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Citizens Hear 'Manager Plan' Discussed

CROWDS FILL CHAMBER TO CAPACITY

The Nebraska Legislature's Committee on Government Thursday evening conducted a hearing on Legislative Bill 250, providing for an amendment to the State Constitution, whereby the County Manager form of government may be set up.

The Senate Chamber of the State Capitol was crowded to the galleries, with 500 Nebraskans from all over the state to listen to arguments for and against the bill.

Committee members present for the hearing were Senators Cady, chairman; E. Adams, Norton, Von Seggern, Johnson, Ashmore, Nicheram, Miller and others. Senator John Adams, jr., also listened to the arguments.

Both Sides Speak

Speaking on behalf of the bill were A. W. Gordon, Walter Pierpont and John B. Horton, jr. Mr. Horton drew the wrath of the opposition by his state that he represented 12,000 citizens of Omaha, Nebr., and those 12,000 citizens were favorable to the bill.

Davis 'Steals' Show

After Attorney Eugene D. O'Sullivan and J. R. O'Neal had addressed the committee, Attorney Charles F. Davis joined the former speakers in opposition to the bill, based his attack upon "Theory of Our Form of Government," saying in part, "sitting in this chamber, I have noticed carved overhead the motto of the great state of Nebr 'Equality before the Law.' I wonder how many of this committee and this audience are mindful of the price paid for the right to inscribe that motto—a cost in blood and supreme sacrifice.

"Equality before the Law" was attained for some persons around the years of 1776. At that time, to a portion of the population, it had real meaning. To another portion, it meant nothing until after the year of 1865. 'Equality before the law' in truth and in fact exists only at the ballot box. For that reason, citizens conscious of the price paid for his equality are opposed to this bill, providing for appointment rather than election of our officials. We are opposed to centralization of power in any person and wish to retain our right to ballot."

Reprimands Misrepresentation

Dealing with Mr. Horton's statement that he spoke for 12,000 Negroes of Omaha in favor of this bill, Mr. Davis said, "I shall not presume upon the intelligence of this committee by telling you that I represent 25,000 or 30,000 Negroes of the State of Nebraska. I do say that I am one of those Negroes who, realizing the terrific price paid to obtain the right to elect our officials am opposed to surrender that right even in an infinitesimal degree; and further, I believe I voice the sentiment of every intelligent and right thinking Negro of Nebraska when I say we are unalterably opposed to any measure wherein an attempt is made to deprive us of the right to participate in the selection of our public officials."

A thunder of applause manifested the approbation of the crowd. After quiet was restored, Senator Von Seggern requested permission to ask Mr. Davis a question. Senator Von Seggern said, "Don't you believe the people should have the right to vote on this question of constitutional amendment?"

Answer Breaks Up Hearing

Davis replied, "I shall answer your question in this manner. You Mr. Senator, nor any of the members of this committee nor the legislature campaigned upon a platform to change our basic law; not having campaigned or been elected

JOE LOUIS VISITS OMAHA



The Brown Bomber and His Omaha "Shadows"

When you have a million dollar investment, you need police protection. And if the million is in a prize fighter called Joe Louis, you want smart, able detectives guarding him everywhere. The strip of pictures above gives some idea of the protection Louis gets when he travels. He's accompanied everywhere by Carl

Nelson (right), a Chicago Negro who holds the rank of detective sergeant of that city's police force. Seated with Louis is Harry Buford, Omaha detective sergeant. On the left is E. A. Rose, also an Omaha detective sergeant. World-Herald Photo.

on such a platform, you do not have the mandate of your constituents to alter or amend the Constitution. The people if they do desire may change or amend their Constitution by initiating among themselves petitions proposing constitutional changes.

Since you nor any of the rest of the senators do not have mandate from the people to alter or amend the Constitution, you have not any right or authority to force the people to vote on this measure."

At this conclusion of this answer the gallery and audience went wild with applause, and it was impossible for the sergeant-of-arms to restore order until Mr. Davis and his party, consisting of Mr. Johnny Owen and Mr. C. C. Galloway, could make their way through the throng of congratulations and out of the Senate Chamber.

Omahan Promoted to Clerk In Charge

Mr. A. L. Duff, 35, who resides at 3810 Camden avenue, has been promoted clerk in charge between Omaha and Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Duff entered the railway mail service June 1919 at the age of 19 following having made the highest mark in his competitive examination of the other two colored clerks appointed at that time. Mr. Earl L. Waldron and Mr. Judson W. Dacus.

Mr. Duff who has proven himself a very efficient clerk has two other clerks under his supervision.

He came to Omaha in 1912 from St. Joseph, Mo. and entered Central high school from which he was graduated.

Mr. Duff is married and has three children.

