

### Nebraska RAIL LOBBYISTS SEE CALLING GO WITH NEW ORDER

#### Process of Legislation Likely to Be Very Much Changed if Government Long Takes Control of Railways.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Now that the government is to operate the railroads, one question causing comment at the state house is what will become of the so-called "railroad lobby." In years gone by, the presence of a railroad lobby has been one of the distinct features of each session of the legislature, although in later years it has lost most of its former standing as a "corporation cormorant."

Years ago, when a member of the legislature from the back precincts came to Lincoln he fully expected to see members of this justly celebrated lobby going round with horns protruding from their heads and pockets bulging with greenbacks, railroad passes and the other means said to be used to catch the man with alfalfa in his hair and whiskers a foot long. But now all this is ancient history.

#### All Changed of Late.

The representatives of the railroads now-a-days, do not go around with pockets full of money, expecting to buy the unsophisticated member at so much per. Instead of paying the member something the thing may perhaps turn around and the railroad man strike the member for a loan, for since the pay of the legislator has been raised from \$5 a day to \$10 a day, he is the man with the bulging pocket.

"Smiles are about all the average railroad lobbyist has with him these days, and he generally keeps a good abundance of them on hand. These with a naturally persuasive vocabulary form his stock in trade, and he uses it with the care and caution."

What the new order of things will do as far as railroad legislation in Nebraska is concerned, even members of the state railway commission are hardly prepared to say. Chairman Hall is in Illinois, at the home of his brother, quite ill.

#### What Will Effect Be.

Commissioner Taylor appears to think that it will eventually mean the suspension of the laws of the state and all states, though Commissioner Wilson does not look upon the situation so seriously.

Some are of the opinion that the state can still continue to enact laws governing intrastate traffic, subject of course to the approval of the government board. This is a question, however, which is disputed, attention being called to the manner in which the government runs the postal system. No state has any right to make laws covering the transportation of mail, and therefore, according to these people, the state would have no right to pass legislation governing the transportation of freight or passengers, it all having to come under government control.

Therefore it may be among the possibilities that the next session of the legislature may be deprived of the pleasure of having with it the very able gentlemen who in former years have represented the railroads in Lincoln.

#### Table Rock to Be Visited By Collector of Revenues

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Word has been received here from George L. Loomis, collector of internal revenue, that a federal income tax officer will be sent to this county January 26, 1918.

Aaron V. Starr, who lived in this county for 21 years, died at Hays, Kan., December 20, aged 85 years. He is survived by three sons, W. H. Starr, of Allison, Colonel George V. Starr of Hays, Kan., and John E. Starr of Pawnee City.

A school consolidation meeting was recently held in Lewistown, west of here, at which were present representatives of six school districts in Pawnee county and four in Johnson county. Miss Elsie Hammond, superintendent of Pawnee county schools, and Superintendent L. C. Custer of Johnson county, and Superintendent L. E. Tramericht of Gage county, were present and gave short talks. Should the proposition meet with favor, a modern school of 12 grades will be constructed at Lewistown.

Miss Marie Katherine Segur of Atchison, Kan., who was born and grew to womanhood in Pawnee county, was married recently to Seales Tracy Bolman.

#### Farmers' Association Will Banquet Saturday Night

Seward, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Farmers' association of Seward county will hold a banquet Saturday night. Five hundred guests have accepted invitations.

Bine Andrews suffered a broken collar bone yesterday when he was thrown from the running board of an automobile as it rounded a curve. He was standing on the running board when the accident occurred.

Seward already has subscribed more than \$7,000 to the Red Cross.

#### Boyd Village Shows 100 Per Cent Rating in Red Cross

Butte, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The village of Bristow, Boyd county, is 100 per cent Red Cross, every man, woman and child belonging. Boyd county has doubled its membership and excelled its quota by 15 per cent.

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#### Nebraska Railway Commission Offers Its Aid to McAdoo

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—The Nebraska State Railway commission today sent the following message to Secretary McAdoo, as director of railroads:  
"William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, Washington."  
"To the end that the fullest possible co-operation may be obtained in the successful carrying out of the president's plan for the operation of the railroads, the Nebraska State Railway commission hereby tenders the use of its services are at your command. It is respectfully suggested that you have recently made an extensive investigation into the car situation with reference to movement and supply, the results of which are at your service."

#### NEBRASKA BAR TO NAME CANDIDATES

#### State Association at Its Meeting in Lincoln Will Choose Names of Six Men for Supreme Bench.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The Nebraska State Bar association, which met in Lincoln today, will have two important matters to consider before it adjourns.

