### Vote Scandals of ast Dragged Out **Before Senators**

Committee Hears Hot Session as Backers and Opponents of "Word of Mouth" Bill Meet.

By P. C. POWELL.

Lincoln, Feb. 10.-Rival Omaha pocal factions aired their differences we today before the senate privices and election committee in a acing on the "word of mouth" re 1 di bill, pertaining to Douglas antity exclusively.

Representing those opposed to the repeal were Robert Smith, clerk of the Douglas county district court; W. D McHugh, Omaha election commissioner, and R. E. May, assistant election commissioner. The other side Chambers; Joseph Koutsky, city commissioner; John Hapkins, city cominva and John Moriarity, city attor-

Smith in his plea for retention of the word of mouth law reviewed past to go on. "election scandals" in Omaha which he declared resulted in passage of the present election laws. He asserted repeal of the "word of mouth" pro Vision would be a step backward.

minuing Smith denied the charge persons were refused permission and copy their preferences on regular new work for Clarence. The law, he stated, merely provides that persons unable to read or write cannot carry a "gang" list to mark their ballots in accordance with

#### Old Third Ward Mentioned.

McHugh expressed fear that if the provision were repealed, the number "illiterates" might increase by the hundreds. He also alluded to "the old Third ward vote," when practically everyone in that ward was voted by judges and clerks.

Smith had previously alluded to the old Third ward system. Koutsky retorted that there had been a day in June. Bob Smith's life when the old Third ward vote was welcome. In face, ac cording to Koutsky, there had been one election when 99 per cent of the old Third ward voters cast their ballots for Robert Smith for clerk of the district court.

Others favoring repeal of the lav days described by Smith, he (Smith) had chosen election commissioners. Smith admitted the charge, but stated that under laws existing at that time he was forced to choose election commissioners from certain names certified to him by republican and democratic county central committees, and when he attempted to go outside this list to obtain more suitable commis sioners he was threatened with mar

#### Action Delayed.

John Hopkins took a new line of ifficerate men were forced into servtee of their country in the late world was remanded to jail. war and were compelled to .undertake other acts of citizenship. There fore, according to Hopkins, they should be permitted to vote, even if their kelections were written and copied by judges and clerks.

At the request of Senator Chan bers, action of the committee was de layed, pending outcome of a simila tall which has been advanced to third reading in the house and probably will be voted tomorrow.

Following the hearing. Robert Smith denied a report circulating among Douglas county legislators to the effect that he was not backing McHugh for reappointment as election commissioner.

"You can tell everyone I am fo McHush and have recommended his respreintment to Governor McMui len." Smith said.

Smith also attacked an Omaha democratic newspaper which has at tacked him for fighting repeal of the "word of mouth" provision. He read editorials from that newspaper, urg ing passage of the Douglas county election law and other editorials praising the workin gof it after is

Vance Bill Advanced.

The senate advanced the Vance hi to third reading. The bill makes impossible for candidates for oil to run on two tickets. Nother c a candidate flop from one party another over night under provision the bill. He must file with the irty with which he voted at the pre-

ceding primary. The Wiltse bill, calling for a con stitutional amendment to tax pulliely owned utilities, was reported or by the senate committee on const tutional amendments.

After a sharp fight the house kille. the McMaster bill repealing the in termediate sentence law.

Those interested in the passage of the sheriffs' feeding bill, which was advanced to third reading in the house more than a week ago, discovered today it had been misplaced in the committee on phraseology. Sarah T. Muir, chairman of the committee. stated she realized the changing of word or phrase in this bill would mean a considerable sum to the Doughas county sheriff in the next two

"It was plainly a case of misplace ment and I wil ltake special care in song that it is airtight," Miss Muir

The bill is expected to appear on the calendar for third reading to morrow. George S. Collins, legislative representative for Sheriff M's Endres, appeared in state use corridors again today. The house killed a bill providing for four instead of traver terms for members of the

Pawnee City Girl Becomes Bride of Ringgold Merchant

Pawnee City, Feb. 10.—Floyd, A. Render, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. City for a few days before going to Ringgold, where the bridegro m is a

## Nebraska Boy, 15, Blind and Deaf, With Teacher, Visits Helen Keller



Blind and deaf for the last five! years, Clarence Goddard, 15, student realizes that he must do something was represented by Senator W. N. at the Nebraska School for the Deaf, to help his mother," said Miss Johnhad one of his biggest wishes fulfilled son. "He is worrying as to what Tuesday morning. He visited Helen missioner; A. V. Shotwell, Joseph Vo. Keller. Clarence has heard of Miss vocation he can follow. He is study-Keller ever since his affliction and ing hard and keeps at his reed work says that by her marvelous work she at the school. gives others so afflicted the courage

