

Republicans to Purge Ranks of All Insurgents

Leaders Plan to Reorganize Senate Friday, Removing Undesirables From Places on Committees.

Washington, March 5.—Reorganization of the senate with disposition of the question of the removal of the republican insurgents from their present committee ranks, is planned for tomorrow by administration leaders. The republicans, in conference to-day, selected their slate of officers and decided to meet again tomorrow to pass upon the report of the committee on committees, in which will be embodied the recommendation that Senators La Follette of Wisconsin, Ladd and Frazier of North Dakota and Brookhart of Iowa, be treated in assignments to the standing committee as though they had been elected on a ticket other than the republican.

Democrats Called.

Democrats of the senate have been called in conference tomorrow morning for the purpose of selecting their nominees for president pro tempore and other senate officers, selecting Senator Robinson of Arkansas as their floor leader, and the other officers of the party organization. With the republican and democratic slates completed, organization of the senate probably will be the first order of business when the senate convenes at noon. While democrats have made it plain that they do not propose to place any obstacle in the way of the organization of the senate by the majority, the La Follette supporters have indicated that they will fight the program of the majority with reference to their committee assignments.

Fear Is Dropping.

While the senate republicans were selecting their reorganization, the republican committee on committees decided not to recommend the reappointment of Representative Frazier of Wisconsin, a La Follette follower, to the powerful ways and means committee. The committee plans to take similar action with reference to others of the La Follette group. Senator Moses of New Hampshire was selected by the republican senate conference, without opposition, as the party candidate for president pro tempore, to succeed Senator Cummins of Iowa, who did not offer for re-nomination. Senator Curtis of Kansas was re-elected floor leader; Senator Watson of Indiana, vice chairman of the conference, and Senator Wadsworth of New York, secretary of the party organization.

Chadron to Grade Streets.

Chadron, March 5.—Contemplating an intensive street program for the spring, the city authorities have bought a tractor. Grading will be completed on unpaved streets both in the city proper and in the Kenwood addition.

Buckingham Estate Meager, Claim; Spent Money Freely in Public Work

Everett Buckingham, late president of the Union Stockyards company, will leave but a small estate, according to his close friends. They say the former civic leader did not save much of the large salary he earned at the "yards." It is said his salary was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year. "Buck" was a great believer in Omaha. He spent his money freely for the city," a prominent banker said Wednesday. This banker also said it will be a hard task to secure a man to take the place formerly held by Mr. Buckingham. "The man chosen must have many qualifications. He will have

to be a freight and traffic expert, a civic worker, a good spender, a man who knows the markets, one who is able to act as a host to many prominent dignitaries who arrive in Omaha, keep in touch with affairs of Omaha and the nation, and keep Omaha the second largest livestock center in the world. He admitted that Robert C. Howe, former general manager at Armour's, approaches the qualifications needed for the position. "Bob Howe is a man to whom the work of Buckingham could be entrusted. He knows the packing industry from A to Z. He is a traffic and freight expert and Omahans know of his attitude towards civic work."

Radio Paralyzed Over Wide Area Since High Power Line Was Opened

Plattsmouth, March 5.—The opening of the new high power transmission line between this city and Lincoln has brought grief to radio fans over a wide area adjacent to the route traversed by the line. A constant frying noise, that radio experts attribute to a power leak, is heard in receiving sets here and at Louisville, located several miles off the line, while farmers with receiving sets who live in close proximity to the new line say their sets have been well-nigh paralyzed since the current was turned on Sunday. Electric company officials say they can find no apparent leak along the line and are of the opinion the cause of the complaint is due more to static or some electrical disturbance incident to the earthquake throughout the east than to interference from their line.

Four Business Places in DeWitt Robbed Same Night

DeWitt, March 5.—Robbery rampant here Tuesday night, the Burlington depot and three business houses being entered and small amounts of cash and goods being stolen at each. The thieves made good their escape, a rainfall Wednesday morning before discovery of the robberies having wiped out their tracks and precluded the use of bloodhounds.

