

### Gas Tax Would Permit Federal Aid for Roads

W. H. Blakeman of Norfolk Addresses Joint Good Roads Body—Urges Change in Highway Name.

"A 2-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline would raise about \$2,000,000 annually in the state to meet federal aid of \$4,000,000 waiting at Washington to be taken advantage of by Nebraska," declared W. H. Blakeman, president of the Nebraska Good Roads association, yesterday to the joint good roads committee at the Chamber of Commerce.

In outlining the policies and plans of the state organization, Mr. Blakeman, who lives at Norfolk, said that the body was heartily in favor of a state system of highways instead of the present disjointed county system of nonconnected roads.

"Business is going away from the state and Omaha as well as smaller towns in Nebraska because of the poor roads system," the speaker declared.

The joint good roads committee passed a resolution recommending that the state engineer mark Military highways from Omaha to Fremont as the Blue-Pole road.

Frank Beals, former secretary of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce, has been retained as field man to "sell" good roads to the people of the state.

W. D. Fisher, Sheridan, Wyo., spoke to the committee on the Custer Battlefield highway which enters Omaha through Council Bluffs.

"This road is one of the most scenic roads in the country," said W. B. Cheek, chairman of the joint roads committee.

The financial aid sought by the road association amounts to about \$1,500. A quantity of literature is distributed each year by the group and each piece contains the name of Omaha.

### Nebraska News Nubbins

**Beatrice**—Elmer, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stahl, died at his home near Diller.

**Hebron**—The Hebron Commercial club held its first noonday luncheon with 70 members present. Addresses were made by Attorney J. T. McCullough, Judge Goodhue and T. L. Williams.

**Falls City**—A new moving picture machine has been purchased by the county board of commissioners for use in extension work and community entertainment.

**Beatrice**—George Hunkel, former manager of the farmers' elevator at Holmesville, has purchased the filling station of D. R. Weins in West Beatrice.

**Bloomfield**—At the citizens' caucus the following candidates were nominated: Mayor, J. W. Dart; clerk, Frank Hughes; treasurer, Dale Reynolds; councilman First ward, Hans Andersen; councilman Second ward, T. C. Baker. In the school caucus W. P. Hieenthal and H. R. Van Alken were nominated.

**Beatrice**—Mrs. Edward Craig, 41, old resident of Liberty, died at a hospital at Lincoln. She leaves her husband and two children.

**Falls City**—James Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, addressed the Rotary club. He scored demagogic legislation at Washington.

**Beatrice**—At the C. A. Craig farm sale, east of Blue Springs, horses sold for \$98 to \$100 a head, cattle from \$69 to \$109 each and hogs at market price.

**Elm Creek**—The Elm Creek high school debating team won its third straight victory on the immigration question by defeating Lexington unanimously. The judges were E. V. Clark of state industrial school, Hugh Drake of Kearney and Wald Balcom of Kearney. Superintendent C. S. Hetrick of Elm Creek was chairman. The Elm Creek team is composed of Fred Barber, Ray McFarland and Fogest Carter, with Miss Eltie Travis as coach.

**Beatrice**—American Legion held a banquet for members, wives and friends. Judge Fred W. Messmore was toastmaster.

**Falls City**—The Home Construction company of Humboldt has been awarded the 1924 contract for all bridge work in this county.

**Chadron**—James Skinkle, superintendent of schools at Bluff, will fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Superintendent T. R. Crawford.

**Beatrice**—J. W. Carey, 75, pioneer resident of Gage county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gunther Vogel, at Liberty. He is survived by six children, five daughters and one son.

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### Who's Who Among the Candidates

What do you know about the men and women who are coming up as candidates in the primaries of April 8? Very well, then, here is the information. Who are they? What have they done? Such are the questions that will be answered in this column each day.

#### Oswin Keifer

Oswin Keifer, republican and candidate for congress from the Fifth district, is a farmer from Bostwick. Born on a farm near Bostwick in 1893, he was educated in the Nebraska public schools and is a graduate of the state college of agriculture. Mr. Keifer enlisted in the army in 1917 as a private, serving almost two years with the Thirty-fifth division and being commissioned in the field in France. He has taken an active interest in the American Legion and has been commander of the legion post at Superior.

