

# UNIFORM RIGHT OF WAY BILL NOW BEFORE HOUSE

Aimed at Union Pacific Whose Holdings Vary in Width from 200 to 400 Feet.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 24.—With but one dissenting vote, that of Barton Green of Lancaster, which he afterward changed to affirmative, explaining that he did not know the purport of the vote, House Roll, No. 35, known as the uniform right of way bill, was recommended for passage in the house by the committee of the whole today.

The bill was introduced by Osterman and others and was reported out by the committee on railroads after a lengthy hearing. The measure as amended strikes specifically at the Union Pacific right of way in some of the counties along the line across the state. Osterman explained the history of conditions saying that on some sections in Merrick and other counties the right of way at present varies from 200 to 400 feet in width, the former on sections deeded originally to the railroad company as a subsidy by the government, and the latter acquired by the corporation on government sections.

**Settlers Exercise Rights.** Since then settlers on sections where the 400 feet width obtains have exercised the rights of "squatter sovereignty," and in many instances have planted trees, built permanent improvements and have farmed the excess right-of-way and refuse to surrender possession or lease from the railroad corporation on the theory that under the principle of reversionary right the easement enjoyed by the railroad company has ceased and the excess right of way should revert to the persons who have obtained permits on the government lands.

The bill provides that the right-of-way should be uniform in width throughout any single county in the state, except where physical conditions may require a wider area for cuts, fills, grades, the drainage and for yardage station house or similar purposes.

A penalty clause provides that a corporation that refuses to comply with the provisions and requirements of the act before January 1, 1920, will be exempt from the privileges of eminent domain, and cannot acquire private property for its use by condemnation proceedings.

**Salary Bills Numerous.** Eleven new bills were introduced in the house, several of them being salary bills, which have become extremely numerous. A communication was read by Representative Christy of Nemaha, stating that Governor McKelvie and Secretary of State Amshberg had testified to the president of the senate of the United States the election to the office of United States senator from Nebraska of George W. Norris, and that his term was for six years from the date of election, November 5, 1919. This was for the purpose of clearing the record of the United States senate and to enable Norris to participate in the proceedings incident to the organization of the senate.

Both houses adjourned until Monday at 2:30 p. m.

**May Double Amount of Land in Irrigation Project** Kearney, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Following conferences with State Engineer Johnson farmers in the vicinity of Oleska and Elm Creek are considering the advisability of extending a proposed irrigation project there from 12,000 to 25,000 acres. Practicability of watering this tract from the Platte river has been assured by the engineer and it can be done at an expenditure of approximately \$600,000, or \$23 per acre, it is advised. The farmers have called a meeting of land owners affected, for February 1, at Elm Creek, when definite action on the matter is to be taken.

**Beatrice Men Lease Oil Land; to Incorporate** Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—A number of Beatrice men who leased two thousand acres of oil land in Linn county, Kan., have applied for a charter under the Kansas laws. The officers are K. C. Koons, president; Louis Graf, vice president; F. E. Wheeler, secretary, and Carl Sonderger, treasurer.

## WAR PUZZLES



GERMANS SHELLED AND DESTROYED

The Nieuport Cathedral, three years ago today, January 25, 1916. Find a worshipper.

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER.** Left side down in brush.

## Corrected Certificate of Election Sent Norris

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 24.—The corrected certificate of election, without which United States Senator George W. Norris might be embarrassed in establishing the validity of his election, and the senate reorganization might fall from republican to democratic hands, has been speedily dispatched by the new governor and the new secretary of state, on the urgent call of the re-elected senator.

## Rifenberg Brought Back to Complete Prison Term

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Walter Rifenberg of Denver, former convict of the state penitentiary, who broke parole two years ago and joined the Canadian army, was returned late Thursday afternoon in charge of Guard Walter Schraeder.

## House Bills.

(Introduced Friday)

H. R. No. 222, by Fuller—Honorary discharged soldiers, sailors and marines to have preference in employment on public works.

