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BARRETT ADMITS NOT A TAXPAYER

Representative from South Omaha Declares Measure Would Cut Him Out of Right to Vote.

FRANKLY TELLS THE HOUSE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A frank confession by Representative Barrett of South Omaha that he pays no taxes toward the discussion of house roll in the lower branch of the legislature Tuesday morning. The bill, introduced by Dufor, is intended to apply the commission form of government to second class cities and villages. An amendment offered by Abney to restrict the voting privilege at municipal elections to taxpayers only, was what occasioned Mr. Barrett's statement.

Doesn't Pay Taxes.

"I don't pay taxes on personal property," said the South Omaha member, "and I own no real estate. While I pay no taxes directly, I am, nevertheless, indirectly a taxpayer. When the merchant sells me his goods he charges up his taxes in the price that I pay."

"Since the gentleman admits that he pays no taxes, I think it is high time this legislature should instruct the clerk of Douglas county to place on the tax list that watch he is wearing," suggested Mr. Hofmeister, amid the laughter of the house.

"Yes, but I don't own this watch," retorted Barrett.

Doesn't Own Watch.

The Amley amendment was voted down, after which the bill was sent to the committee on city and towns to be changed so that it will provide for one primary election, at which candidates will be chosen, and later a final election to choose the officers.

HOSPITAL FOR INDIANS AT WINNEBAGO AGENCY

WINNEBAGO, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Plans and specifications have been completed for converting the dormitory and laundry formerly used in connection with the Winnebago school into a hospital for Indians and Superintendent S. A. M. Young has been authorized to do the work either in open market or through contract. The expenditure of several thousand dollars will be involved.

The hospital will be primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis and trachoma, which diseases are prevalent among the Indians.

The building to be remodeled are of brick and are pleasantly situated somewhat over a mile east of the village of Winnebago in a beautiful grove of box-elder and cotton wood trees with a spacious and gently sloping campus. These buildings, after being completed, will make one of the best hospital plants in the service and will be worth about \$40,000.

HASTINGS CHAMBER OPPOSES PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Hastings Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet tonight, G. J. Miles presiding as toastmaster. About 250 men were present. The speakers were Mayor Ingram, Judge H. S. Dungan, Commissioner Manley of the Omaha Commercial club and H. M. Bushnell of Zephyr.

The Hastings city council will send a delegation to Lincoln tomorrow to join the fight against H. R. 26, which places extensions and new ventures in public ownership utilities under the control of the State Railway commission.

The county treasurer of Nebraska met in annual convention today, President W. C. Use of Omaha presiding and responding to Mayor Ingram's address of welcome. Tomorrow the treasurer will elect officers and choose the place of next meeting, which probably will be either Lincoln or Omaha.

Notes from Loomis.

LOOMIS, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Loomis Grain and Milling company have definitely decided to build a flour mill to replace the one burned last December. The size, capacity and material of which it will be constructed have not been made public. The plant destroyed was a three-story frame structure with a capacity of 100 barrels per day.

In the section which was swept by fire on November 21 one new brick building, the meat market, is already in process of erection. Abramson & Johnson, the proprietors, are also considering the operation of an artificial ice plant in connection with their meat business.

Loomis' annual poultry show and farmers' institute will be held February 27-28. H. H. Smith, secretary of the State Poultry association, will act as judge and will also speak at the institute.

News from Stapleton.

STAPLETON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The recent heavy snow over this entire section was blown into monster drifts, blocking all traffic. No serious stock losses have been reported.

E. S. Ruten, who runs a dray line here, sustained a broken right forearm when he slipped and fell on ice-covered steps while delivering express.

Theodore H. Madsen, who formerly conducted the Stapleton feed store, has traded that business to Ora S. Lewis for the latter's section of sandhill land.

Joe Hough of the hardware firm of Wiley & Hough has disposed of his interest to his partner.

Mrs. Daniel McCreery.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Daniel McCreery passed away in her home in Alma, Neb., Saturday. The body was brought to Nehawka this morning. The deceased was a daughter of the late F. C. Follard of Nehawka and is well and favorably known. She is survived by her husband, one son and one daughter.

Observe Thirtieth Anniversary.

ALBION, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Longmocker, living southeast of town, celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary today. A large number of friends and relatives helped them to celebrate the happy occasion. They have been residents of Boone county for about ten years, coming here from Harlan, Ia.