As a state representative in 1923 he wrote the present bovine tuberculosis eradication law. Mr. Keifer is now actively engaged in livestock breeding.

#### Ruby Larson Hull

Mrs. Ruby L. Hull is the only woman candidate in Nebraska for a place in congress, being a candidate from the Fifth district, on the republican ticket. She was born near 40 years ago in New Sharon, Ia. Her family came to Nebraska a few years later and she grew up on a homestead in the western part of the state.

In education circles of a decade ago she was known as a teacher, writer, and institute lecturer; and attracted attention by a vigorous campaign for better sanitation in rural schools during her incumbency as superintendent in Frontier county. She is the widow of Elijah A. Hull, farmer and stockman, and her married life was spent on the farm.

#### Charles W. Beal

Rural school teacher for four years and editor of the Custer County Beacon for 20 years, is the partial record of Charles W. Beal, democrat, candidate for congress from the Sixth district.

At the age of 38 Mr. Beal graduated from the law college of the University of Nebraska, where he became an undergraduate after his educational and newspaper work. He also spent four years at Hillsdale college, Michigan, prior to his study of law. Mr. Beal has been a state representative and twice a state senator, as well as Custer county attorney.

Mr. Beal was married in 1896 to Miss Kate Willis and has two children, a daughter who is teaching at the Grand Island high school and a son at the University of Nebraska.

#### C. H. Gustafson

C. H. Gustafson of Lincoln, republican candidate for governor, was born at Rockford, Ill., April 1, 1869. Nine months later his parents came to Saunders county, where they took up a homestead. For 47 years Mr. Gustafson resided on the same section of land near Mead.

Mr. Gustafson served in the 1911 and 1913 sessions of the legislature and as a representative from Saunders county and at one time was president of the Saunders County Agricultural association. When the Nebraska Farmers union was organized in 1913 he was elected president, serving until 1921. He is a former president of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., and was a candidate for governor in 1922.

#### Kenneth W. McDonald

Kenneth W. McDonald, a candidate for the United States senate on the democratic ticket, claims Virginia as his birthplace, but the last 42 of his 50 years have been spent in Nebraska. Although a lawyer, until he was 18 years of age Mr. McDonald worked on a farm. In addition he has taught school and sold life insurance.

Educated at Boston university, Boston Law school, and Emerson College of Oratory, Mr. McDonald was admitted to the Nebraska bar and has practiced his profession in the state for the past 20 years.

He has been county attorney of Morrill county and city attorney of Bridgeport, his home. He is now a member of the Bridgeport city school board. He was the choice of the democratic party for attorney general in 1922, but was defeated at the election by the present incumbent, O. S. Spillman.

Mr. McDonald, in 1913, married Miss Ethel G. Irwin, a graduate of Brownell Hall, Omaha, and has one daughter.

#### J. J. Thomas

J. J. Thomas, a candidate for the democratic nomination as United States senator, has the distinction of being selected as a delegate at large to his party's national convention, there being no opposition to his candidacy. The 1924 convention will be his second, he having been present at the convention held in St. Louis in 1916 when the late Woodrow Wilson was nominated.

Mr. Thomas, whose home is in

Seward, returned there in 1891 to practice law and "has been at it ever since." Born in Hancock county, Illinois, January 1, 1869, his parents moved to Nebraska 10 months later, so that he is a pioneer of the state.

He was educated in the Seward High school and attended the University of Michigan from 1888 to 1890, and was later registered at the University of Nebraska. He has served two terms as Seward county judge and one as county attorney. He was a candidate for congress in 1896, but was defeated.

Selected by the progressives as their candidate for the senate, he has secured the nomination of that party by default.

#### D. C. Patterson

D. C. Patterson, democrat, is Omaha's only candidate for the United States senate. Mr. Patterson is originally from Pennsylvania, having come to Wayne, Neb., in 1878, where he opened law offices.

He moved to Omaha in 1885. Thirty years ago he spent the winter at Lincoln, getting a bill through the legislature authorizing Douglas county to develop the Platte river water power, which bill the supreme court upset.

