

CAPITOL NEWS

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LINCOLN — Nebraska has a pretty good state government, in the opinion of Gov. Val Peterson, who last week called it "the biggest bargain in state government of any state in America."

The chief executive doesn't pretend that the system couldn't stand some improvements. That's part of the job of the legislative council's committee

now studying state spending; to make suggestions on how to better the state government.

The governor heaped praise on the work of the committee: "It is trying to evaluate state institutions, to determine whether there is need for services rendered and whether it is the state's responsibility to meet that need or could it be better done by private institutions," he said.

"If this is the state's responsibility, then the committee will decide whether this is efficient and economically done."

Gov. Peterson said he believes every state institution should be evaluated periodically. "The fact that one was created by a past legislature does not mean it should be continued forever," he said.

SHOT PELLETS HAVE VERSATILE ROLE

THE INGENUOUS "STRANGER" who filled Mark Twain's celebrated "Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" with shot so he couldn't jump gave the push that probably started the humble lead shot pellet on a versatile career.

Shot pellets which are best known as the lead in hunter's shot shells now, along with steel pellets used in air rifles, glamorize Hollywood stars, perform humanitarian duties in hospitals, help radio send chills up your spine, catch fish, clean silverware in restaurants and hotels, counter-balance scales and harden steel, among a host of other jobs.

Evening gowns and various other feminine clothes are weighted in the hem by shot strung on a cord or sewed into tapes. Steel shot peppered against castings removes metal flakes; bombarded against metal surfaces, it hardens steel and is called "shot-peening."

Sound effects men in radio studios roll shot pellets on a drum head to simulate the rumble of cannon and drop them upon an inflated rubber bladder to give the effect of the roar of surf and the sound of thunder.

In hotels steel shot pellets of different sizes are tumbled with silverware in soapy water to clean and polish them. The housewife and the druggist shake lead pellets in bottles to clean them. In prohibition days pellets cleaned the yeast deposits from home-brew bottles.

To provide traction for healing broken limbs, hospitals frequently use bags of shot instead of larger weights because more accurate amounts of weight can be applied by adding or removing the tiny pellets. The trigger pull of rifles is tested by pouring shot pellets into a can suspended from the trigger. When enough pellets are poured to pull the trigger, the can and contents are weighed to give the "trigger pull."

But this is not all—by a long shot.

Shot is also used in cowboy's quirts and policeman's blackjacks,



Thunder! The rumble of cannon! The roar of surf upon the rocks! A radio script might call for all these sounds and others. Alert sound-effects men have discovered the use of shot pellets in reproducing sounds difficult to manufacture. Dropping the pellets upon an inflated rubber bladder produces most of the storm and battle required of the sound effects man.

as "sinkers" on fishlines, in the counterpoise of scales, in toys where they are jiggled back and forth to fit into holes or to pass through a complicated labyrinth.

Working models of boats frequently use shot as ballast, and textile finishing plants tumble samples of cloth with shot in soapy water to simulate wear and give "laundering" tests.

This tiny, but extremely useful lead shot pellet is made by a simple process. Molten lead poured

through a "dropping" pan, the bottom of which contains as many as 2,600 perforations. Tapping the pan breaks off pear-shaped drops. As they fall 154 feet into a tank of water surface tension forms most of the pellets into perfect spheres. Scooped out of the water which cushions their fall, they are dried, the dross is separated from perfect pellets, then they are sorted and are ready for loading in hunter's shells and for the many other useful purposes.

The governor pointed out that Nebraska's fiscal 1949 per capita taxes were the lowest in the country. The average 53 per cent taxes on farm real estate is below the national average of 57 "even though we don't have either a sales or income tax."

Governor Peterson took to task over the week end an Iowa State College faculty member who had charged here that the Missouri Basin Development Program was "a program for the people rather than by the people."

The Iowan is Dr. Ray E. Wakely, who was speaking before the annual National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country. He labeled the basin plan "a program made by groups of experts who do not agree among themselves and whose basic disagreements may jeopardize the entire program for valley development."

Not so, said the governor. He said Wakely was mistaken in his belief that the program was "superimposed on the people of this area."

"The fact is," the governor told his press conference, "that the program had its inception in the minds of the people of this area. They have requested the multitude of individual projects which make up the total."

