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**NEW AMERICANISM.**

President Taft has put it up to congress to interfere in Mexico. Now the U. S. is the stronger. Let's annex Mexico after first interfering as we did in Cuba and the Philippines. Then we want to swallow the Central America republics, and we'll take 'em as they come in South America. Of course we want to take in Canada and have things a going our way across the ocean. We'll make King George secretary of state and King William secretary of war. The czar of Russia can be secretary of the navy and Elgar Howard secretary of the interior. A few minor offices can be filled with some of Bill Taft's Wall street friends to protect American interests and her citizens wherever they may be, for that's new Americanism.

**TELL THE TRUTH.**

Rev. Carns said Sunday night in the M. E. church that the murder of Jake Davis at Ainsworth by Walter Rifenberg was caused by whiskey. Why does he go out of the way to hunt up such a cause for crime? Such a statement we cannot help believing comes from a perverter, untruthful for the purpose of carrying a point. Brigham Young was said to have permitted his followers to steal from the gentiles on the theory that the ends or objects in view justified the means or the deeds committed, which seemed good doctrine enough to the Mormons, but why not be honest with all alike?

Rifenberg was not drunk, had not been drinking, committed this brutal murder in a town where booze is not legalized, and why should this man Carns lay the blame on whiskey? Why not tell the truth and say that it was a woman and money? Rifenberg wanted money so that he could take that woman away with him. Didn't want to work for it but wanted the money at once and killed a man to get it.

If having a saloon in our sister city, Ainsworth, would have caused the lynching of Rifenberg, then it is too bad Ainsworth hadn't a saloon. In this case we think the end would justify the means. Let such a murder occur in Valentine and if our citizens didn't string up the murderer we mistake them. Rifenberg got only 25 years for which Carns no doubt feels thankful.

You are treading on dangerous ground, Carns, when you attempt to excuse the murder of Jake Davis by saying it was caused by whiskey. Perhaps some more of your statements would bear scrutiny.

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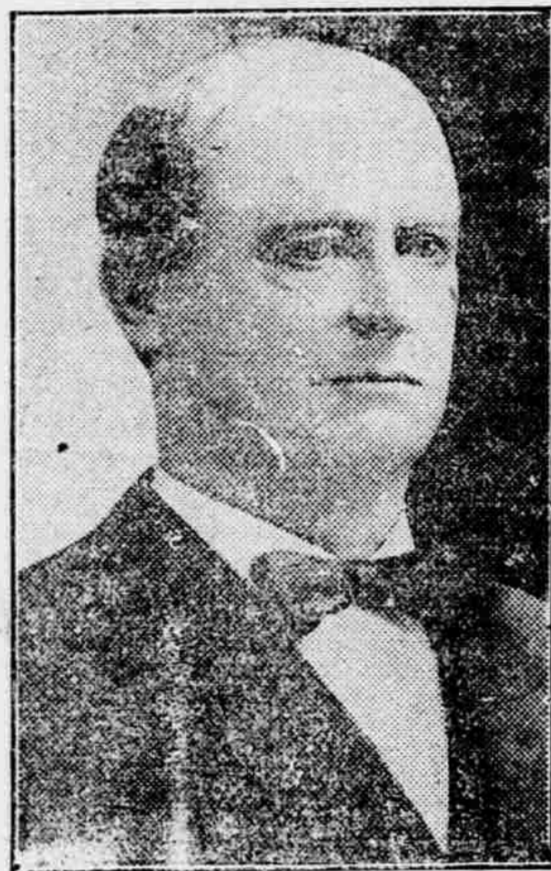
**NEW LAWS FOR  
NEBRASKANS**

**Net Result of Legislative Session as Shown by Records.**

**SEVERAL BILLS ARE VETOED.**

Governor Aldrich signed the appropriation bill for the medical school at Omaha and vetoed several measures, including the bill changing the South Omaha charter bill and the bills drawn to provide the state with a uniform system of accounting.

The message explanatory of his hesitation in signing the Omaha appropriation bill was as follows: "I reluctantly signed H. R. 538, which provides for the laboratory and equipment of a medical department of the state university in the city of Omaha. I am opposed to segregating the different departments of the state university and locating them here and there over the state. I believe



GOVERNOR ALDRICH.

the university should be built up in one place in the state. But the policy which this measure inaugurates is the deliberate judgment and action of the legislature. The measure was thoroughly considered and passed and in a matter of this kind, I don't believe it within the province of the executive to interpose a veto, because that would simply be putting my judgment up against the will of the legislature in a matter of public policy, which rarely should be done."

After preparing a veto message for senate file 93, a bill by Tanner amending the city charter of South Omaha, Governor Aldrich changed his mind and signed the measure.

**Two Tanner Bills Get Axe.**

Senate file 216 is Tanner's bill for a special form of government for South Omaha, called a commission form. This is objected to because it restricts the right of petition to freeholders and forms, according to the governor, a special class of property owning citizens with special privileges. He declares also that the measure is unnecessary since the general commission form of government bill has been passed and is open to any city of the size of South Omaha.