Revel Opens at Humboldt.

Humboldt, March 5.—Dr. Solomon S. Hilscher, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Lincoln, began a series of gospel evangelistic meetings Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church in this city. The subject of his first sermon was "The Word Made Flesh."

Farm Home Burned.

Callaway, March 5.—The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stabb, located in the Happy Hollow community, was destroyed by fire. Only a few pieces of furniture and some clothing were saved. The fire originated in the attic.

Officials Confer on Security Pact

Question of Admission of Germany to League Will Be Under Consideration.

Paris, March 5.—Premier Herriot spent a busy day with foreign office officials and members of the French delegation to the league of nations preparing for what everyone expects will be decisive negotiations on the security question. Whether the league's security plan can be changed so as to satisfy the British objections will probably be one of the features of M. Herriot's talk with Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, Saturday. This, it is expected, will bring to the fore the question of Germany's admission to the league.

Adherence of the reich to such a security pact outside the league would be regarded with indifference by the French government, it was said this afternoon by a person close to the premier. In a four-cornered pact between Germany and the allies, all would depend upon how far Great Britain would go in order to give France the tranquillity it demands as a condition for the evacuation of the Cologne zone. The German government has intimated it will ask, as compensation if it enters the pact, that the Franco-Belgian frontiers be guaranteed. Germany will, it is supposed in official circles, demand the immediate evacuation of the Rhineland and the right to reserve the question of its eastern frontiers for arbitration by the Hague tribunal.

The French, it was said, would be glad to get rid of the burden of occupation if they receive ample guarantees, but unless Germany comes to an understanding with Poland, France could not consent to any reservations regarding the eastern frontier of Germany as fixed by the Versailles treaty.

Nebraska News Nubbins

- Red Cloud—Irvin Alles and Miss Edythe Zless of this city were married at Smith Center, Kan., last Saturday. Both are graduates of the local high school. They will make their home on a farm south of this city.
- Beatrice—Mrs. Mary Odewaldt has disposed of her residence property in west Beatrice to Luther Sharp of DeWitt for \$5,000. Mace Globe has sold his new bungalow on South Sixth street to Mrs. Ira Ray, for \$4,500.
- Lodgepole—Mrs. B. A. Reed celebrated her 82d birthday with friends and relatives at her home. A turkey dinner was served. Mrs. Reed's daughters, Mrs. H. L. Lucke and Miss Charity Reed, had charge of the dinner.
- Blue Laws Killed. Indianapolis, March 5.—The Indiana house killed a "blue Sunday" bill, 48 to 44.

KEARNEY PARK BOARD APPOINTED

Kearney, March 5.—Kearney's parks have been placed in the hands of a commission, composed of W. T. Sanders, Ray E. Turner and George O. Fairchild. This commission will have complete control of all park work and improvements and the expenditure of all funds raised for that purpose. To it is also assigned supervision of Harmon Foundation playground, recently acquired by the city. All three members are also connected with the Kearney boulevard committee of the Chamber of Commerce and park improvements and rebuilding proposed and carried out by the committee may be expected to conform with the boulevard plan which has already been adopted.

Rites Held at Red Cloud for Recluse Found Dead

Red Cloud, March 5.—Funeral services for Herman Birkner, 53, who was found dead in his home here Sunday, were held Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Birkner, more or less a recluse, had lived in this city for many years. Officers broke into the house Sunday afternoon to ascertain his whereabouts and found the man lying on the floor beside his bed. An oil stove had burned dry and the house was full of gas and smoke, that apparently being the cause of his death. He leaves a brother, Carl, of this city and two brothers, Ryan and Fred living in Washington.