The political pot bubbled along a little more merrily this week as the Nov. 21 deadline for the selection of a new republican state chairman neared.

The campaign for the chairmanship was shaping up as a two-way fight with an outsider—like Joseph Wishart of Lincoln—given a good chance to emerge as the compromise choice.

Max Denney, of Fairbury was getting the best press with a handful of blue ribbon endorsements, many of them from men who had themselves been considered candidates for the post being left vacant by the resignation of A. T. Howard of Scottsbluff.

Opposing Denney was David Martin, Kearney lumberman, who had the support of the let's-get-it-off-our-chest element of the party, represented by S. E. Torgerson, Kimball, who charged that the Denney campaign was backed by a group of amateur politicians who want to "control the Republican party for many purposes."

Meanwhile, there were these developments: Richard Marvel, of Hastings, joined others who had been thought of as candidates, in backing Denney.

Mrs. Arthur Bowring, of Merriam, submitted her resignation simultaneous with Howard's, so "a new chairman will have the privilege of choosing the vice-chairman to serve with him."

Howard, himself, maintained a hands-off attitude. He said there is enough feeling now to produce a "terrific fight" and he

doesn't want to add fuel to the fire.

More teachers are becoming eligible for regular certificates, according to State Supt. Wayne O. Reed, and that means that it may not be necessary next year to issue any temporary permits, he said.

But W. A. Rosene, director of certification, said a large anticipated grade school enrollment next year could make it necessary to employ teachers who hold the interim cards.

Rosene said there would be an estimated 3,000 new teachers with regular certificates available next year, in addition to 1,500 who will be graduated from teacher training. A similar number of temporary instructors will qualify for third grade elementary permits, Rosene said.

These were other statehouse developments:

The office director of the division of Nebraska resources remained unfilled. Agriculture Director Rufus Howard said the \$5,000 a year salary was proving a stumbling block in obtaining a replacement for Allen V. Dawling who resigned.

The state superintendent's office said 25 counties now have set up school reorganization committees.

Gov. Val Peterson ordered a statewide probe of the number of inmates in state penal institutions doing time on check charges. The governor blasted the "untold cost of running down, prosecuting boarding and feeding all types of check offenders."

Clarence A. H. Meyer was named as assistant attorney general succeeding Jane Moyer, who is resigning to get married.

The state normal board will meet at Peru State Teachers College December 2. Board Secretary Albin Larson said.

State Treasurer Edward Gillette said Nebraska taxpayers spent \$8,463,371 to run their state during October.

Real Estate Transfers

F. G. Hull & Gertha—Chester Sporer & Helen 11-4-49, L. 1 to 12, B. 3 W. Rock Bluff, \$2000.00.
George T. Troop & Mary—Walter Willrodt & Edna, 10-31-49, L. 5 & W. 10' L. 6 B. 45 Y & H. Add. Platts., \$3770.00.

Thomas Solomon—Earl Mes-selher & Lorene, 10-18-49, L. 8 B. 2 Wabash, \$1.00.
Thomas Solomon—Earl Mes-selher & Lorene, 10-13-49, L. 9 & 10 B. 2 Wabash, \$1.00.

Thomas Solomon—West Sand & Gravel, 10-18-49, L. 29 SW ¼ SE ¼, 13-12-10, \$150.00.
Emma Chovanec—John Chovanec, 11-4-49, L. 13 to 17 B. 13 Dukes Add. to Plattsmouth, \$3000.00.

Geo. O. Reichart & Lucille—Fred T. Reichart, 10-21-49, P.C. SE ¼ NE ¼, 22-12-11, \$2500.00.
Victor Schomaker & Erma Amer. Es. Bk., 10-27-49, Und. 2/3 SE ¼, 30-10-10, \$4000.00.

Thomas Solomon—R. F. Iver-son, 10-22-49, L. 1 SW ¼ SW ¼, 34-10-14, \$1.00.



PARDON MAH NIPPON DRAWL . . . Two Japanese sandwichmen advertise movie based on the "old south" (U. S. A.). Ballyhoo on sign says picture is "Waltz in the Afternoon," a story of love in bygone days. Note flag on "lady's" hat.