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#### Otto Louis Beemers

Otto Louis Beemers is an opponent of Congressman Willis G. Sears for the republican nomination as congressman from the Second district, which includes Omaha. Mr. Beemers was born at Hooper, Neb., in 1892, but spent the early years of his life at Fremont. He is now practicing law in Omaha.

Mr. Beemers was a student at the Georgetown law university and is a graduate of Fremont Normal college and the National University of Law, Washington, D. C.

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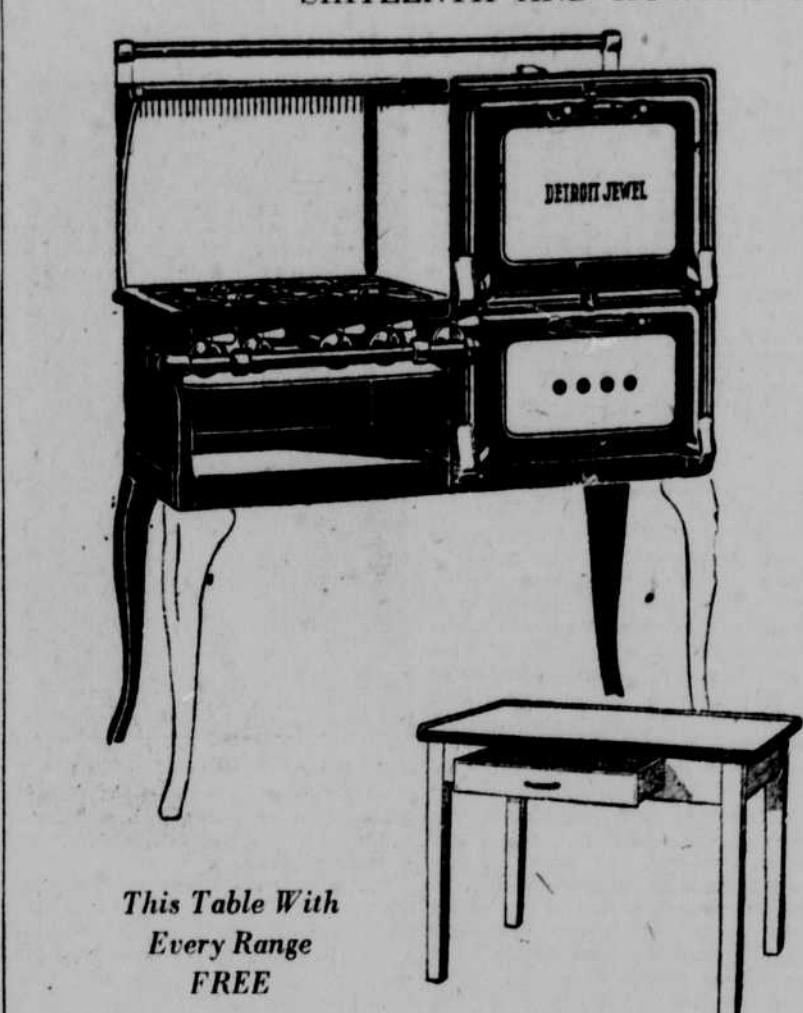
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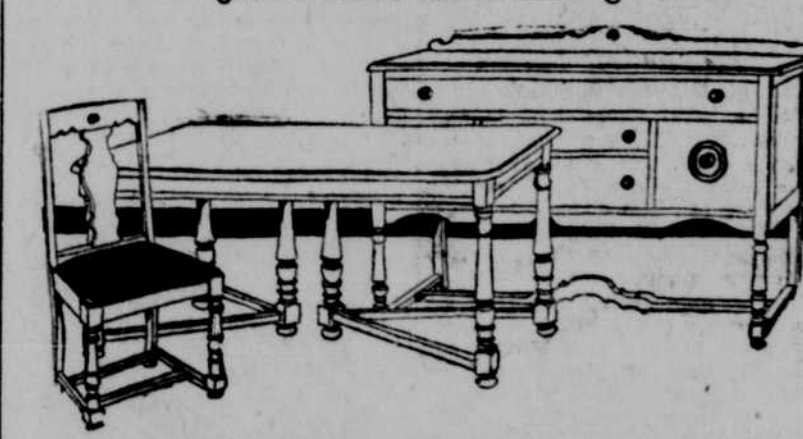
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