

HOUSE SPENDS HALF DAY GOING OVER TWO BILLS

Legislature Violates Tradition to Take Things Easy in Early Part of Session; Put in Busy Day.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 8.—The Nebraska house of representatives, meeting today in violation of all legislative traditions to take things easy early in the session, did not get enough in the morning but continued over until late in the afternoon.

The lower branch put in nearly the entire morning on two measures, H. R. 90, which provides for a tax on dogs to reimburse owners of live stock and poultry killed by canines and one raising the pay of county and local assessors.

Raise Pay of Assessors. Along with the assessors' pay bill, there was an amendment by the committee on fees and salaries, making the remuneration of local assessors \$4 per day instead of \$5 as carried in the original measure.

The bill now fixes the compensation at \$3. The bill carries an increase of \$100 per year in the pay of salaries of county assessors.

In this form both measures received the approval of the house committee of the whole at the afternoon session.

A pages' strike at the house ended with two new boys employed in that capacity. When the house members appeared this morning, Chairman Astell of the committee on employees announced he had employed Wilmer Edwards and Robert Moore, both of Lincoln. The boys were hired with the definite understanding that the pay was to be \$2.06 per day, six days in the week, whether the house met or not. Anything less did not provide a living wage, Mr. Astell said.

Bills Reported Out. The committee on fees and salaries reported these bills out today with the recommendation they pass: H. R. No. 246—Increase of \$100 a year in the pay of county superintendents.

S. F. No. 76—Increase for city officials and employes in cities of from 5,000 to 25,000 population. Although the judiciary committee decided yesterday afternoon to report the soldiers' preference law for indefinite postponement, Chairman Fuhrer announced today he was holding it back at the request of the introducer, Representative Fuller. The bill in its present form is very drastic, requiring public officials to appoint soldiers instead of civilians to all places at their disposal, giving them the right to sue for damages if they are not appointed and also to bring mandamus action. Fuller is willing to have it changed.

The judiciary committee has likewise consigned three labor union bills to the graveyard. They are: H. R. 183—Prohibiting cities, individuals or corporations from making contracts not to employ union labor.

H. R. 182—Exempting labor unions from the Junkin anti-trust act. H. R. 257—Making mechanics' lien prior to all other claims.

Nebraska Hogs Bring Big Prices at Stanton Sale

Stanton, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Expert buyers from all over the United States gathered at Stanton, Wednesday, February 5, when 54 hogs were sold at an average price of \$1.150 each.

The highest price paid for one hog was \$4.050. More than 500 men were present. The president of the National Breeders' association made a short talk, showing that in many points Nebraska holds the worst a record. King of Orions was exhibited though not for sale. He is valued at more than \$7,000 and made a new world's record in 1918. Peerless Sensation was then brought out and went to an Illinois buyer at \$2,000.

Omaha Chosen as Meeting Place of Ice Cream Makers

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha was chosen as the meeting place in 1920 by the Nebraska association of Ice Cream makers at the closing session of the annual convention here today. The following officers were elected: F. G. Caldwell, Lincoln, president; vice presidents, F. C. Wright, Beatrice and Joe Clark, Ravanna; secretary, R. W. McGinnis, Fremont; directors, Harvey C. Kendall, Fremont; F. H. Finke, Kearney, and Thomas Lewis, Norfolk. Dr. George Haslam of Fremont read a paper, "Ice Cream as a Food For The Sick and Convalescent," at the forenoon session today.

Eight Ships With 13,000 Troops Depart From France

Washington, Feb. 8.—Departure from France of more than 13,000 officers and enlisted men of the American expeditionary force, including the Forty-second, Sixty-second and Sixty-third coast artillery regiments, was announced today by the War department. The troops are aboard the battleship Kansas, and the transports Harbinger, Louisville, Kroomland, Polar Bear, Malden, Pocahontas and Caserta. All are due to reach American ports between February 15 and 18.

