

SMITH WINS CUMMINS' POSITION

Sleet Storm Moves East Over State

Telephone Company Reports Toll Wires and Poles Down—Snow in Western Part of State.

Zero Predicted by Friday

A heavy sleet storm, which is annihilating telephone service as it moves eastward, is approaching Omaha, according to A. E. McCann, district commercial manager of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Toll lines are all down and many poles are flat between Norfolk, Neb., and Bonesteel, S. D., while direct toll phone service between Omaha and Norfolk is also out of order, due to the sleet. Norfolk is being reached on an indirect wire, however.

Between Grand Island and Kearney, sleet has partially destroyed service. From west of Kearney no reports of sleet have reached the local office.

"It will probably be close to zero by Friday morning," said Meteorologist Robins.

Snow was falling yesterday at Valentine, Neb., and there was snow over Montana, Wyoming, western Colorado and northern Utah.

The lowest temperature in the United States was 6 above zero at Bismarck, N. D. Lowest recorded on the continent was 26 below at Prince Albert, Can.

Valentine reported 18 above; Sheridan, Wyo., 16 above; Miles City, Mont., 14 above.

Carpenter Falls From 25-Foot Scaffold

Dixon Fox, 24, 4203, Q street, fell 25 feet from a scaffold at the new Chicago Burlington & Quincy viaduct under construction at Forty-fourth and Q streets at 12:30 today, lighting on a pile of lumber.

He was unconscious when picked up by fellow employees. He was taken to South 84th hospital by Police Surgeon Young.

He received severe lacerations about the head, and possible internal injuries.

Mellon Tax Plan Hit by Farm Union

Repeal of Esch-Cummins Law and Discontinuance of Tax Exempt Securities Favored in Resolutions.

Want Records Published

C. J. Osborn was re-elected president of the Farmers' union of Nebraska at the annual meeting of the union last night at the Castle hotel. The election was made unanimous on motion of his opponent, E. M. Pollard.

H. G. Cowley, Neb., was chosen a director. He formerly was vice president of the union.

The Mellon tax plan was formally opposed by members of the Nebraska Farmers' union in annual convention at the Swedish auditorium yesterday.

"We are in favor of the excess profits tax and are opposed to the lower surtax," read the resolution proposed by the legislative committee.

Other resolutions follow:

Repeal of the Esch-Cummins law; reduction of freight rates; return to the state railway commission the rate-making powers.

Want All Bonds Taxed.

Make subject to tax all national, state and local bonds.

Examine immigration at its source, in foreign ports, as to mental and physical qualifications, and intentions towards American citizenship.

Amend federal reserve bank law to provide for election of members of the various boards by districts; forbid interlocking of directorates of reserve banks; complete district control of its own banks.

Immediate action by congress to give farmers a better market for their produce.

State Laws Favored.

Recommendation for the state: More power to county road officers in expenditure of funds; less attention to trunk highways paralleling railroads and more money spent on rural post roads.

Repeal of law taxing intangible property at one-fourth value, and making it subject to same tax as other property.

Increase of duties and powers of local school boards in shaping courses of study and directing affairs; opposition to the so-called county unit plan of organization and administration of schools.

Would Change Legislature.

Creation of a one-house legislature of 100 members, elected on a non-political ballot.

Publication in the Farmers' union paper of the findings of the committee that investigated the administration of the state university and state normal schools.

A state income tax law. This was agreed in principle, but the legislative committee was instructed to make a new resolution for future action.

Questioning of all state and legislative candidates on various public questions by a questionnaire to be compiled by the union board; publication of records of senators in last session.

Commission Firms Profitable.

The hearing voted down a resolution asking repeal of law exempting

Program for Native Residents of State

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Native sons and daughters of Nebraska are to have a leading place in the program of the Nebraska State Historical society at its annual meeting in Lincoln January 16.

By the United States census of 1920 there are 735,442 native-born Nebraskans in the state, as compared with 560,920 Nebraskans who are not natives. It is 100 years since the first white child was born in Nebraska at Fort Atkinson, 16 miles north of Omaha. It is nearly 70 years since the first permanent white settlement was established.

A native sons' and daughters' luncheon will be one of the events on the Historical society program. Some and daughters of Nebraska are asked to send their names, stating when their parents came to Nebraska, to the secretary of the Nebraska State Historical society, Lincoln, for enrollment.

Mrs. H. H. Wheeler, Lincoln, will be toastmistress. The general topic is "The Relation of Native Sons and Daughters to Nebraska History."

Can't anybody Get in as Long as That Crowd Stands on the Rear Platform

Democratic Made I. C. C. Chairman

Progressives Demonstrate Control of Balance of Power is Complete—Nebraskans Vote for Couzens.

Repeal of Rail Act Seen

Washington, Jan. 9.—A democrat, Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, was elected today by the senate as chairman of the interstate commerce committee, one of the ranking committees of the new republican congress.

