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WOULD CHANGE 8 O'CLOCK LAW

AMENDMENT INTRODUCED IN
NEBRASKA STATE SENATE.

TO ALLOW CITIES AN OPTION

The Amendment Provides That Authorities of a City of Over 5,000 Population May Extend Saloon Closing Hour, Where Half the Voters Ask It.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—An amendment to the 8 o'clock closing law was introduced in the senate this morning by Senator Regan of Douglas to give cities the right to establish for themselves a later hour for closing saloons. The new section in the law reads, after specifying that it applies to any city of the metropolitan class or any city of the first class with more than 5,000 inhabitants:

"The local legislative authorities thereof, may, upon the presentation to them of petitions asking for such action be taken signed by more than 50 percent of the legally qualified voters of such municipality at the last general election, change the hour limitation named from 8 o'clock p. m. to any hour not later than 12 o'clock, midnight."

This law would give Omaha, South Omaha and a number of smaller cities the right to establish for themselves a later closing hour for the selling of intoxicants.

This amendment, if passed, would be effective in Norfolk.

LOS ANGELES

HAS BIG FIRE

GAS EXPLOSION IN MEYER SEIGEL STORE STARTS IT. SPREADS FAST.

Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—Fire that broke out this afternoon from a gas explosion in the basement of the Meyer Seigel and company's dry goods building on the west side of Broadway, between Second and Third streets, spread rapidly and for a time threatened a part of the downtown retail district. It finally was placed under control in the Byrne building, a large office structure. The loss is estimated at \$450,000.

NO ELECTION IN IOWA

Kenyon Has Fifty Votes, Deemer Falls Down to Fifteen.

Des Moines, Feb. 16.—Today's ballot on senator in the Iowa legislature was as follows:

H. E. Deemer 15, Kenyon 50, Porter (democrat) 53; absent, 4; necessary to elect, 77.

Favor Suffrage for Iowa.
Des Moines, Feb. 16.—The house committee on elections today recommended for passage the joint resolution favoring woman suffrage.

John D.'s Illness Only Rumor.
New York, Feb. 16.—At the office of John D. Rockefeller here no credence was given to reports current in financial circles that Mr. Rockefeller was seriously ill at Augusta, Ga. It was stated that Mr. Rockefeller was alive and well.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 16.—An inquiry at the hotel where John D. Rockefeller is staying, brought the information that there was not the slightest foundation for the rumor that he was ill. At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Rockefeller was out enjoying his usual automobile ride.

Claim Fraud in New Mexico.
Washington, Feb. 16.—Declaring that fraud and corruption were used in the passage of the New Mexico constitution, appeal was made today to President Taft by representatives of the Anti-Saloon league, the W. C. T. U. and other interests to use his influence against the adoption of the constitution.

OMAHA VOTE SCANDAL.

Fraud Probe Discloses Many Irregularities—Dead Men Are Voted.
Omaha, Feb. 16.—Fraudulent registrations from the residence of Thomas Pope, 615 North Fifteenth street, occupied the attention of the legislative investigating committee.

Yeiser received his tip on this "colonization" fraud from the man who voted half a dozen colored men in the names of dead negroes. The informant sent word through another. "Tell Yeiser," he said, "I did this trick myself, but I am anxious to see the whole rotten business cleaned up, though I don't yearn to be prosecuted and shall keep in the background."

The testimony of the morning showed that the "tip" was a truthful one. Thomas Pope, from whose home half a dozen colored men registered in the fifth precinct of the Third ward, testified that none of these men had ever lived at his home. Pope had heard of one of the men registered from his home, but did not know where he lived. The men registered from the address in question gave the names of William Robinson, H. J. Roberts, W. R. Welr, Charles Mitchell, Ole Smith and Abe Ward. Of Charles Mitchell, Pope had heard.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Maximum 37
Minimum 32
Average 34
Barometer 30.09

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Snow or rain tonight and Friday; colder tonight.

RUSSO-CHINA WAR MAY COME

RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS
DANGEROUSLY STRAINED.

RUSSIA WILL SEND SOLDIERS

As a Demonstration Against Persistent Violation of the Treaty of 1881, Russia Will Send Troops to Chinese Frontier at Once.

London, Feb. 16.—The relations of Russia and China are strained to the breaking point.

Russia today notified the governments of Great Britain, France and Germany of her intention to make a military demonstration on the Russo-Chinese frontier, owing to China's persistent violation of the St. Petersburg treaty of 1881.

Russian troops will be sent forth to the district of Ill.

The extent of the demonstration, it is stated in the diplomatic note, will depend entirely on the attitude assumed by China.

