

Nebraska

NORMAN REPORTS ON LABOR BUREAU

Labor Commissioner Tells of Methods Employed to Obtain Positions for Workers Upon Farms.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—According to a report prepared by Labor Commissioner George Norman, 13,991 persons obtained employment in 1917 through the free employment bureau operated by the state.

The report shows that 14,371 persons applied to the bureau for work and 13,551 applications came to the bureau for help. The report further says:

"Calls for help came from nearly every county in Nebraska. The counties of Polk, Butler, Merrick, Platte, Nance and Stanton seemed to need help the most for corn sowing. The first calls received were from these counties and several hundred men were directed to work there, some single communities asking for one to 200.

Good Husking Records. "Many good records of husking are reported by men coming back to the office. One man reported having husked 1,800 bushels in less than four weeks, and of having received 9 cents per bushel. Another offered his record book as evidence that he husked 1,450 bushels in 14 days, and these are similar to many others.

The state labor department says that in its opinion, a great deal of the so-called labor shortage is caused more by the lack of an efficient means of procuring accurate information and the distribution of labor where needed, than any other cause."

Compensation Reports. In charge of the operation of the compensation law, Commissioner Norman reports as follows:

Number of complaints regarding collection of wages, 69; amounts ranging from \$1.35 to \$103 each. Total amount collected, \$294.05.

Complaints of violation of nine-hour female labor law, 33.

Complaints of violation of 8-hour child labor law, 22.

Complaints of cold and unsanitary conditions, 9.

Compensation cases, complaints, by letter, 81.

Compensation cases, complaints, oral, 62, which was settled by amicable means. Of course, one was from Canada and three from Iowa.

Complaints made against commercial employment agencies, 7; in most cases the fee being returned to the complainant.

Number of inspections made, 1,259; located in Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Crete, Fremont, Scottsbluff, Gering, Alliance, Superior and the potato companies of northwestern Nebraska.

In addition to this there were from 12,000 to 15,000 personal injury accident reports received, a majority of which were of minor accidents.

Number of hearings held on compensation cases which were in dispute in different parts of the state, 21.

In most cases an award in favor of the injured employee or beneficiary was rendered.

MADGETT WILL MAKE RACE FOR U. S. SENATOR

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—William Madgett, now serving his second term as mayor of Hastings, today confirmed the report that he will seek the republican nomination for United States senator. Mayor Madgett said today that he had not intended to announce his candidacy at this time, wishing first to prepare his platform.

The Madgett platform will include promises to support all administration measures that the mayor deems necessary to the successful prosecution of the war; to vote for the ratification of the national prohibition amendment after three-fourths of the state legislatures have given it their endorsement; to vote for national woman suffrage, and to support any laws that will perpetuate national control of the railroads.

The mayor said that his platform will carry labor and other planks.

Gage County Officially Goes Over Top in Big Drive

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Red Cross campaign officially ended last night, and chairman Havelone sent the following message to Frank Judson, state director: "Gage county presents to the American Red Cross a New Year's gift of 11,409 members." The committee from Adams township reported 701 members.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Seymour, old residents of Beatrice, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary today.

A negro attempted to hold up Will Cole while on his way home Sunday night.

Witnesses Testify Switch Had Been Tampered With

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Conductor Nutter and brakeman, Crumre testified at the coroner's inquest in the case of the wrecking of the Red Cloud train here Monday, that they found the "throwing bar" of the switch bent, indicating that the switch had been tampered with. They were the first to examine the switch after the wreck, in which Engineer Lewellyn was killed and Fireman Vernon Brown injured. Both said Lewellyn was a careful engineer. The inquest had not been finished late today.

Non-Partisan League Meeting at Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Tuesday, January 8th—2 P. M. Sharp.

Samuel R. Maxwell will explain to the Farmers of Douglas County the program, methods and enormous growth of this wonderful Farmers' Organization that is sweeping the West from Canada to Mexico. Be sure to attend and bring your neighbors.

Shall Lawyers Select Judges In Advance of the Primary?

Question Is Propounded and Discussed in Pointed Language by Supreme Court Judge Hainer.

Hon. Francis G. Hamer, of the Nebraska supreme court, fires broad side into State Bar association committee for attempt to bind voters to choice of minority:

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—To the Editor of The Bee: No lawyer of experience and no judge would ever seek to eliminate the lawyers from participating in a campaign for the election of supreme judges. Perhaps no candidate for that position could be nominated and elected in opposition to the will of the bar. In any event whenever I am a candidate, I want the support of the bar, and I have always had it, and mainly for the reason that I do not shirk hard work, am always willing to study the evidence in the case and read the briefs and try to understand the law applicable to the facts; and while I claim no superior learning, I have at least two qualities, which make many persons my friends, including most of the lawyers: As a judge, I always try to be fair, and I am fearless as to the decision and I dissent when I feel that I ought to.