H. R. No. 224, by Rickard—Authorizes formation of co-operative banks and exempts them from capital stock requirements of present law. Authorizes distribution of savings to patrons in proportion to business done with the bank.

H. R. No. 225, by J. Reid Green—Requires candidates in primaries to pay a filing fee of 5 per cent of the salary of office; same to be refunded if candidate receives 20 per cent of the total party vote; regular filing fee unchanged.

H. R. No. 226, by Berks—Exempts Christiania from patronage from state medical laws except quarantine regulations.

H. R. No. 227, by McKee and Johnson of Burr—Increasing the salaries of deputy county clerks.

H. R. No. 228, by McKee and Johnson of Burr—Relating to the fees of county treasurers and providing that the aggregate sum paid in salaries to the officers and deputies and assistants in any county office shall not exceed the fees earned and received thereon.

H. R. No. 229, by McKee and Johnson of Burr—Placing all county clerks on a straight salary basis.

H. R. No. 230, by McKee and Johnson of Burr—Companion bill necessary for re-issuing of law amended by 227.

H. R. No. 231, by McKee and Johnson of Burr—Another companion bill.

H. R. No. 232, by Finamore, Wray and Means—Appropriating the cash funds of the board of state commissioners of institutions and all activities under its jurisdiction.

H. R. No. 233, by Christy—Authorizing precinct assessors, in taking census of farmers and their crops, to make an estimate where information is withheld and requiring county clerks to send the formulated reports of each county to the state board of agriculture, and withhold same until they have complied with the law.

H. R. No. 234, by Christy—Requiring that sellers of automobiles shall deliver certificates of ownership to purchasers and file a copy in the county where the sale is effected. County treasurer to furnish blanks and collect 50-cent fee.

H. R. No. 235, by Goodrich—Providing that county boards and supervisors in counties of 10,000, instead of 10,000, shall have power to lay out, construct or improve by paving or otherwise any roads within county.

## Senate Bills.

(Introduced Friday)

S. F. No. 85, by Reed—Whittles all residents of the state to attend any high school in his state without paying tuition.

S. F. No. 86, by Hall—Requires that all auto and tractor supplies be carried in stock in the state by dealers or manufacturers.

S. F. No. 87, by Hall—Exempts property of soldiers, sailors and marines up to \$2,000 from taxation.

# COMMITTEE TO INSPECT STATE INSTITUTIONS

Senators to Make Trip Irrespective of Action of House; Information Considered Vital.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 24.—Irrespective of the house's action in refusing to join the senate committee in an inspection trip of state institutions, the members appointed under the provisions of the motion passed yesterday in the upper branch of the legislature plan to go ahead on the trip. "Just because the house refuses to make an inspection of the state institutions is no reason why we should deprive ourselves of information which we consider vital for intelligently arranging to take care of the institution needs," said one senator. "We will make the inspection alone."

**Board Courts Inspection.** Commissioner E. O. Mayfield, speaking on behalf of the board of control, said he was in favor of the senators inspecting the state institutions because it will afford an opportunity to call the attention of the lawmakers to the needs of the institutions. Mr. Mayfield said that the board did not want the legislature to appropriate a single cent for the institutions unless it felt that the affairs of the state were being properly handled.

## Brings Action to Oust New Saunders County Sheriff

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Daniel H. Templeton, former sheriff of Saunders county, Friday afternoon brought an original quo warranto action in the Nebraska supreme court to oust Jerry Daley, newly elected Nonpartisan league sheriff. The suit filed in the name of the state and by consent of the attorney general charges Daley, who had been former sheriff for four terms, being in default to the county at the time of his election in November—a disqualification set out in the state constitution.

## Denies Road May Appeal.

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Denial of the right of a railroad to appeal from an order of the Nebraska Railway commission under the proclamation of President Wilson, which left railroads subject to the same jurisdiction of state commissions as existed before federal control, was made in the state supreme court Friday by Attorney John J. Ledwith, on behalf of the Lincoln Commercial club, in opposition to the appeal of the Missouri Pacific railroad from an order of the Nebraska railway commission ordering the cancellation of \$2 switching charges made in transferring freight cars at Lincoln.