The young man came from Neoraska City Monday night, accom-Jennie Johnson. Miss Johnson has letter, I keep him talking. I don't neen blind since birth. She, too, was want him to forget how to talk. He ated at the prospect of visiting Miss knows the pupils at the school by Keller and ex eased the hope that their hands. a carry marked ballots to the polls the blind marvel could suggest some

Afflicted at 10

pocket for use in emergencies. He associates everything with what he Miss Johnson has taken special in saw when a boy and his good memerest in Clarence since he came to ory is invaluable to him, said Miss the polls and have the judge or cierk the institution there years ago. She Johnson. He is unable to use the said Clarence had spinal meningitis radio, when he was 10 and lay in the news of the day to him. Clarence Methodist hospital here for many has a good sense of humor, she says, months. He was left blind and deaf. and is not morose as most people Clarence's home is at La Mar, Neb., think blind and deaf persons are. small town near the western line "I think Mrs. Macy must be a of the state. Out there Clarence's wonderful woman," said Miss Johnmother is a rural mail carrier and son." endeavors to keep her six children there is some hing I could do for properly cared for in the home. Clare Clarence just as she has done for ence, who is the oldest child, goes Miss Keller."

15 FRATERNAL

meeting will include "Fellowship,"

'Woman's 1. sition in Public Life,

Fined on Two Charges.

court to the charge of illegal posses-

sion of liquor and was fined \$100 and

Beatrice, Feb. 10.-Robert Froz'er

and "Fraternity and Citizenship."

Clarence and his teacher will rehome at the end of the school year in turn to Nebraska City Wednesday. **BOYS TO TRIAL** 

"As Clarence grows to manhood he

Carries Whistle.

sign language and can understand

"Although Clarence has learned the

Clarence carrys a whistle in his

His teacher spells out the

"I am so anxious to know if

ORDERS IN MEET ON GRAVE CHARGES Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 10.-A case inolving three school boys of Adams, also recited ancient Omaha political 10:30 a. m. Thursday for the opening Neb., Bruce Underwood, Jay Varner history and charged that in the old of the annual Nebraska Fraternal attempt to attack Ruth McKnight, and Dan Vangranigan, charged with congress. The meeting will close daughter of N. M. McKnight, wealthy with a banquet at the Elks club at farmer, was called for trial in district with several other carloads, was dug Then Jack Frost came, and he froze 6:30 p. m. Thursday. court today. Subjects to be discussed at the

It is alleged that while Miss Mctacked by the boys, but after a struggle succeeded in freeing herself and wed. A large number of Adams cit- the old A. M. Borst land. Borst died white pleaded guilty in Judge O'Keefe's izens are here to attend the frial.

British Governor Dies.

-and then

Falls City Sent First Carload of Rulo Mine Coal

Meeting With Success, With Modern Machinery Soon to Be Installed.

(Continued from Page One), and already a pile of screenings, waste and shale has made its appearance.

Real Miners Employed.

Lewis also has a screen arrange ment at the loading dump for screening the coal into wagons. Miners, caps, are employed. The mine is admirably located for track facilities, being one-half mile from the end of a stub switch on the Burlington. Lewis hopes to reach a 26-inch vein, for which he states there is a state unclaimed bounty of \$4,000.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee Humboldt, Neb., Feb. 10 .- Coal was scovered near Humbolt over 42 chinery. vears ago, according to old timers on homesteaded land about six miles settler here, and who now lives in Humboldt,

His brother, Frank Eis, now lives for a time locally, but never commer cialized, and the mine is idle today.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Pawnee, Neb., Feb. 10 .- A small de posit of good soft coal is claimed to have been opened on land five miles southeast of Pawnee, about midway between here and Du Bois, by Frank

Blaker, early settler in 1883. The coal burned well, and was used ome time by pioneers around here, some business houses at that time in Pawnee using it. Joseph Streka, now

at Peru in 1915. The land is now owned by a mar- in the morning. For a while she was ried daughter living in Washington content to stay where she was, for it state. The mine was first opened in was very comfortable there. But pres-He asserted that of \$10 and costs for being intoxicat- ryndon, 55, governor of Kenya col- 1906. A small amount of coal was ently she began to want her breakfast ed. Frazier was unable to pay and ony. British East Africa, died at Nai- brought to the surface and sold to Now when Thunderer and Mrs. Grouse neighbors. A block of coal was dug leave their beds under the snow they

out for a sample and loaded in a car burst out suddenly and whirr up into through the crust. They had to give and shipped to Lincoln for state tests, the trees on those stout wings of up because they had tired themselves say. He knew it was true. Later, several wagon loads were theirs. They burst out suddenly so out. They crept together under the was nothing to eat down there, and hauled from the mine to the state that if by any chance Reddy Fox or show. Both knew now what had given normal at Peru. The coal proved to any other enemy should happen to be Mrs. Grouse that uneasy feeling the without food they would soon starve be a fair quality of soft coal.