Husheyville Re-elects Superintendent.

HUSHEYVILLE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Board of Education Superintendent R. O. Jackson was re-elected to take charge of the city school at a substantial increase of salary. The high school teachers and grade teachers will be elected at the next meeting.

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H. E. Chamberlain Is Declared Sane

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The habeas corpus proceedings brought before County Judge M. S. McDuffee yesterday afternoon to liberate Henry E. Chamberlain of Brownlee, Cherry county from the hospital for the insane at Norfolk resulted in a verdict of sanity. Allen & Dowling of Madison appeared for Chamberlain and Dr. Guttery, superintendent of the hospital, who has practiced law as well as medicine, appeared in behalf of the hospital. Chamberlain is a graduate of Dartmouth college. He has resided for the last fifteen years at Brownlee, Cherry county, where he has been holding down a kindred claim, upon which he must prove up February 10. He was brought to the hospital February 3.

BEATRICE BAKERS WILL NOT RAISE BREAD PRICE

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The bakers of the city held another meeting Monday morning and decided to continue the price of bread at 5 cents per loaf. At a meeting Saturday evening they agreed to raise 1 cent on the loaf, but when it was announced Monday that a Lincoln bakery intended to deliver its product in Beatrice at 5 cents a loaf the bakers met Monday and rescinded their former action.

The two bloodhounds purchased recently from the Breakfield kennels in Kentucky by Sheriff Acton arrived Monday and will be used for running down criminals. They will be in charge of Special Officer Brand.

Carl H. Dauenbiedt of Arthur, Mont., and Miss Beatha Kresci were married at the bride's home in this city Monday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Gaitther.

The business men of Beatrice have succeeded in raising \$15,000 to apply on the second mortgage of the Paddock hotel, and according to their arrangements with P. C. Roush of Omaha he is to purchase the block and reopen the hotel.

Rev. J. M. Darby, who recently retired from the ministry, Monday closed a deal for the purchase of the meat market of Mayborn & Lyndes. He will assume charge of the business on Wednesday.

ARMSTRONG TO FIGHT RETURN TO ARIZONA

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Application was made to Governor Morehead for extradition papers for the return of Joseph G. Armstrong to Coconino county, Arizona, wanted there for embezzlement of the funds of the Bowle Bank & Trust company, of which he is cashier. Deputy Sheriff A. W. Howe of Cochise county, who is expected to take Armstrong back with him, says that his county had \$5,000 on deposit in the bank, but that the bank examiner found only \$50, when he examined the bank.

Armstrong is now in Omaha, where it is said he makes his home. His attorneys have notified the governor that they would like a hearing in the matter, before the papers are granted.

See Want Ads Produce Results.

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EXECUTIVE EXPENSE SHOWN

Figures from the Auditor's Office Reveal What Various Officials Have Paid Out.

MOREHEAD PAYS OWN BILLS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Wheeler's economy had been practiced before the house detectives began looking for a chance to cut salaries and help in departments is shown in records of the state auditor's department on the office of governor alone.

The statement, going back fourteen years, which is in the time since an executive has been provided with a house to live in at state expense, shows that there has been considerable difference in office expense of the seven administrations since the time the mansion was bought by the state.

The items for office expense and maintenance, which also covers delivery fare, are as follows: The maintenance for the first three administrations being somewhat lower, because of the use of railroad passes by the executive:

Savage, 1901, total appropriation, \$30,000; maintenance, \$1,000.
Wheeler, 1905, total appropriation, \$30,000; maintenance, \$2,000.
Mickey, 1909, total appropriation, \$31,100; maintenance, \$2,500.
Sheldon, 1915, total appropriation, \$35,200; railroad and maintenance, \$7,500.
Shallenberger, 1919, total appropriation, \$2,800; railroad and maintenance, \$5,000.
Aldrich, 1913, total appropriation, \$25,200; railroad and maintenance, \$5,500.
Morehead, 1915, total appropriation, \$18,000; railroad and maintenance, \$2,000.

The blank space in the maintenance column opposite the Morehead administration is caused by the fact that Governor Morehead has paid his own house expense and has paid his own railroad fare. It also shows that the office expense has been kept down lower than for any other governor during the fourteen-year period.