Senator Tanner of South Omaha came in for a third veto on his senate file 91, which provided for the publication of all constitutional amendments in one paper of each local party in every county. The governor declared this was playing politics and withheld his approval.

House roll 191, Bailey's bill, requiring real estate dealers to take out a license, was vetoed on the grounds that it interfered with legitimate business.

House rolls 573, 574 and 575 were three of the bills submitted by the special committee appointed early in the session to make a system of laws regulating the bookkeeping of the state upon a uniform basis. The governor's objection was the placing in the hands of the auditor the power to demand accounting from state officials, a privilege which is now reserved to the governor himself.

House roll 24, by Neir, was a bill extending the terms of the city councilmen and other village officers to four years. This was vetoed as unnecessary.

House roll 234, by Clayton, exempting city, county and school district bonds from taxation was vetoed as unconstitutional.

Senate file 45, by Bartling, was vetoed because it had the identical provisions of house roll 72, the Bushee wages exemption bill, which the governor had already vetoed.

The reasons given by the governor for vetoing all these measures were set forth in messages, which were made public, just as if the legislature were still in session.

The list of laws approved is as follows:

**SENATE FILES SIGNED.**

- S. F. 71, by Talcott—Making Sept. 2, the birthday of John Howard, a holiday in penal and reformatory institutions of the state.
- S. F. 24, by Placek—Repeals present law requiring that smallness of awarded damages shall not be sufficient grounds on which to ask for a new trial in civil cases.
- S. F. 307, by Hoagland—Allowing county boards to appoint county and

probate judges for temporary service when the regular official is sick or absent. Emergency.

S. F. 37, by Tibbets—Amendment to the law regarding the filing of complaints by county attorneys.

S. F. 137, by Bodinson—Amending the law regarding quieting title to land when an unenforceable lien still exists against it.

S. F. 1, by Skiles—Initiative and referendum joint resolution for a constitutional amendment.

S. F. 7, by Reagan—Joint resolution for a constitutional amendment allowing cities of more than 5,000 to make their own charters.

S. F. 21, by Cordeal—Allowing cities of the second class and villages to fund their indebtedness.

S. F. 25, by Bartos—Repealing section of the civil code requiring actions for trespass to be begun in the county where the real estate in question is situated.

S. F. 77, by Brown—Requiring that fees collected by secretary of state for the filing of articles of incorporation shall be based on the authorized capital stock.

S. F. 78, by Brown—Provides that the annual corporation tax collected by the state shall be based on the paid-up capital.

S. F. 88, by Ollis—Affects the organization of farmers' co-operative elevator associations, and giving them certain privileges aside from those of the regular law of incorporation.

S. F. 67, by Morehead—Provides for registers of deeds in counties of more than 16,000 population and increasing their salaries.

S. F. 11, by Kemp—Allowing school districts to change their school house site at a special election called for the purpose.

S. F. 168, by Tanner—Provides for a secretary of the South Omaha school board at a salary of \$1,000 and of a superintendent of buildings at a salary of \$1,500.

S. F. 271, by Smith of Boone—Provides for the exemption of mortgages on real estate from taxation.

S. F. 39, by Kuhl—Maximum school tax may be 40 mills instead of 25.

S. F. 93, by Tanner—Changes and amendments in South Omaha charter.

S. F. 285, by Bodinson—Prohibiting use of saccharine sweeteners in soda water.

S. F. 342, by Banning—Optional commission form of government in cities over 5,000.

S. F. 16, by Reagan—Protection of workmen in constructing building.

S. F. 200, by Albert—Judicial reapportionment bill.

S. F. 249, by Morehead—Increases tax on insurance companies for the maintenance of the state fire commission.

S. F. 250, by Morehead—First Friday in November shall be "Fire Day."

S. F. 257, by Smith of Filmore—Orders telephone companies to maintain sound proof booths and provides penalty for eavesdropping.

S. F. 48, by Tibbets—Printed abstract of record must be filed with supreme court in appealed cases.

S. F. 201, by Buhrman—Making Oct. 12, "Columbus Day," a legal holiday.

S. F. 294, by Tibbets—Joints cities of from 5,000 to 25,000 to extend their sewer and water works systems.

S. F. 115, by Ollis—Regulation of stock yards, making them common carriers, and placing them under the control of the state railway commission.

S. F. 333, by Reagan—Authorizes photographic process in public records.

S. F. 278, by Horton—Increases salaries of deputy sheriffs in Douglas county and provides for clerk hire.

S. F. 175, by Hoagland—Makes criminal sentences indeterminate except for certain capital crimes.

S. F. 273, by Placek—Judicial reapportionment bill.

S. F. 322, by Horton—Providing for county law libraries for use of county officials.

S. F. 235, by judiciary committee—Fixing fees of shorthand reporters in other than district court work.

S. F. 299, by Kemp—Revising the law on fees of notaries.

S. F. 184, by Placek—Amending the drainage district laws.

S. F. 197, by Albert—Declaring an assignment house a nuisance and putting the responsibility upon the owner of the building.

