

The department of fish and game will receive between 1,200 and 1,300 more birds, which have been purchased at an approximate cost of \$5 each.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., December 12, 1923.
Temperature, mean 23; normal 27. Total excess since January 1, 2.8.
Relative humidity, percentage: 7 a. m., 82; noon, 48; 7 p. m., 44.
Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, .01; total since January 1, .85; excess, .01.
Hourly Temperatures:
7 a. m. 22, 8 a. m. 23, 9 a. m. 24, 10 a. m. 25, 11 a. m. 26, 12 noon 27, 1 p. m. 26, 2 p. m. 25, 3 p. m. 24, 4 p. m. 23, 5 p. m. 22, 6 p. m. 21, 7 p. m. 20, 8 p. m. 19, 9 p. m. 18, 10 p. m. 17, 11 p. m. 16, 12 noon 15.