The vital questions involved are free trade in Mongolia, the extra-territorial rights of Russians in China and the establishment of a Russian consul at Keobdo, Mongolia.

DAKOTA HOMESTEADERS AROUSED BY THIS BILL

PLAN TO ALLOW STOCK FREE
RANGE IN WINTER—LAST
DAY FOR BILLS.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 16.—The last day for introduction of bills in the house, save committee bills, brought forty-five new ones. Among them was one which will start the homesteaders west of the Missouri river going. Sundry would allow stock to range at large under certain conditions, from December 1 to April 1. Many petitions are out against any such measure.

Another of the new bills is by Wagner, changing from the present flat \$2 license fee for automobiles to a graded fee on power and size of machines, running from \$3 up to \$10. A bill was also presented providing for an election to submit the question of enlarging Deway county to extend it south of Cheyenne river.

The house passed the Curtis senate bill, which provides for publicity of referred laws and constitutional amendments through pamphlets instead of newspapers and the house bill fixing the method of leasing state lands for agricultural purposes.

Whiting attempted to pass his bill changing the methods of county organization over the veto of the governor but could not muster the required two-thirds.

The senate committee returned an adverse report on S. F. 87 by Henault, who seeks to prevent a corporation from excluding union labor from its employment. A minority report was returned, signed by Curtiss and Hitchcock, in favor of the measure. It was originally aimed directly at the Homestead mine, but the minority report attempts to make it general in its application.

The senate has accepted the house good roads bill just as it passed that body, and the state is now in shape to take its first steps toward a radical change in road making methods.

The house adopted the report of the investigating committee of the soldiers' home, after a long discussion in which the indications were that the bill to reorganize the board to drop out old soldiers will pass.

ART STUDENT MAY HAVE BEEN SLAIN

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOW SEES
CRIME POSSIBILITY—REWARD OFFERED.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The government is now inclined to fear the disappearance of Henry Lawrence Wolfe of New York was the result of a crime and today offered a reward for the discovery of the missing art student.

TAFT TONAME TIMBER LAKE?

That South Dakota Town Seems Sited for Aberdeen's Land Office.

WOULD CALL EXTRA SESSION

IF SENATE FAILS TO RATIFY CANADIAN RECIPROcity.

TAFT DELIVERS AN ULTIMATUM

The President is Determined to Press the Agreement—Finance Committee Will be Called This Week to Act on the Proposed Measure.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Representative Bennett of New York, one of the republicans who voted against Canadian reciprocity today, introduced in the house a resolution requesting the president to enter into negotiations with the British government looking to the annexation of Canada. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Failure of the Canadian reciprocity agreement to pass the senate will force President Taft to call an extra session, as the administration is determined to press the agreement.

This declaration was made today by Senator Smoot of Utah, following a conference at the white house with the president. Senators Lodge and Root were also present.

Senator Smoot announced that the senate would be given all opportunity to discuss the reciprocity measure and the McCall bill would not be delayed in any way. The senator entertained the belief that in the senate, however, the bill would meet obstructive tactics.

Shortly after the white house conference ended, Senator Burrows, ranking member of the finance committee, was closeted with the president. On leaving the white house he announced that he would call a meeting of the committee either tomorrow or Saturday to consider the bill.

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Taft may be compelled to designate a leader to take charge of the administration interest in the fight over the reciprocity agreement in the senate, and if he does, the indications are that he will select Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

The finance committee, to which the McCall bill was referred when it was messaged over from the house yesterday, is lukewarm toward the measure. Several of the members will vote for it, but it is not anticipated they will exhibit any great enthusiasm.

There was speculation as to whether the McCall bill would receive a majority vote in the committee. No member is inclined to delay procedure in view of President Taft's great interest in the agreement.

To avoid seeming opposition to the president's program, it was reported there might be no vote in committee at all.

Some senators are trying to have the McCall bill reported without recommendation, giving to the opponents the right to prosecute their objections on the senate floor.

By reason of the illness of Senator Hale it is not likely that a meeting of the committee will be held before Saturday, and perhaps not before Monday.

NELIGH POPULATION 1,724

Commercial Club Enumerators Dig up More People Than Uncle Sam.

Neligh, Neb., Feb. 16.—Special to The News: The Neligh Commercial club finds that Neligh has 1,724 people, as against 1,555 found by federal census enumerators. This is the report of the committee:

To the Neligh Commercial Club: We, your committee, report that we have, in conjunction with Kersey Johnson, S. D. Thornton, Jr., Frank Skinner, J. C. Jenkins, F. G. Auringer, E. F. Best, L. E. Jackson, William Wolfe, W. L. McAllister, Ralph Allison, S. M. Hoff, Thomas Pexton, Ed. Melick, and Harry Jackson, made a careful house to house canvass of the city of Neligh and find the population to be 1,724 persons.