Four insurgent republicans and the two farmer-labor senators threw their support to Smith, thus not only breaking a deadlock which has existed since December 16, but also giving the country convincing manifestation that their control of the balance of power in the senate is as complete as that of the republican insurgents in the house.

On the 32d an official ballot of the deadlock, Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, who has the endorsement of the republican organization for re-election, received only 25 votes as against 29 for Smith and six for Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, who had been the third choice of the insurgents. Smith received only one vote more than the necessary majority of the 54 senators voting.

Organization Nearly Complete.

With the deadlock broken, organization of the 68th congress is complete except for an expected fight over the office of senator-president. The situation as to this matter was somewhat obscure tonight. Senator Cummins is without the endorsement of the republican party conference for this place, as party leaders have held an election to be unnecessary. With the Iowa senator deposed from the chairmanship of the committee which handles railroad legislation, the insurgents have indicated that they would support him for re-election as president pro tem, but there have been rumblings of some opposition from the republican organization.

Whether Senator Couzens remains as a member of the Interstate Commerce committee which handles railroad legislation was questioned today in the senate by some of the insurgents. Republican organization leaders hold, however, that he is a member despite his defeat for the chairmanship.

On the ballot which elected Senator Smith, one democrat, Bruce of Maryland, voted for Senator Cummins as he had done since early in the deadlock, when the insurgents threw their strength to the South Carolina senator and failed to elect him by a margin of one vote. Since that time the insurgents had supported in turn, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, their recognized leader, Senator Howell of Nebraska and Senator Couzens.

The republicans voting for Smith today were Brookhart, Iowa; Frazier and Ladd, North Dakota, and La Follette, Wisconsin. Senator Norris, Nebraska, another of the insurgent bloc, continued to vote for Couzens as did Senators Gooding, Idaho; Capper, Kansas; Howell, Nebraska; Jones, Washington, and Norbeck, South Dakota. On the other two ballots taken during the day the insurgents supported Couzens.

Establishes Precedent, Belief.

If there are precedents for the election by the senate of a committee chairman from the party opposite to that in control, officials fail to recall it, and they have been unable to find a record of it in their search of senate files.

Early organization of the Interstate Commerce committee is looked for and pressure immediately will be brought for approval of bills amending if not repealing the transportation act. It would appear that a majority of the committee is favorable to the repeal of the so-called rate-fixing section of that act and perhaps some other changes, but whether a straight repeal measure can be voted on seems doubtful.

Chairman Smith was one of those who fought the transportation act, both in the committee and on the floor of the senate and it was because of his position on the measure that Senator La Follette, through his sick room, publicly endorsed Mr. Smith for the chairmanship last month, declaring his election would be a "clear cut victory for the progressives."

North Nebraska Tied Up by Storm

Gale, Sleet and Snow Do Damage to Wires—Mercury Moving Downward

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 9.—Telephone communication in north Nebraska and southern South Dakota is paralyzed as the result of heavy sleet and snow driven by a terrific northwest gale. Ice an inch thick on wires is carrying the main lines to the ground.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 9.—Rain has been falling in this section of the state most of the day with the temperature gradually falling this evening. Farmers say the moisture is of great benefit to winter wheat.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—A light rain, followed by snow and sleet, a rising wind and lower temperature, marked today the advent of the second severe weather of the winter.

The precipitation in Lincoln up to tonight was light, but according to reports the entire northwestern section of the state is covered with snow, which is continuing, accompanied in places by high wind and lower temperature.

Member of House Fund Body Charges No Assistance Given by Finance Department in Deficit Inquiry.

Bryan Is Again Absent

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—Politics, which were kept in the background at yesterday's hearing of the senate investigation committee, assumed control of the meeting today, filling the record with charge and counter charge.

Governor Bryan was again absent—in fact, he did not arrive at his office until some time after the hearing had adjourned—but three of his appointees were on hand to deny charges made yesterday.

A report by Federal Engineers Shoemaker and Wonders, who are checking State Engineer R. L. Cochran's figures, given out recently by the governor, was not ready, but will be presented before final adjournment. The engineers were at work until midnight last night and appeared at the department of public works early this morning, ready to continue.

Representative Allen Burke of Cuming county, member of the appropriations committee, opened the session today with an outline of a conversation with the governor during which he was told that there would be a deficiency in the road funds.

He replied that there was a large amount of federal money due the state which would apply on claims, but Bryan discounted his contention by maintaining that the federal government would pay in full.

"He said he would hold the legislature responsible for whatever followed in the road program," the witness testified.

"Did you argue with him about responsibility?" he was asked by a member of the committee. "No, I didn't; none can argue with the governor. You should know that," was the reply.

Burke declared that he and his committee had received no assistance from the finance department during their investigation of Bryan's claim of a deficiency, which brought Secretary of Finance Hall to his feet with an angry denial.