S. F. 56, by Tibbets—Empowering foreign corporations to receive, purchase and enforce liens upon property in this state.

S. F. 31, by Buhrman—Providing means of preventing the destruction of drainage ditches running through private lands.

S. F. 66, by Horton—Extending the time of paying for improvements on streets from five to ten years and extending the limit of the time of paying bonds from ten to fifteen years.

S. F. 213, by McGrew—Amending the bank guaranty law. Releases banks from paying back assessment under law which has been in litigation.

S. F. 171, by Tibbets—Authorizing the formation of trust companies to do a general banking business under the rules of the banking board.

S. F. 376, by Hoagland—Determining the rights of persons who have acquired water rights under the laws of congress.

S. F. 176, by Banning—Increasing salary of county treasurer examiner from \$1,500 to \$1,800 a year.

S. F. 228, by Buhrman—Instructing railway companies to maintain stock sheds at loading yards.

S. F. 242, by Ollis—Providing for appeals from the state railway commission direct to the supreme court.

S. F. 55, by Leo—Prohibiting the use of vehicles to haul voters to the polls on election day, except where voter is disabled.

S. F. 319, by Banning—Requiring railroads to furnish watches for

freight and giving railway commission jurisdiction.

S. F. 173, by Bartling—Providing for lip method of teaching dumb.

S. F. 75, by Brown—Providing that the commander of the G. A. R. shall furnish copies of the proceedings of the national encampment to the assistant adjutant general of the state.

S. F. 190, by Hoagland—Providing for drainage of sub-irrigated lands with a special assessment.

S. F. 236, by Hoagland—Amending irrigation laws.

S. F. 254, by Brown—Defining word "idiot" in marriage laws as a "person mentally incompetent to marry."

S. F. 279, by Talcott—Authorizing state board of health to inspect equipment and methods in medical colleges.

S. F. 338, by Selleck—Permitting Lincoln to appropriate money for completion of Lincoln monument in state house park without a vote of the people.

S. F. 358, by Selleck—Providing for the care of delinquent children.

S. F. 326, by Selleck—Allowing Lincoln to pave and improve roads leading into it.

S. F. 318, by Bartos—Providing that persons operating bucketshops shall be guilty of felony and persons patronizing them guilty of a misdemeanor.

S. F. 379, by Wilcox—Providing for a special county tax to pay the cost of drainage ditches.

S. F. 314, by Banning—Fixing the increases in salaries of county attorneys.

S. F. 199, by Tibbets—Provides for taxing up and paying costs in disbarment proceedings and contempt proceedings.

S. F. 62, by Horton—Defining the white slave traffic and providing stringent punishment for the same. A wife may testify against her husband in such cases.

S. F. 5, by Tibbets—Increases pay of county superintendents all over the state, and the per diem in small counties fixed at \$5 a day.

S. F. 284, by Bartling—Increases the salaries of sheriffs in more than half the counties of the state anywhere from \$50 a year to \$400 a year.

S. F. 216, by Reagan—Providing that there shall be fire escapes on all buildings more than three stories in height.

S. F. 53, by Banning—Giving sheriffs the power to serve distress warrants instead of the special deputy of the treasurer.

S. F. 313, by Brown—Requiring banks to file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

S. F. 303, by Tanner—Allowing Omaha water board to sell water to outside towns at rates not exceeding those in the city.

S. F. 300, by Tibbets—Changes the date of examinations of the state superintendent from Friday to Sunday.

S. F. 241, by Talcott—Providing that mature students who have not completed a four years' high school course may enter the state normal schools.

S. F. 258, by Horton—Increases an issue of \$50,000 paid bonds in fiscal.

S. F. 204, by Hoagland—Fixes rate of interest on unpaid sewer assessments at 7 per cent.

S. F. 259, by Horton—Prohibits wire tapping and interference with electric meters.

S. F. 222, by Banning—Giving the state railway commission jurisdiction in complaints under the demurrage laws.

S. F. 27, by Cox of Hamilton—Increasing the pay of road overseers in cities from \$2 to \$3 and pay of councilmen from \$50 to \$100 per year.

S. F. 162, by Placek—Allowing cities of second class and 1/2 to require the lighting of railroad tracks at street crossings.

S. F. 81, by Tanner—Making telegraph wire tapping a felony.

S. F. 50, by Albert—Empowering cities between 5,000 and 25,000 to issue \$50,000 bonds for construction of jails and city halls.

S. F. 240, by Talcott—Provides for sanitation of workshops, factories, and mercantile establishments, with regulation by the state bureau of labor.

S. F. 292, by Talcott—Giving cities under 5,000 the right to sell real estate acquired for waterworks, gas or electric light plants when purpose has been abandoned.

S. F. 301, by Selleck—Giving state superintendent power to designate grade schools under the high school normal training act.

S. F. 304, by Bodinson—Providing that one township supervisor shall be elected from each district.

S. F. 377, by Hoagland—Providing for the laying out of public roads not along section lines.

(Bills passed by the house and signed by the governor next week)

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