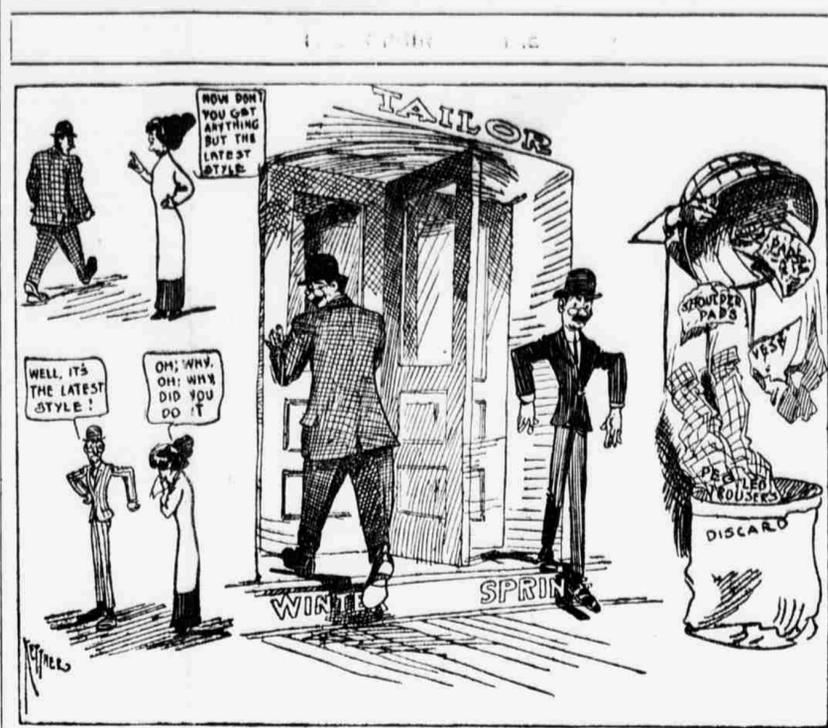
Ninety-eight persons reside in the strip annexed to the city and are included in the above count.

Charles H. Kelsey, Joe McCaig, C. L. Watters, J. W. Rice, J. W. Spirk, committee.

A LINCOLN BOY IS KILLED.

Another Fatally Injured as Result of Street Car Collision.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—Emerill Sherrow, aged 14, is dead and Clyde Pierce, about the same age, fatally injured as a result of a collision of a wagon in which they were riding with a suburban street car last night.



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OMAHA CHARTER BILL REPORTED

OLLIS STOCK YARDS BILL REPORTED FOR PASSAGE WITHOUT CHANGE.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—The Omaha charter will be reported for passage by the house committee on cities and towns at the next meeting of the house.

The committee considered the charter last night and, finding no opposition to any of its principal provisions, decided to recommend it for enactment.

The senate committee on municipal affairs decided to report the Lincoln charter for passage without changes. The stock yards bill of Senator Ollis will be recommended for passage with slight amendments. The live stock and grazing committee of the senate finished its hearing with a short session and in spite of the arguments presented by Frank Ransom and other representatives of the stock yards, the committee supported the chairman and decided to do everything possible to pass the bill.

The amendments suggested by Mr. Ollis include a change in the penalty, making it a misdemeanor rather than a felony to disobey the law and fixing the penalty at a fine of \$100 to \$500 for the first offense, and \$100 to \$1,000 for the second. The provision requiring that all stock must be delivered to the commission company within an hour and a half from the time of the arrival at the yards was amended and a forfeit fixed for those not complying with it.

The stock owner is to receive \$5 a car for every half hour's delay in yarding over the hour and a half and no yardage charge is allowed when there is a delay.

Tanner of Douglas and Buhrman of Hall were against the bill in committee. Cox of Kearney and Ollis, the chairman, voted for it.

COOK IN VAUDEVILLE.

One of the Headliners in New York. Faked Moving Pictures.

New York, Feb. 16.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook broke into vaudeville last night at the Manhattan opera house, where, with the "Eight Original Berlin Madcaps," he was one of the headliners.

In the first part of his act he wandered through some faked moving pictures and discovered the north pole on the screen. Then he wandered through a ten-minute speech full of bitterness against the press, Pray and the "Arctic Trust."

Death of Hubert McNamara.

