

# Central Bodies Can Be Selected at County Meet

## Man and Woman May Be Chosen, State Attorney General Rules in Opinion.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 7.—The county convention will be justified in selecting a county central committee and in doing so may select a man and a woman, according to an opinion given this afternoon by Attorney General O. S. Spillman to Dr. T. H. Bass, secretary of the Republican state committee.

Since the statute makes no provision for the election of a county central committee, the attorney general's opinion clears up a question that has been troubling county party organizations for some time.

Spillman also ruled today that the state is justified in fixing the quota of delegates each county shall have in the state convention, provided the ratio used shall be based upon the votes cast for the party's candidate for president at the last election.

His opinion, in part, follows: "You inquire if the state committee of a political party has power under the present law to fix representation of the counties of the state convention, and inquire if it would be proper for the county central committee to request the several precincts to hold caucuses to select their succeeding membership of the county central committee in the absence of any law on this subject.

In answer to your first inquiry I would suggest that house roll 247, chapter 70, of the laws of Nebraska of 1923, provides among other things as follows: "The state committee shall fix the representation, in the state convention, for the various counties of the state, on the basis of the vote cast for the party's candidate for president of the state at the last preceding presidential election, and shall make appropriate announcement of such action at least 30 days before the time of holding the county conventions."

"There appearing to be no express provision for the basis of representation other than that contained in house roll 247, as above quoted, it is my opinion that the state committee of each political party is justified in fixing, and has the inherent power to determine the quota of delegates each county shall have in the state convention, provided that when the state committee determines whether the ratio shall be 250 or 150 votes or fraction thereof, or other number for each delegate to said convention, they shall base the ratio upon the vote cast for the party's candidate for president at the last preceding election.

"Answering your second inquiry, I would suggest that although section 216 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1922 was defeated in the referendum, and section 2165 was repealed by house roll 482, chapter 78, laws of 1923, still house roll 247 on page 207 of the laws of 1923, provides sections 2100 and 2101.

"These sections being in the same act, and referring to the same subject matter, should be construed together, and also in connection with the last paragraph of house roll 247, providing for a county convention, and when so construed, in my opinion, authority is given for the election of delegates to the county convention at the coming primary.

"The provision being made for the county convention, and the election of delegates thereto, and the law being apparently silent on the election of delegates to the county convention at the coming primary.

"The original Section 2163 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1922, and which provided that representation in the state convention should be on the basis of one delegate for each 150 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the party's candidate for governor or other state officer by house roll 247, which does not provide for a ratio, but does provide the basis shall be on the vote cast for the party's last candidate for president."

# Stock Shippers Reorganize Body

## 99 Members Signed Up in Revived Emmetsburg Association—H. Miller President.

Emmetsburg, Ia., Feb. 7.—The Emmetsburg Livestock Shipping Association was reorganized at a rally here last week, with a new record membership of 99 signed farmers, following several years of failure to function as effectively as many of its members desire.

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The Emmetsburg gathering decided to adopt the bylaws which the state association had drawn up as a model, and further voted that the contracts would not be enforced nor the association ship another car of livestock until at least 150 farmers are signed up. With 99 men already signed and 90 solicitors at work, it is believed that it will be only a few days before the whole 150 are signed and the group begins to operate effectively under the new plan.

Officers of the new association elected at the meeting include Henry Miller, president; Charles Knute, secretary; and George Osborne and F. J. Clark, directors.

# Adams County Road Program Sets Record

By Associated Press. Hastings, Neb., Feb. 7.—The Adams county board of supervisors has adopted the largest road maintenance and construction program in the history of the county, following a meeting with Roy L. Cochran, state engineer, at Hastings.

Seven miles of the Potash highway north from Hastings and to the Hall county line will be graded and gravelled, and the entire length of the D. L. highway through the county east and west, or 22 miles, will be gravelled. The estimated expense is \$93,000. Bids for the work will be opened at Lincoln February 26.

The county board also adopted a budget of \$21,350 for the maintenance of 213 miles of county highway. The Chamber of Commerce, through its road committee, will mark more than 1,000 miles of highways leading into this city during the spring and summer, using uniform road signs. The chamber will cooperate with similar enterprises in central Nebraska in erecting master signposts at highways intersections.

# County Hospital Wing Completed

## New Addition Will Accommodate 65 More Patients.

New wing of the county hospital has just been completed by the Vaughn Construction company, making room for 65 more patients.

County Commissioner Kubat said yesterday that the additional space will be filled almost immediately.

Work was virtually finished February 1. Contract was awarded to the Vaughn Construction company November 13, on its bid of \$27,273, on the strength of its agreement to complete the work in three months.

County Commissioner Kubat, contractor, brought court action yesterday that a writ of mandamus issue to stop the work, alleging that the Vaughn Construction company was not the lowest bidder.

The writ was refused, however, due to the fact that work had already begun.

# Blair Couple Married.

Mildred Blomberg of Blair, Neb., and Andrew G. Svendgaard of Kennard were married Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at his home.

Geneva—Mrs. T. H. Davis, 68, resident of this city for 30 years, died at the Soldiers' home at Milford, where she had gone temporarily to live with her husband, who became an inmate of that institution last year. The husband, a civil war veteran, died in 1918.

# PARADIO

By Associated Press. Lincoln, Feb. 7.—Program to be broadcast on radio today is as follows: (Central Standard Time.) 7:30 p. m. "The Radio Hour," by M. M. unless otherwise noted.

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By Associated Press. Omaha, Feb. 7. Total receipts at Omaha, 126 cars, against 123 cars a year ago. Corn receipts very light, at 55 cents. Shipments of 100 cars, against 100 cars a year ago. A fairly good demand was noticeable on corn, reflecting the fact that demand from industries, better wire communication today facilitated the movement of grain.

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Wheat closed 1/2 cent lower, corn was 1/2 cent down, and hogs were 1/2 cent lower and 1/2 cent unchanged. The market was not so strong as it had been in the local pit, and this sort of selling finally had a considerable effect on the high price of the crop also.

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