At the meeting of the State Bar association, at Lincoln, last Friday and Saturday, there was rather a slim attendance, except at the banquet. At the business session, a select committee of which J. M. Stewart of Lincoln, was chairman, made a report in favor of a plan to allow the lawyers of the state to cast their votes before the primary in favor of the particular candidates for supreme judges, they might prefer. The purposes was stated to be the effect that such secret ballot would have, when it should be announced, upon the voters at their primary. It appeared to be thought by six or eight or perhaps 10 zealous adherents of the plan that the voters might follow the example of the lawyers and vote for such men as the lawyers, in their wisdom, might prefer.

There are three judges, whose places will need to be filled by election during the year 1918. There was talk at first of endorsing three candidates, and afterwards more talk about endorsing six. The details of the plan, as I understand it were left with the committee.

There were 68 men present on Saturday forenoon and 75 in the afternoon, if the count which I made, was correct. A clear majority of those present was in favor of the plan, although, vigorous speeches were made against it by former United States Senator, William V. Allen of Madison, now one of the district judges, and by judges, Matt Miller of David City, and E. P. Holmes of Lincoln, Aale P. Stough of Lincoln, was not for the plan as proposed, and he read a paper in support of his position and made a speech.

I am not quite certain of the number, but probably 45 or 50 men out of 75 present, voted for the plan of a secret ballot by the lawyers, and its announcement in time to reach the voter before the primary should be held. Senator Allen and Judges Miller and Holmes each had specific reasons against the plan, and with much force insisted upon the same.

Among many other objections which they made was the one that it was unfair to the people to assume that they were incapable of exercising an intelligent judgment of their own in selecting candidates, including the judges of the supreme court. John N. Dryden, of Kearney, was favorable to the secret ballot, and was one of its most zealous advocates. When president of the association in 1916, he had appointed Mr. J. M. Stewart, the chairman of the committee, and had

also appointed the other members of it. Mr. Dryden was supported by Judge E. E. Good of Wahoo, C. Petrus Peterson and J. W. Stewart and some others of Lincoln. I did not get all the names of the participants in the debate.

By the opponents of the plan, it was urged that less than 10 per cent of the members of the Bar association were trying to bind that body, and commit it to a scheme most objectionable to the Bar association as a whole, and also objectionable to the whole bar of the state. The Bar association contains a little less than 450 members and 45 or 50 of these were trying to bind 400 to something not yet submitted to them in any way, and trying to commit 2,000 lawyers to a scheme they had never considered, while 285,000 voters were utterly ignored.

So far as I have consulted them, persons outside of the bar are much opposed to the plan. It is said the plan prevents the voter from starting in at the commencement of the campaign, and puts him behind until the general direction of the same has been settled.

It is urged that a lawyer, who has recently lost a case, might see many other awyers and defeat a good judge because he was angry. I think the judicial office should be above friendship and beyond enmity. I also think that if the law providing for a primary is wrong, it should be enforced until it is amended.

I think that farmers, stockmen, merchants, bankers, business men, land owners and others who pay the bulk of the taxes that sustains the courts and pays the salary of the judges, should have a voice in selecting the judges. I also think that the men who work in shops should be allowed to exercise their preference.

Everyone knows, that while the judges of the supreme court are honest and intend to do right and that as a while the result reached is generally the proper result, yet every lawyer of wide experience knows that on nearly every supreme bench there is, or may be, or has been, some judge with peculiar predilections, or unexplainable prejudices. May be he is nearly always in favor of breaking the will that is contested, may be he is nearly always for the city or town that is sued, may be he is nearly always against the railroad company in a personal injury case, and also against the packing house and against the contractor and builder and the manufacturing plant in all such cases, may be he is nearly always in favor of the defendant in a criminal case, may be he is nearly always for the insurance company when it is sued, or for the church or the lodge that is sued, and may be he is for the big bank as against the little one, and may be he is for any bank as against its customer.

These are only illustrations. Whatever the peculiarity of this particular judge may be, the men who obtain his nomination and election have probably secured a bonanza in their business, if his peculiar leaning is in their direction. Therefore, when the lawyers recommend anyone, it is a pertinent question as to what particular line of the law business they are in. They are likely to know the predilections of many judges or their prejudices or tendencies, and they may succeed in making money out of the peculiar habit of thought of the judges instead of out of the merits of the cases tried. Even one judge on the court having strong prejudices in any direction is dangerous to the safe and orderly administration of justice. Most lawyers of money-making tendencies are likely to lean strongly in favor of the judge whose peculiar views enables them to make money.

The lawyers may advise their friends and clients with scrupulous honesty, but no one class of men should be trusted to select the judges

for all other classes. Let the people avail themselves of all the sources of knowledge they have, and after that exercise their best judgment. They are not likely to vote for a judge that is unfair or full of dangerous prejudices if they know it. If the lawyers do the thing which the plan contemplates, it is likely to defeat the men for whom they cast their secret ballot. In any event it is dangerous.

I am opposed to any attempt to coerce the voters through any secret ballot of the lawyers. No class of men is more honest than the lawyers, and no class of men is more honest than the judges, although, they have their weaknesses as other men have them, but I do not think it is safe to let a lawyer advise the public by secret ballot what is best for them to do if at the same time, his private financial interest may be on the other side, and entirely irreconcilable with the interest of the people.