Scholarship

Marguerite Hill, a member of the younger set, has been requested by Miss Mary Angood, art teacher of Central high school, to enter her lithograph of the house on 20th and Capitol Ave., in the Art Contest for a scholarship to Rockford college, Rockford, Ill., and her fresco painting of the buildings looking north from the second floor of Central high is entered for a scholarship to Tashgana Fashion school of New York.

Miss Hill, who lives at 2702 No. 27th St., won a scholarship year before last to Woodbury college in Hollywood, Calif.

'Critics' Draw Crowd to Initial Debate

The Urban League auditorium was scarcely large enough to seat the enthusiastic crowd who came to hear the Critic club debaters on Sunday afternoon.

Members of the debating teams entered the auditorium and to the applause, which justly livened the crowd. The respective debate teams were composed of the following: affirmative: Lycurgus Curry, Morehouse college; Charles Davis, Sumner Junior college; Julian McPherson, Omaha university. Negative: William Davis, Leonard Turner and Thomas Ross, all of the Municipal university.

Lycurgus Curry opened the debate using collegiate tactics to define the question for debate: Resolved: "That separate schools are more beneficial in the education of Negroes than are mixed schools." Mr. Curry a trained spokesman, stunned the audience with his bulk of information and stage decorum.

McPherson and Davis, prominent and enthusiastic speakers, showered down on their opponents with much unexpected information.

Members of the opposition seemed dazed over these debaters' method of attack. McPherson was second speaker and Charles Davis gave the rebuttal. Leonard Turner, first for the negative, also making his first public appearance, surprised many with his ability to speak publicly. Mr. Turner attacked the question from the prejudice and inefficient angles, and so smoothly done was able to score for his team. Mr. Ross and Mr. Davis closed the argument by attacking the moral and economical sides of the question. Thomas Ross was the second speaker for the negative. William Davis gave the rebuttal. He was unusually strong in destroying some of the arguments advanced by members of the affirmative team. The judges were Mr. Gilbert, circulation manager of the Omaha Guide; Mr. Lucky Harris of the Elks Lodge and J. B. Horton, editor of the Omaha Chronicle. Henry L. Levellis, club president, and a graduate of the University of Omaha in 1936, spoke briefly complimenting the teams on their efforts. He closed with expressions of appreciation to the audience for their loyal support.

Well Known Omahans Last Rites for Irving Green

The funeral of Attorney Irving Green was held Monday, March 1st, at 2:00 p. m. from the Myers Funeral Home, Rev. M. K. Curry, pastor of Zion Baptist church officiating. Present also was Attorney Herbert Fisher, Secretary of the University of Omaha Law School, who made remarks on behalf of the faculty and student body.

Mr. Green came to Omaha April 1930. He attended the University of Omaha Law School, graduating in June 1934, was the class valedictorian and delivered the oration, subject of which was "Americanism." He was admitted to the bar in November 1934, after which he went to Providence, R. I., to join his family. On June 4, 1936 Attorney Green returned to Omaha with his wife and son, and established his office on the third floor of the Sunderland building, 15th and Harney Sts.

Mr. Green was confined to bed since November 5, 1936 with heart trouble. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his widow; one son, Irving, jr.; mother, Mrs. Frank Green of Providence, R. I.; two sisters, Miss Martha Green, Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Philip Coles of Everett, Mass.; other relatives and a host of friends.

Burial was made at Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eldridge entertained at dinner honoring Mr. Samuel Ellis. Mr. Ellis is enroute to his home in Texas from St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Cloma Scott, 2611 Decatur St., was hostess to the Ace of Clubs at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. McCaw, 3128 Corby St., are the parents of a son born to them at the Methodist hospital, Monday morning Mar. 1st. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Leland and Mr. Lloyd Gray motored to Lincoln on Friday March 5th. They had an enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Gardner, of Columbia, Mo., arrived in the city Monday to attend the funeral Mr. Gardner's father.

Mrs. Belzar Collins entertained at the residence of her daughter, Estelle Robertson in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Strling Bolden, newlywed. A lovely time was enjoyed by all.

The members of the Jolly 20 club entertained their wives and friends at the Masonic Hall on Saturday March 6th. All reported a wonderful time.

A Glimpse Inside Of The Joe Louis Special

By S. Edward Gilbert

Monday at exactly 3:45 p. m. I went aboard a private car known as the "Ashville" which had been drawn into the Burlington station by a huge Iron horse, and there I found the man of the hour, Joe Louis in his party consisting of the following persons: John Roxborough, co-manager of a million dollar investment, the Brown Bomber; Jack Blackburn, the worlds greatest trainer; Carl Nelson, Chicago detective sergeant who shadows Louis every move; Seal Harris whom many will remember boxed Max Baer, here in an exhibition; Eddie Malcom and Leonard Dixon, all sparring partners of the man about whom many of the pugilistic authorities have said: If mechanical measurements were resorted to, his punch would be revealed as the hardest, the muscular coordination which result in lightning-quick and devastating scant 6-inch blow, is the greatest thing of its sort that has ever happened in the world of boxing. Others who were in the party were: Alonza Brooks, a half brother of Joe; Eddie Nichols, a Chicago gym operator, and last but not least was the all important chef, Benjamin F. Brown, whose duty it is to prepare the wholesome food for Joe.