## McKelvie Doesn't Favor Canceling Debts of Allies

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Cancellation of the \$9,000,000,000 loan of the United States government to the allies, as a matter of sentiment and affection, is not endorsed by Governor S. R. McKelvie, he has wired a New York newspaper in response to an editorial inquiry received.



## Free Lecture

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## Question of Mileage to Special Sessions Before Legislature

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 24.—State Auditor George W. Marsh, faced with the question whether to allow mileage and per diem for members of the special session of the Nebraska legislature early last year, passes the matter back to the present session of the legislature. Auditor Marsh made that announcement following the filing in his office Friday of the old, rejected claims. He is of the opinion that a court decision should decide once and for all the question whether an extra session is entitled to extra pay and mileage—about which the state constitution and statutes are silent. The claims are for \$100 to each lawmaker, besides his mileage and the pay of session employes.

## Senators Adjourn Until Monday After Short Session

Lincoln, Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Senate deliberations were very short today and adjournment was then taken over until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. On the recommendation of the judiciary committee, S. F. 34 and S. F. 35, were killed by being indefinitely postponed. The bills would have prevented sale or removal from the county of any property purchased under a conditional sale contract, without the consent of the vendor while any part of the purchase price remained unpaid. Chappell's bill, S. F. 18, providing that counties might construct memorials for Civil War, Spanish-American or World War veterans, passed by a vote of 19 to 13. The opposition centered on the argument that the bill opened the road to monument dealers preying upon the sentiment of communities. Robbins' bill, S. F. No. 14, providing that all corporation notices shall be filed with the secretary of state, passed by a vote of 34 to 0.

## School Superintendents Want New Legislation

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—More than 100 Nebraska city school superintendents and members of boards of education attended the joint conference here Friday and endorsed proposed legislation to repeal the provision making 45 mills the limit that can be levied for schools.

## "Flu" in Hawaii.

Honolulu, H. T., Jan. 24.—Churches and theaters were closed here today by the board of health on account of the influenza epidemic. Thus far most of the cases have been mild and few deaths, and these were chiefly among natives.

# CONTEST CASE FROM DOUGLAS IS SET TUESDAY

Charge Made Former Secretary Pool Did Not Mail Ballots to Republican Soldier Voters.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Jan. 24.—The hearing in the Broatch-Tanner contest for the Douglas-county seat in the senate will start next Tuesday, Chairman C. L. Saunders of the committee on privileges and elections announced here today. Chairman Saunders said that the attorneys representing W. J. Broatch, who brought the contest, and Senator John M. Tanner have been notified accordingly. They will be expected to be on hand and lay the evidence before the senate committee. It is understood that the charges include a complaint that former Secretary of State Pool did not mail ballots to republican soldier voters and also allege a miscount of the vote. Tanner won out by the narrow margin of six votes.

## Norse Cabinet to Resign.

Copenhagen, Jan. 24.—The resignation of the Norwegian cabinet is imminent, according to reports received here from apparently trustworthy sources.

## Meeting of Organized Agriculture Will Be Held in February

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 24.—The meetings of Nebraska Organized Agriculture will be held in Lincoln February 25 to 28. The convention, which meets annually early in January, was postponed on account of the influenza epidemic. Desire of officers of the 30 odd affiliating associations to hold the meetings before spring work opens up led to the action of calling the meeting for next month.

## Spend \$465 in Law Suit

Over One \$30 Lynx Skin Afton, Wyo., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Litigation over the ownership of a lynx hide alleged to have been stolen from the trap of Milo Bassett by Sam V. Bowles, already costing several hundred dollars, will now be transferred to the district court, Bowles having served notice of such appeal when a local jury found him guilty as charged. The most generous appraisal of the hide is \$30, while to date attorney fees and costs aggregate \$465.

## Gothenburg Boy Returns.

Gothenburg, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—Stanley Erb is the first Gothenburg boy to make the round trip to France. He was with the 338th field artillery band, which was demobilized at Camp Dodge last week. They were in France five months.

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