The men working in the shaft of prise. George, Meade's whereabouts are now in search of her breakfast she started had remained in that tree this would be the started had remained in the started had remained had remained had remained had remained had remained had re he mine were Ike Meade and Steve When Mrs. Grouse was ready to go derer. "If I had heeded you and we unknown. George lives on a farm with that same upward rush as usual, not have happened. Next time I will there. It was dreadful. Can you Richardson County Project near Peru. The first carload ever But she didn't burst out of the snow heed you, my dear." shipped from the mine was loaded by and send it flying in all directions. cams and sent out early in 1907. It She came up against something hard sobbed Mrs. Grouse. "There never veighed 40 tons, was billed from the that stopped her. Instantly she knew can be a next time unless we can get Honey Creek Coal Mine company to what had happened. Once, long, long out of here very soon. We'll starve to J. K. Hays, a dealer at Bloomington,

> In the fall of 1907 another car was shipped to Bloomington, one to Orleans and two to Auburn. The Auburn cars were consigned to J. W. George e 16 inches. In 1907 the state bounty amounting to \$3,000 for the first coal mined and shipped from a 16-inch vein in Nebraska was paid to the Borst family at Peru.

The mine only remained in opera tion a little more than a year, and was never highly developed. Coal is still there. It is claimed that the expense of getting it out was too great for the return received from the sale of the coal, without modern ma

It is also said that the tunnels of there. Surface workings were opened the mine caved badly and the expense of timbering and maintaining them before, she had ben caught under th south of Humboldt, by John Eis, early was too great, and thus the project crust. She beat frantically with he was abandoned.

thus far developed coal mines in Ne that was equally useless on the land. The coal was soft coal, braska, one in Nemaha and one in and was dug out near the surface Richardson county, are bordering the he had started at once. The same with picks and shovels. It was used Missouri river, each mine about a mile thing was happening to him. By and from the river.

#### **Burgess Bedtime** Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The Worst Happens to the Grouse. While Thundrerer the Grouse and living on a farm near Du Bois used Mrs. Grouse sleft comfortably and some. Frank Docekal, early shoe- peacefully under the snow in the maker of Pawnee, now living in Wy- Green Forest things of which they nineral was dug and used until all they had plunged into that snowbank. that was handy at the surface was de- The falling snow very nearly filled the pleted and then the trade died. It is holes they had made when they possible tht more coal can be found plunged into the snowbank. That would have pleased Thunderer had he

idered the first carload of coal ever turned to rain. Of course Thunderer Nebraska, was shipped and Mrs. Grouse knew nothing about from Nemaha county, and was mined this. Had they known it they would and loaded near Wood Siding, a blind have been worried. But not knowing station four miles south of Peru. It it they slept peacefully and quietly was not mined with machinery. It, Toward morning the rain stopped out of a hillside by hand and pick, that wet snow. He froze it until it but the first carload dug in the state had formed a thick, hard crust all Knight was en route home in a buggy was from here. Not only that, but a through the Green Forest and over one night last summer she was at- bounty from the state was paid here, the Green Meadows. When jolly The old mine opening is one fourth round, bright Mr. Sun began his daily mile west of Wood Siding, midway be- climb up in the blue, blue sky he gave the alarm. Their arrest fol- tween Peru and Brownville. It is on looked down on a world of glistening

Mrs. Grouse was the first to waken

close by they will be taken by sur- night before.

"There may not be a next time,"

Thunderer couldn't find a word t "It's all my fault." whispered Thunthat dreadful crust. But they couldn't

> cannot. They had no hope at all. (Copyright, 1925.) The next story: Farmer Brown

think of anything more dreadful?



wings. It did no good. She struck Thunderer had heard her start and

by they had to give up trying to break

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 What the flappers wear in sum-(plural), half of yo-ho.

ry of pain.

"natural" Ask any craphoter (Roman numerals).

lizard. Go to the dictionary or this.

clor of shoes you do not wear of the evening dress.

Exact place. Spanish title. Yes, in Spanish or Italian.

ossessive pronoun (not mine). ovingly known as ball and hain, rib, helpmate, pocket ex-

Quote.
What you think you are after solving a cross-word puzzle.
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