Koenigstein's Office Is Declared Vacant

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Following his refusal to resign, City Attorney A. J. Koenigstein's office was tonight declared vacant by a resolution adopted unanimously by the council. Koenigstein was formally discharged to be discharged. Mayor Verges at first refused to put the motion to the council and a lively tilt ensued.

ABSTRACTORS CONDEMN TORRENS TITLE SYSTEM

LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Torrens land title bill, S. F. No. 66, is scheduled to be condemned today and tomorrow at the eighth annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Bonded Abstractors in session here.

Among the first arrivals, the bill was the chief theme of discussion. Several declared that they were not interested in the measure, that it would not hurt their business, and that all the interest they had was in a general way along the matter of land titles.

The bill was condemned in informal discussion, as being burdensome, expensive, useless, and as giving the county registers of deeds more power than the courts have.

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Hotel Men Are Satisfied With Laws as Stand

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The next meeting of the Nebraska Hotelmen's association will be held in Omaha, the time to be selected later on, by a referendum vote.

The meeting closed here this afternoon with a luncheon at the Commercial club. Yesterday at noon the hotel men were the guests of the Lincoln hotel and in the evening the annual banquet was given by the Lindell hotel management. After that a theater party at the Lyric and a Dutch lunch at the Savoy closed the entertainment part of the program.

The hotel men decided that they would not monkey with the legislature this session, being pretty well satisfied with the laws as they now stand. However, they are opposed to merging the office of hotel commissioner with any other department.

Officers elected are:

P. D. McFadden, Wellington Inn, Omaha, president; vice presidents, John E. Feeling, Clark's, Hastings; Ralph Evans, Golden, Omaha; E. J. Thompson, Broadway, York; H. H. Reed, Evans, Hollywood; J. L. Whitesell, Pittsburgh, Blue Hill; L. A. Medlar, Midwest Hotel, Beatrice. Omaha, secretary and treasurer.

TRUNK OF LOOT FOUND BY SHERIFF AT BENNINGTON

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Acton returned today from Bennington, where he recovered a trunk containing about \$1,000 worth of silks, jewelry, etc., which were stolen from Bone Bright & Bunt's store at Christian on the night of January 23.

According to the statement of Henry Untide, who is in jail here charged with receiving the stolen goods at Dewitt, he and David Kidd serving thirty days in jail for bootlegging shipped the trunk to Bennington last Wednesday. It was found at the home of Henry Kahler, a brother-in-law of Untide, an innocent party to the transaction.

Pioneer Observes Birthday

ARLINGTON, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Louisa J. Francis, one of the oldest pioneers of Washington county, recently celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Henry Lallman.

Mrs. Francis came, with her husband, S. A. Francis, to Fontanelle, Neb., in 1868, where they resided until 1893, when they moved to Arlington, then called Bell Creek, where Mr. Francis built the first business house. In 1911 they moved to

THORNE URGES COMMISSION TO RUSH APPROPRIATION

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The state railway commissioner this afternoon received a letter from Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa railway commission, urging them to get busy on the appropriation of \$3,000, which the Nebraska commission needs to complete its payment of the expense of the western advance rate case investigation, which will cost the five states making the investigation, \$30,000. The investigation has been carried on about two months and is about-half completed.

Attacks Bryan's Speaking Trips

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative Mondell, republican of Wyoming, launched another attack in the house today on Secretary Bryan's speaking trips.

"Week after week," he said, "with war abroad, turbulent relations on our southern border, foreign complications all around, including our affairs in San Domingo, the secretary of state has been away time after time, haranguing crowds in the interest of the nation whose affairs he has neglected, wandering hither and yon."

AMERICA EMBASSY WILL NOT GO TO VERA CRUZ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The American embassy at Mexico City will not go to Vera Cruz on the invitation of General Carranza, who has asked all foreign diplomats to go to that point, President Wilson told callers today.

Conflicting reports on the fighting at Monterey were contained in dispatches today to the State department and the Carranza agency here. The former told of death, the latter of victory of Carranza forces.

BERESFORD WOULD HANG RAIDERS AS PIRATES

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Lord Charles Beresford is going to put a question to Premier Asquith in the House of Commons tomorrow, in which he will demand that Great Britain treat German raiders on undefended places at sea as pirates, after a trial by court-martial, hang them in public for the murder of women and children.

Lord Charles asserts that the government should no longer treat such raiders as honorable foes.



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