One of these is the endorsement of candidates for the supreme bench, three of whom must be elected at the 1918 election. The judges whose term expires with the coming year are Hamer, Letson and Rose. Neither of the three as yet has made any official announcement that they will stand for re-election, but it is generally supposed no strenuous effort will be made by either to ward off the honors of a nomination. Six candidates must be nominated under the nonpartisan act, from which the people will elect three.

The incorporation of the association and the requirement of registration and licenses for all members must be acted upon.

#### District Boards Must Retain Draft Records

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—According to instructions from Provost Marshal Crowder to the governor, practically all the records of the first draft are now on file in the offices of district boards. In accordance with the plan of the new regulations to make local boards the offices of record it will be necessary, as soon as it can be done without interfering with the present rush, for the district boards to return to local boards their records under the first draft. Records of men who have returned questionnaires should be filed with their questionnaires, and other records should be filed conveniently and preserved.

#### Finance Committee of A. O. U. W. Meets at Grand Island

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The grand finance committee of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Nebraska concluded a two days' session tonight. The usual routine of examining the records of the grand lodge office and clearing up the work of the last year was transacted, besides allowing \$20,000 death claims on beneficiary fund. Although the order lost half of its membership by adopting the national fraternal congress rates, the work of building up the jurisdiction on a more substantial basis is progressing successfully.

#### Schools of Nebraska Spend Near 12 Millions

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—According to a report prepared by State Superintendent W. H. Clemmons, the schools of the state spent during the last school year, which ended July, 1917, the sum of \$11,921,859.05. There are 93 counties, 7,250 school districts, 7,699 school houses and 12,697 teachers are employed, of whom 1,448 are men and 11,249 women. The average monthly salary paid the men teachers was \$75.80, while the women teachers received \$53.10.

#### Wisner Red Cross Drive Closes With Total of 1,363 Members

Wisner, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—While the figures are not all in on the membership drive for the Red Cross, there are enough to denote a successful outcome. Up to date there are reported 1,368 members and \$1,826 in money collected.

Mrs. George Maloney, one of the early settlers of Cumming county, died at her home in Wisner last night after a long illness. She leaves her husband and several children.

#### FULMER SETS OUT "VOCATIONAL RULES"

#### New Department Announces Regulations by Which Con- scriptive Men Will Be Taught

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The new department of vocational training, of which C. A. Fulmer has just been selected as commissioner for Nebraska, has set forth the following rules to be used for emergency work:

Conscripted men of each county available for school.

Course of study, weeks or months, including all lines of mechanical and industrial instruction.

Each conscripted man must have at the close of his training a certificate bearing the name of the dean, the chancellor and the secretary of the state board.

Conscripted men, if not recently examined, must be examined before entrance to the school.

If a conscripted man is found unable to do the work, he must be notified at once.

All instruction must be free.

Classes may be conducted daily or in the evening as the case permits.

An exact record must be made of each conscripted man and the same must be reported to the State Federal board.

Information is given concerning state organization for emergency calls for mechanical men not including conscriptive men, along the following lines:

Collection of carpenters from at least 18 to 40 years.

Blacksmiths from 18 to 40 years.

Masons from 18 to 40 years.

Plumbers from 18 to 40 years.

Electricians from 18 to 40 years.

Telephone operators from 18 to 40 years.

Telegraphers.

Auto men.

Machinists.

Foundry men.

The work of the department will be centralized in the state university.

#### From Our Near Neighbors

#### Papillon.

Forrest King of Camp Funston, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mrs. Ira Turnbull and children of Chicago, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Horn.

Superintendent and Mrs. F. E. Bowers spent Christmas with relatives at Liberty.

The short course under the direction of the extension department of the University of Nebraska will be held here next week.

Miss Marion Brown, who is attending the Ward-Belmont school at Nashville, Tenn., is spending the holidays at her home here.

J. S. Strawn spent Christmas with relatives at Shelton.

Miss Agnes Spearman who teaches near Avoca, is spending Christmas at her home here.

Judge and Mrs. James T. Dealey of Plattsmouth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haysow Christmas.

Miss Letta Foss went to Lincoln, Neb., for a few days' visit with friends.

Mr. C. R. Tower and Misses Edna and Eliza Wilson, entertained the Woman's club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tower. The afternoon was spent in Red Cross sewing.

#### Valley.

Miss Lillian Morrow spent Christmas at her home in Tekamah.

Mrs. Frank Whitmore, who has been ill with rheumatism, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Irving Preston and James went to Bremer Wednesday to visit Mrs. Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp.

Mrs. Harry Peterson went to Wisner Wednesday to visit her parents and also her brother, who belongs to the coast artillery and is at home on a brief furlough.

McNeil of Logan, Ia., returned to his home Wednesday after spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Coy.