Butte, Neb., Feb. 16.—Special to The News: Hubert McNamara, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McNamara, died of diabetes at the St. Peter and Paul's school. He was not considered seriously ill until Monday, and had attended church the day before. His parents were telephoned and arrived a few hours before he passed away. Mr. McNamara is well known in Tripp county, being a leading merchant of Carter, S. D. Hubert had been attending the convent here and was an unusually bright and attractive boy. He will be buried at Butte.

Riot Among Famine Sufferers.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—Serious rioting by thousands of famine-stricken refugees arrived at Nanjing from the famine district was reported by arrivals on the steamer Sueric. The hungry horde, more than a thousand strong, broke into the city January 24, after having been massed outside the walls. They raided the shops, carrying off everything eatable.

THIS HOTEL CLERK FIGHTS A BURGLAR

NEW YORKER GRAPPLES WITH THUG AFTER BEING WOUNDED IN HAND.

New York, Feb. 16.—With the aid of a big revolver and the co-operation of pals in a waiting automobile, a masked bandit early today attempted to hold up the clerk of the Hotel Frederick in West Fifty-sixth street, just off Broadway, below Central park.

The attempt failed because Robert G. Varnard, the clerk, grappled with the bandit after the latter had fired one shot and wounded him in the hand and then the robber's revolver twice missed fire when he tried to follow up his first shot by two more at close range.

The bandit and his companions got away in the automobile without having got anywhere within reaching distance of \$400 in cash which had just been placed in the hotel safe.

KNOX AND HILL FAVOR MEASURE

THEY JOIN HANDS IN SPEAKING FOR THE CANADIAN RECIPROcity.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Secretary of State Knox and James J. Hill joined hands here last night in urging the adoption by the United States of the reciprocity agreement with Canada. Both spoke at a banquet given by the Chicago Association of Commerce, at which 1,000 persons, representing almost every big commercial and industrial enterprise of the city as well as commercial and municipal organizations from a score of western cities, listened and applauded.

Secretary Knox related the history of the trade agreements between the countries from 1845 when Canada removed its differential duties against the United States and placed it on a par with Great Britain.

"The aim and purpose of the present proposed agreement is to promote better trade relations and to cement and strengthen friendly intercourse between both nations," he said.

"The scope of the agreement is broad in principle and comprehensive in detail. It seeks by providing for the freest interchange of commodities to prevent those manipulations and speculative factions in prices harmful both to the producer and the consumer."

The agreement is an example of constructive statesmanship in contrast to many matters before congress, according to Mr. Hill.

"It is fashioned to large national ends," he said, "and inspired by a policy which the greatest minds in the country have approved."

American Syndicate Loses Out.

Tehuacapan, Honduras, Feb. 16.—Congress voted to reconsider its action in voting a concession to an American syndicate for the working of the Agallica iron deposits. The vote was 18 to 17. The general opinion is that the enterprise will be delayed indefinitely unless greater compensation is offered the government.

Kansas Expects Locusts.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 16.—Seventeen-year locusts will visit Kansas within the next three months, according to Professor P. A. Glenn of the department of entomology of the University of Kansas. The locusts, he predicts, will appear first in the eastern part of the state, probably about the last of May. Seventeen years ago this spring Kansas suffered a visitation of the pest.

CHAMP CLARK'S JOKE AROUSED THE WORLD

HE DIDN'T MEAN TO STIR UP JOHN BULL BY HIS JOCKULAR REMARKS.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The semi-jocular remarks which Champ Clark, the democrat speaker-to-be, made in the house debate on Canadian reciprocity agreement that he believed the stars and stripes would one day float over the entire western hemisphere, stirred up most unexpected trouble. President Taft took occasion to write to Representative McCall, introducer of the reciprocity bill, disclaiming and deprecating the annexation talk, and to follow it up with personal remarks even more emphatic to his visitors.

The news that Mr. Clark's allusions had created excitement in Canada and in England occasioned great surprise and considerable amusement at the capital. The man most surprised of all was Mr. Clark himself.

Mr. Clark's entire speech on reciprocity was delivered in a half humorous, half taunting vein. The house was in a gale of laughter most of the time. In return for the laughs he was creating at their expense, some of the republicans tried to turn tables on Mr. Clark by chiding him with the fact that he might have President Taft as an opponent for the democratic nomination.

The humorous expression reflected part of the debate. Part of the time Mr. Clark was on his feet and gave serious consideration to his remarks, regarding the possible annexation of Canada. They regarded his statement to the Canadian people in that he would be glad to see the friendship that exists at present between the Canadians and the United States in the future so cordial that all might some day be under one flag. There was a further touch of facetiousness to the debate when one of the republicans asked Mr. Clark if he would like to be the first president of the magnificent union he was creating. He replied with a burst of laughter that he certainly would.