Broken Bow Spanish War Veterans' Post Reorganized

Broken Bow, March 5.—Guy Livingston post, No. 18, Spanish-American War Veterans, was reorganized in this city with the following officers: C. W. Layton, commander; H. F. Kennedy, vice commander; Grant Chinn, adjutant; V. C. Talbot, officer of the day; John Woods, officer of the guard; Dr. W. E. Talbot, physician. Adjutant Bolster of the soldiers' home at Burkett assisted in the organization.

War on Stray Dogs Increases Tax Collection at Chadron

Chadron, March 5.—The city of Chadron has received over \$500 from the collection of dog tax since the beginning of the war waged on stray dogs in the city early in February, according to report of City Clerk Morrissey at the regular monthly council meeting. All dogs remaining in the pound unclaimed for 10 days are disposed of.

Mother of Eight Boys Dies.

Columbus, March 5.—Mrs. Joseph Koziof of Tarnov, 32, mother of eight children, two of them twins, died at St. Mary hospital Tuesday. The body was taken to Tarnov for burial. Mrs. Koziof's eight children are all boys.

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Burgess Bedtime Stories

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The Building of a New Home.

Farmer Brown's boy gets up very early. Living on a farm he has to. But early as it was when he came out of the house, and the very first thing looked over to the cart wheel on top of a pole he had put up the day before on the edge of the Green Forest, he saw that others had been up before him and already were at work. Mrs. Plunger the Osprey was just alighting on that cart wheel with a stick.



"They knew what I put that thing up for," said he happily. "They have already begun to build on it." Just then he heard the shrill whisper of Plunger and saw the latter also with a good sized stick. He joined Mrs. Plunger on the tall pole. He could hear them talking things over. Then they flew away. One went in one direction and the other in another direction. It wasn't long before Plunger was back with another stick. A few minutes later Mrs. Plunger appeared also with a stick.

"I wonder," thought Farmer Brown's boy, "why they don't use the material of that old nest, which fell with the tree when it blew down." But there was no one to answer that question for him. Had he carefully examined that old nest he might have guessed why Plunger and Mrs. Plunger preferred to hunt for new material. As a matter of fact, they had looked over that old nest and had decided that there was very little of it that would do. Many of the sticks in it had been there so long that they were decayed.

"This is to be a new home and everything about it shall be new," Mrs. Plunger had declared. And to this Plunger had agreed.

Mrs. Plunger took great pains in arranging those first sticks. She wedged

some of them in between the spokes of that old wheel. She meant to have that new nest firm and secure. Plunger was content to simply bring the sticks and leave them for Mrs. Plunger to arrange. They did a lot of talking about it as they worked.

How those two big Hawks did work. And how happy they were in their nest. Forgotten now was the distress they had felt when they had returned and found their old nest gone. They took time enough to go fishing over in the Big River, for of course they had to eat. But every other minute of the day they worked. It was surprising how the pile of sticks grew.

It was just the same way the next day. Plunger, flying over Farmer Brown's cornfield, discovered some old cornstalks. "Just the thing!" exclaimed Plunger, and picking up one of them he carried it over to the new nest.

"Where did you get that, my dear?" Mrs. Plunger asked. Plunger told her, and together they flew over to the cornfield for more. From along the edge of the Big River they brought rushes and water

weeds that had been cast up on the shore and had dried. At last the nest was finished. Compared with the old nest it was small. That was because the old nest had been added to year after year. They would add to this nest next year and every year so long as they used it.

When the last bit of material had been placed to suit Mrs. Plunger she gave a sigh of pure happiness. "Now, my dear," said she, "we'll go fishing. We have a home once more. And until it is time for me to sit on the eggs we will have here soon we'll play a little."

And this is just what they will do. The next story: "Plunger Becomes Too Ambitious."

Masons Hold Reception for Departing Members

Lodgepole, March 5.—Masons and Eastern Star members held a farewell reception at Masonic hall for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vaughan, who are moving to Allerton, Ia., and E. A. Lott, who will leave soon for Laramie, Wyo. About 70 were present.

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