"Any citizen of this state has access to the records," he declared, "provided he applies to the head of the department," and asked Burke when he had experienced his difficulty.

Burke's reply set a date prior to Hall's incumbency and the secretary of finance subsided.

Implement Men Advised to Plan for Big Future

Credits Are Stressed as Most Important Part of Business and Care Is Urged in Financing.

"Why not forget that which is gone and strive to reach a better and more glorious future?" said President M. E. Southwell of Merville, Ia., in the opening address before the convention of Midwest Implement Dealers' association yesterday. One hundred and fifty were present, and 200 more are expected to arrive before the close of the meeting Friday.

He declared that the business of financing should be handled solely by the banks. "If the banks in your community are functioning properly they will extend the necessary credit to finance all who are worthy of credit. If the bank refuses to take the note of a customer without your endorsement, why should you be expected to do so, I want to tell you, that the nearer you can come to a cash basis, the less will be your worries and the less will be the worries of the houses with whom you deal."

Secretary James Wallace of Council Bluffs and Treasurer J. M. Ellwell of Springfield, Neb., read their annual reports. C. E. Gallagher of Coleridge, Neb., read the report of delegates to the National Federation convention. Question box was in charge of Oscar A. Rystrom of York, Neb.

A. T. Jackson of Emerson Branding company of Rockford, Ill., gave a special talk.

Two of the most important speakers of the convention will address the meeting today. H. J. Hodge of Abilene, Kan., secretary of the National Federation of Implement Dealers, will speak on "What the National Federation is Doing for the Implement Trade." Stanley M. Sellers, Lebanon, O., president of the National Federation of Implement Dealers, will speak at the evening session. Special feature will be musical entertainment by the Autolykus entertainers of Faber college, Faber, Ia. Many delegates to the Farmers' union convention were at the City Auditorium yesterday to view the exhibit of the latest in farm machinery.

Dixon County Officers Make Changes for Year

Ponca, Neb., Jan. 9.—Don Maskell has been appointed deputy county clerk in place of Miss Helen Hurley, resigned. At a session of the county board of supervisors James Kavanaugh of Waterbury was elected chairman for the ensuing year. J. H. Montgomery of Wakefield was elected county highway commissioner.

County Clerk George Kolmer, County Assessor William Verzan and Supervisor Bagley are in attendance at the meeting of county assessors and county boards of equalization held in Lincoln.



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Painting Owned by Nebraskan, Thought a Raphael, Is Pupil's

By International News Service.

New York, Jan. 9.—A sixteenth century painting of the type of Raphael's Rose Madonna, owned by Dr. John Stuart Livingston of Plattsmouth, Neb., and brought here by him to determine if it was painted by the great master, today was declared to have been the work of Uddine, an Italian pupil of Raphael.

G. Frank Muller, art expert who made the examination, said that had the painting been a genuine Raphael, its value would have been \$500,000. As the work of Uddine, its value is comparatively small, Muller declared, and he has forwarded his report to Mr. Livingston.

The painting probably dates about 1550 and is of the Raphael school of art, but so far as he knows is not a copy of any of Raphael's own canvases, Muller said. Raphael died in the first quarter of the sixteenth century, according to Muller.

The Rose Madonna was given to Dr. Livingston by a patient. It is now in the hands of H. A. Hammond, Smith for many years restorer of paintings for the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Souder Sentence 15 to 20 Years at Hard Labor

Former County Treasurer at North Platte Must Serve Long Prison Term for Incendiarism.

By Associated Press.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 9.—S. M. Souder, former county treasurer, was sentenced to from 15 to 20 years in the penitentiary at hard labor for the crime of arson in connection with the burning of the Lincoln county court house the night of April 26.

Souder, who was accompanied in the court room by his wife and two brothers, received the sentence without emotion and only broke down and sobbed quietly when he was locked in his cell.

Attorneys for Souder declare that the case will surely go to the supreme court and stated that the sentence was excessive.

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U. S. Pays \$35,345 Into State Road Fund

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I Thank You!

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It's Results That Count

The Weather

The 24 hours ending 7 P. M., Jan. 9:

High, 41; low, 29; mean, 35; precipitation, .00; total deficiency since January 1, .00.

Temperature, inches and hundredths: Total, 26. Total since January 1, 15; deficiency, .00.

Monthly Temperatures:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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THE PLAN IN BRIEF

1. That the United States shall immediately enter the Permanent Court of International Justice, under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.
2. That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as presently constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present cooperation with the League and participate in the work of the League as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which
3. Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in Articles X and XVI.
4. Safeguard the Monroe doctrine.
5. Accept the fact that the United States will assume no obligations under the Treaty of Versailles except by act of congress.
6. Propose that membership in the League should be opened to such nations as
7. Provide for the continuing development of international law.

Do you approve the win-Yes
ning plan in substance? No

(Put an X inside the proper box.)

Name

Please print.

Address

City

State

Are you a voter?