The excitement abroad is attributed in part to the fact that several English and Canadian newspaper correspondents were present when Mr. Clark spoke. His remarks may have appealed to them as the most important feature of the story and have been cabled accordingly. In "skeletizing" his remarks for cable purposes the semi-humorous character of the debate was entirely lost sight of. Friends of the reciprocity measure were inclined to take the view that opponents of the agreement had simply seized upon what was regarded here as an entirely personal and harmless statement to make capital against the ratification of the agreement.

Clip Emperor's Wings.
Berlin, Feb. 16.—The commission of the reichstag further amended the government draft of the constitution proposed for Alsace-Lorraine, wholly freeing the future state from the influence of the emperor. The commission struck out the clause giving the emperor the exercise of executive authority and substituted a provision for a regent who would hold office for life and be nominated by the emperor upon the proposal of the bundesrath. The vote on the adoption of the amendment was twenty-one to six.

Editor Leaves Beemer.

Beemer, Neb., Feb. 16.—Special to The News: H. H. Pease, editor of the Beemer Times, severed his connection with that paper and will move to Stromsburg. He formerly owned the paper at that place.

SCANDAL IN U. S. BUREAU

SENSATIONAL CHARGES AGAINST EXPORT STATISTICS.

EXPORTERS CLAIM FABRICATION

A Former Confidential Clerk in the Department of Commerce and Labor is Quoted as Declaring Uncle Sam Deliberately Lied.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Sensational charges were made at the Pan-American commercial conference today that the government bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor was issuing misleading statistics on the export trade of the United States.

The charges were made by Francis J. Low of New York, who read an affidavit made by a former confidential clerk of the bureau.

Mr. Low, representing a number of export merchants of New York, immediately following a speech by O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics, announced that the exporters wanted to know whether the bureau still was issuing misleading statistics on the export trade.

He then read an affidavit made in 1907 by Charles S. Price, for three years confidential clerk of the bureau, stating that while employed in the bureau instructions were issued in regard to the export of manufactures which would tend to mislead manufacturers of the United States and the proof could be shown by referring to schedule E, of the bureau, in which raw materials are described as "wholly or partly manufactured" and which made a tremendous difference in the described exports of manufactures wholly.

Mr. Low said export merchants wanted to know where all the exports noted by the bureau were going. Steamship companies, he added, were withdrawing vessels from their service and the issuance of charters to ships had fallen off.

Mr. Austin denied the accusation, asserting the full summaries of the bureau gave accurate and detailed information. He added that he would later issue a statement in reply.

FIND ARNOLD GIRL'S JEWELS.

She Pawned Them in a Boston Shop During Her September Visit.

Boston, Feb. 16.—Dorothy Arnold, the New York girl who has been missing since December 12, pawned her watch, rings, neck chain and bracelet, valued at more than \$500, while she was on her week's visit to Boston in September, according to information given out here. Miss Arnold took the articles to a Boston street pawnshop and received about one-tenth their value, giving her full name and address.

The articles were pledged on September 23 and the Arnold family were notified of the fact as soon as the announcement was made that the girl was missing. About the middle of December it was said Miss Arnold's brother, John W. Arnold, came to Boston, identified the articles as his sister's and ordered the storekeeper to refuse to redeem them when the checks were presented and to notify the police instead, holding any person who should present the checks. The articles are still in the pawnshop.

POPE PIUS X HAS FAIRLY GOOD NIGHT

TEMPERATURE ONLY HALF DEGREE ABOVE NORMAL. BREATHING HARD.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Pope Pius X, who is experiencing an attack of influenza, had a relatively calm night and early today his temperature was found to have fallen during the night from 100 to 99, only half a degree above normal.

Dr. Petacci, private physician to his holiness, visited the sick chamber this morning and remained a long time. He considers that the disease is taking its normal course.

Dr. Ettore Marchiafava, consulting physician to the pope, has not been called into the case yet and this fact seems to indicate that the illness is not serious. The patient, however, is having some inconvenience because of a congestion of the bronchial tubes, with some difficulty in breathing and increased respiration.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATE IS REDUCED

BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS RATE FROM 4 TO 3 1/2 PER CENT.

London, Feb. 16.—The Bank of England today reduced its rate of discount from 4 to 3 1/2 percent. This action was anticipated owing to the continued easy money market, the lower discounts here as well as in continental centers and the improving bank reserve.