Thomas Solomon—R. F. Iver-son, 10-22-49, N ½ SW ¼ NW ¼, 33-10-14, \$1.00.

Thomas Solomon—R. F. Iver-son, 10-22-49, L. 1 SW ¼ SE ¼, 32-10-14, \$1.00.

Thomas Solomon—R. F. Iver-son, 10-22-49, W ½ SE ¼, 2-10-12, \$1.00.

William A. Stoll & Lena—Elmer E. Stoll, 11-7-49, W ½ SE ¼, 2-10-12, \$1.00.

William A. Stoll & Lena—Elsie Snavely, 11-7-49, E ½ NE ¼, 2-10-12, \$1.00.

William A. Stoll & Lena—Velma Chandler, 11-7-49, W ½ NE ¼, 2-10-12, \$1.00.

Jesse O. Smith & Johanna—Joseph Lipskey & Alice, 9-30-49, L. 6 & S. lot 1 of 3 SE ¼ SE ¼, 34-11-9, \$1750.00.

Mabel Engelke—Mabel F. Engelke & Arlene M., 11-4-49, NE ¼ NE ¼ & W ½ NE ¼, 22-11-12 & S. 44' L. 11 & 12 B. 95 Pl., \$1.00.

Cass County Extension Notes

Nov. 12, 1949.
The County Council of the Home Extension Clubs was held at Weeping Water, at the Congregational Church, November 8th.

The demonstrations were scheduled for the following projects in 1950:
Meat Cookery—January.
Floor Covering and Care—March.
Kitchen Utensils and Use—October.

The Achievement Day of the Extension clubs will be held at the same time as Feeders Day.

The yearbook committee was appointed by Mrs. Jesse Westlake, our County Chairman. They consist of Mrs. Alis Mickel, Mrs. Carl Sutton and Mrs. Fred Herman.

The election of officers were as follows: Mrs. Wendel Hart, secretary; Mrs. Oliver Meisinger, treasurer. The executive board members were elected from each commissioner district. Mrs. Lloyd Lewis was elected from the 1st district and is to serve for three years. Mrs. Will Ost is to serve one year and is representing the second district. Mrs. G. R. Eveland is asked to serve for two years and represents the 3rd district.

Reports of the State Convention were given by Mrs. Ray Norris, Weeping Water, Mrs. Charles Marshall, Elmwood and Mrs. Jessie Westlake, Elmwood.

Beer Strike Spawned New Law Breaker

NE YORK (UP) — Agents of the New York State Liquor Authority, whose job it is to see that the liquor laws aren't broken, have a new and different type of violator on their hands. And it's not easy to trap him.

The violation doesn't deal with hard liquor—just beer on tap. It involves the use of out-of-state beer through taps which bear the name of better known and standard types of beer.

It would take a beer expert, a trade professional, to tell the difference. So when a patron thinks he's getting the beer that's advertised he's sometimes getting beer from out of the state, a product that may be inferior.

The situation, according to State Liquor Authority agents, first developed during a recent strike of brewery workers in New York.

Scores of taprooms, anxious to maintain their beer trade, bought from out-of-state breweries. There is no law that says this can't be done, but the state agency insists that the "bar" source of the beer be properly identified.

Breweries and Unions
The practice has hit at both New York breweries and the unions involved.

In the case of the breweries, it has lowered output and dropped sales. The union complains this means less employment all around.

Both groups are pressuring the State Liquor Authority for tighter enforcement measures. As for the tavern owners, apparently they're willing to risk severe penalties. They want to keep up some business with the out-of-state breweries in the event of another long and costly strike among the beer workers. Several tavern owners already have been caught piping off-brand beer through spigots which carry the names of well advertised brands.

Trade circles say brewers are facing increasing competition from mid-western companies who are spending heavily to promote their products. The illegal practices by tavern owners are

making matters worse for the legal breweries and unions, these circles say.

Silent Movies Back
NEW YORK (UP) — Silent movies are making a comeback, thanks to the noiseless popcorn bag. It is porous and cannot be blown up and exploded or filled with water and dropped from a balcony.

Nature Takes Over
MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UP) — Mrs. Lloyd W. Wilkins is going to need a chimney sweep at her home before winter. Not only is the chimney full of birds and nests, but a tree is growing out of the top.



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