As we retired to the dining room we found Detective Sergeants Harry Buford, E. A. Rose and Franklin Clark, the first two being members of the Omaha Police department and the latter being a member of the Kansas City police department all of whom had been assigned to protect Joe during his sojourn here. They were patiently awaiting the emerging of the most popular fighter in all the world from his palatial compartment of which here were seven. While in a chat with Jack Blackburn, there appeared in the dining room a perfect specimen of humanity, attired in a brown freshly pressed suit, white shirt which blended against his olive colored unblemished skin, a white handkerchief extended from kerchief pocket of his coat, and a tie of mottled red and blue, both colored subdued to such a degree that the blend of the tie and suit was perfect.

In his characteristic manner of being at ease, Louis strolled over to a chair by the window and was seated. Ask what he thought his condition would be for his coming championship fight with James Braddock he replied "tops." With occasional smiles he answered cautiously questions asked him by reporters from the Omaha Guide, World Herald, and the Omaha Omaha Chronicle.

Others of Omaha who paid a visit to the Joe Louis car and subsequently met the uncrowned heavyweight champion of the world were: Mayor Johnny Owens, Atty. C. F. Davis, M. L. Harris, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, John B. Horton, editor of the Omaha Chronicle and Mrs. Mildred Gilbert, advertising manager, Omaha Guide.

Except for a stroll around the railroad yards and the business trip to the city auditorium where he kayoes two buddies in an exhibition before 1,500 fans, the entire party remained inside the special pullman, until time to leave for Des Moines where Louis participated in another exhibition Tuesday night.

PLAN YOUTH CONFERENCE MARCH 19, 20

Growing out of the Career classes which were sponsored last year by the Y. W. C. A. with the aid of the Kappa Alpha Psi and the Postal Alliance. There is to be held on March 19th and 20th at the Y. W. C. A. 22nd and Grant, a city wide Youth Conference, sponsored by the following organizations: Y. W. C. A., Urban League, Woodson Center, Postal Alliance and the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Registration will begin Friday March 19th at 7:00 p. m. The theme of the conference will be "After High School What?" Questions for which answers will be sought are as follows: What opportunities are open for young Negroes? Should the Negro go to college? Where and how may I get financial help to go to college? Shall I prepare for a career that is not open to me in Omaha?

Two sessions will be held Saturday. The afternoon session beginning at 1:30 p. m. and concluding at 4:00 p. m. The evening session commencing at 6:00 p. m. and lasting until 9:00 p. m.

Speakers will be Dr. Firmer of the State department of vocational education, who will deliver the keynote address Saturday night and lead the panel discussion for the evening.

Mr. Alphonza Davis and Miss Revena Jones will serve as the conference chairman and secretary respectively. They are to be ably assisted by the following committees: Planning, Alphonza Davis, Rowena Jones, Lloyd Lee, B. E. Squires, and Mrs. Ione Hanger, Banquet and Recreation: Harrold Biddieux, Rachel Covington, Gaithe Pegg and Mrs. L. C. Crawford, Publicity: Bernice Grice, Delmar Burris, Henry Black and Mrs. Gladys Pullum.

A fellowship Banquet will serve as a break in the conference the same to be held Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the spacious dining room of the Y. W. C. A. Those who planned to attend are urged to contact Mr. Harrold Biddieux, chairman of reservations. The general public and especially the youth of Omaha are urged to attend the conference. Friday and Saturday March 19th and 20th and find the answer to the question, "After High School What?"

FOUR GENERATIONS UNDER THE SAME ROOF

At 930 No. 25th St., there are four generations, namely: Mrs. Hattie Agers; her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Young; Edgar Warren, grandson of Mrs. Agers; Pearl Ardell, Ethel Eugena, Beverly Mae and Edmond, great grand children of Mrs. Agers.

Mrs. Agers celebrated her 71st birthday, Feb. 14.

Mr. Phillip Douglas, formerly of Omaha, was found dead by his wife, in their Chicago home. Mrs. Douglass was formerly Mattie Hall of this city. Mr. Douglas is the cousin of Mrs. Cook, 2205 Ohio St.

MRS. E. CRUMBLEY VISITING OMAHA

Mrs. Elmer Crumbley, of New York City, is the house guest of her sister, Mr. Nicholson, 2715 Maple St. Mr. Crumbley is in Europe playing with the Jimmie Lunceford orchestra.

GUIDE BOOSTER

A reporter for The Omaha Guide visited the Lake Shoe Service Shop and found the proprietor, Mr. J. L. Taylor, to be a great booster for the Guide, and a regular subscriber.