Mrs. J. M. Williams and Miss Ada Williams of Fremont, spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kennedy.

Miss M. Hallister of Crofton, Neb., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy during his stay in Valley.

Mrs. F. C. Kennedy, Helen and Ethel, went to Fremont Friday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams.

The funeral services for Mrs. Kubon Ritzler, who was killed when their auto was hit by a train at Valley, were held at the home Thursday afternoon. Christian Science services were used and interment was in Ridge cemetery, Fremont, Neb.

The First Baptist church of Valley, will unite night services with the Presbyterians in the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Boye arrived Monday evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Minahan.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school gave a musical concert at the church Monday night. The Presbyterian Sunday school had a short and informal program, taking a Christmas offering for foreign missions and clothe with a lunch and social hour.

The First Baptist church gave an entertainment and program Christmas night in the church in the evening.

#### Springfield.

Miss Bernice Elwell of Cedar Rapids, is spending the holidays here with her parents.

Mrs. L. A. Bata spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H. B. Kelley, in Peru.

Miss Iva Singleton of Missouri, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Adair, Jr.

Henry Schultz of Poyonette, Wis., is visiting his uncle, J. C. Gell.

Ernest Brauner of Boston, is staying at the home of his mother, Mrs. D. O. Brauner.

L. A. Bates spent the fore part of the week with his son, Ford, in Columbia, Mo.

Lieutenant A. J. Estors of Fort Riley is spending the week here with his father and sister.

Mrs. Frank Inhaber and children of Wisner are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lew Nichols.

Frank Swide, Clarence Nicholson, Joe Ellwell and Lloyd Wright motored here from Camp Funston the fore part of the week.

Albe Burton of Rosalia, Ore., is here visiting his parents.

Mrs. Frank Conite and Mrs. John Miller

left Friday for Denning, N. M., to visit Mrs. J. J. J.

Norman Lovell of Salina, Kan., was home for Christmas.

St. Mary's Catholic director in the schools at McGregor, Ia., is visiting his parents here.

Mr. E. W. Swain with her two sons, Bob and Jack, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bates.

David Hoarath, from Fort Leavenworth, visited his parents this week.

#### Lieut. Fisher Visits Beatrice Before Leaving for France

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Lieutenant J. Ed C. Fisher of this city, who left last summer with the Fifth regiment for Camp Cody, N. M., arrived yesterday for a visit with his family. He will leave Saturday for Hoboken, N. J., and thence for France.

Frank Shoemaker, who was for a number of years engaged in farming near Odell, this county, died at Denver Thursday, aged 40 years. He is survived by a widow, three sons and a daughter. The body was brought to Odell for interment.

Sheriff Acton and his son, Deputy Sheriff Acton, and family moved into the new county jail yesterday, which was recently completed at a cost of \$30,000.

Meredith Phillips and Miss Mattie Vetter of Wymore were married at the home of the bride's parents at that place. Rev. Allen Chamberlain officiating.

The coldest weather in weeks prevails at this point, the temperature dropping to 6 below zero this morning.

The Gage county war work committee held a meeting at the Commercial club rooms Thursday afternoon and made plans to adopt a uniform record card index system of the residents of every township in Gage county.

John Bock of Oketo, Kan., and Miss Carrie Masek of Odell were married at St. Mary's Catholic church at Odell, Father McKenna officiating.

Edward Kennedy and Miss Carrie Knowles, both of this city, were married at Moline, Ill., yesterday.

#### EXEMPTION BOARDS MUST KEEP MUM

#### Publication of Information Given in Questionnaire Causes Embarrassment and Brings Forth Order.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Publication of information given in the questionnaires does not meet the approval of Captain W. L. Anderson, state provost marshal, and this

morning he issued the following instructions to boards:  
"Your particular attention is called to Section 11, S. S. R., prohibiting the divulging of certain information contained in the questionnaire. The intent of the regulation covers also the information obtained by any of you in the course of your duty under the selective service law, whether in assisting registrants in answering questionnaires or in making physical examination of registrants or in any other matter, and you and each of you are required therefore to hold such information as privileged and to refuse to divulge or impart same except as provided in such Section 11, S. S. R."

The order is issued as the result of a story published in a Lincoln newspaper, which said that a certain Lincoln man, whose case was in doubt when before the district board in the first draft, and who finally received an exemption, states in his questionnaire that he has invested \$176,000 in the enterprise in which he is engaged, while his statement in regard to taxes shows he paid taxes on an investment of \$7,500.

#### Bank President at Peoria Held Without Bail

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—E. A. Strausz, the bank president, who killed his cashier, Berne M. Mead, recently, was held without bail on a murder charge by verdict of a coroner's jury today.

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