FRANCIS G. HAMER.

Stricken Woman May Die.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The condition of Mrs. E. L. Whitcomb who suffered a stroke of paralysis Monday morning gradually grows worse. Little hope is entertained for her recovery. Her son, Captain Whitcomb of the 109th signal battalion, stationed at Camp Cody, and her son-in-law, Sergeant Fred Suchland of Camp Funston, have been called to Fremont.

Denney Out for Congress.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—C. H. Denney, mayor of Fairbury, announced today that he is a candidate for congress from the Fourth congressional district, subject to the will of the republican voters.

Woman Burned to Death.

Smith Center, Kan., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Louise Ehler, 80 years old and living alone in the town of Kensington, was burned to death last night.

Smith-Hinkle.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter Smith and Mrs. Emma Hinkle both of Kansas City, were married here today by Judge Okeefe.

Gage County Fuel Chief Announces Appointments

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—R. R. Kyd, fuel administrator for Gage county, yesterday announced the appointment of the following committee to assist him in the work: R. R. Kyd, chairman; F. E. Wheeler, Beatrice; G. T. Stephenson, Wymore; R. T. Cook, Adams; William Steinmeyer, Clatonia; Joseph Hubka, Virginia. Wymore and Beatrice will be the only towns in the county affected by the lighting provisions of the administration. Announcement was received here

of the marriage of First Lieutenant Harry A. Austin of this city and Miss Selene Brown of Crab Orchard, which occurred at Dequing, N. M., Tuesday noon. Lieutenant Austin is with Company C, 134th United States infantry at Camp Cody.

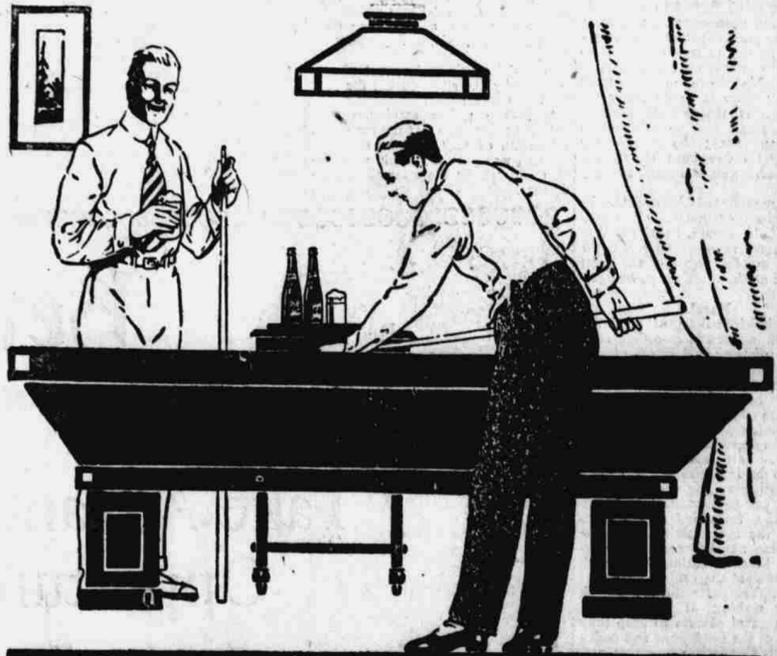
Floyd Bott and Miss Margaret Jensen, both of this city, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jansen, Rev. Edward Lucas of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Suit for voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the federal court yesterday by Hazlett & Jack for Furse & Smith, owners of the Palace of Sweets, a candy store at 504 Court

street, which was closed yesterday. Sergeant Hanley addressed a large crowd at the Lyric theater last evening relative to the scenes on the French front.

Announcement was received here yesterday of the death of Charles C. Gillaspie, formerly of this city, which occurred Sunday at his home at Council Bluffs, Ia. Mr. Gillaspie was deputy registrar of deeds under J. E. Hays and J. T. Greenwood, and located in Council Bluffs in 1898. He was about 52 years and leaves a sister and two brothers.

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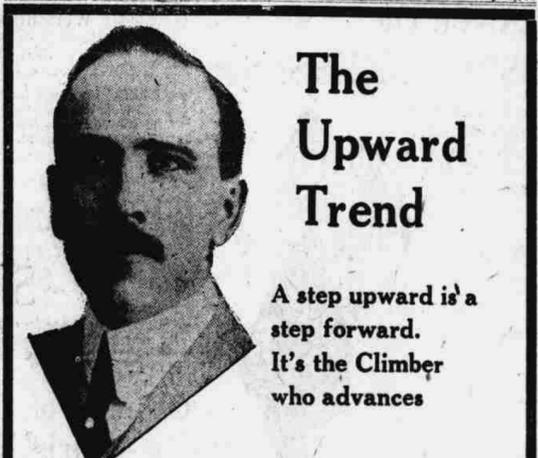
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Of course, there are a few disgruntled people, and rocks occasionally are aimed my way—but they always come from those BELOW—the incompetents, and respectable old fogies who sat still while I climbed. In every walk of life, in every profession and art, there is new evidence daily that this is the age of "the upward trend."

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