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OTHER STATES MUST FIGHT OUT TOLL RATE CASE

Attorney General Davis Will Wait for Decision in Neighboring States; Wires Postmaster General.

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—Postmaster General Burleson has been notified by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis that he expects to let some other state fight out the test case against the federal director's telephone toll rates, while the Nebraska injunction obtained in Douglas and Lancaster counties continues until the supreme court of the United States passes on the question.

The attorney general says because other states, particularly Minnesota, have the case further advanced, it would be useless for Nebraska to duplicate the procedure. The Minnesota case is approaching the state supreme court.

The following telegram was sent to Postmaster General Burleson by Attorney General Davis, to which the federal official has not yet replied:

"State of Nebraska has obtained injunction in the district court of Lancaster and Douglas counties restraining the Lincoln Telephone company and the Nebraska Telephone company from enforcing the new rate schedule.

"We deem it only fair and trust that you will order all independent companies in Nebraska to comply with the same orders voluntarily until we obtain final adjudication. Also we will consent to stipulate that our temporary order remain in force without hearing until some case from another state is finally determined. Kindly advise us at once."

To Correct Technical Errors in Banking Bill

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Although Representative Good moved in the house this afternoon not to concur in the senate amendments to his banking bill, H. R. 41, altered in the senate to provide that state and not banks are to receive the guarantee fund of liquidating state banks, he said it was mere to correct technical errors in the amendment. As soon as these corrections are made the bill will be approved, Mr. Good said.

House Puzzled Over Question of What to Do With Resolutions

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 8.—The Nebraska house is still perplexed with what to do with petitions, memorials and resolutions sent in by organizations and groups of individuals over the state, bearing on matters of legislation. The lower branch Friday voted to refer them all to the proper standing committees. For half an hour Saturday morning the wisdom of the action was debated and the house finally reconsidered it. The matter will come up again next week.

When Mr. Hardin moved on Friday to refer "all resolutions" to committees, and the house adopted the motion, it included resolutions offered by members from the floor as well as those passed by organizations outside the legislature and sent in as communications. "We have no business to smother petitions in this manner," he declared. "This shutting off expressions from people is not right."

Committee on Employees Wrestle With Page Problem

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The senate committee on employees, of which Senator F. G. Johnson is chairman, is wrestling with the page problem in the upper branch since the pages in the house went on a strike. The senate pages say that they must have more money but they do not care to go on a strike in order to secure it.

The statute provides for \$1.50 a day pay for pages, but the senate committee has consented that they draw overtime and in this manner they will be paid enough to constitute a living wage.

Miss Emma Halbreck, who has been one of the senate stenographers since the opening of the session, has resigned. Her successor has not been appointed.

Farmers' Union Holds Annual Convention at Crete, Neb.

De Witt, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—In the Farmers' Union convention held at Crete this week, 13 of the 17 locals of the county were represented by voting delegates. This union was organized January 21, 1918, with 674 members and now has 1,027 members enrolled. Addresses were given by C. H. Gustafson, president of the State union, and F. M. Seidell, of the Federal land bank of Omaha.

WANT CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE PROFITEERING

Representatives Introduce Resolutions in Legislature Concerning Packers and Fruit Handlers.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 8.—A resolution was introduced in the Nebraska house this morning calling upon congress to enact some legislation which will reach the so-called profiteers.

The resolution, which was signed by Representatives Wildman, Good and Vance, calls attention to the exorbitant prices of foodstuffs and the profits made by the packers, fruit handlers and other concerns. Under the rules the resolution went over a day.

It is as follows: "Whereas, it has been reported through the press upon different occasions where investigations have been made by congressional committees that excessive profits have been made by various corporations and organizations, dealing in the necessities of modern life, and

"Whereas, it has been reported that one of a list of six subsidiary companies of the big packing concerns examined by Mr. Heney had made a profit in 1918 of 600 per cent on its capital stock and in 1916 this company had declared dividends of 75 per cent and had a surplus left, and

"Whereas, certain fruit associations seem to have control of the supply and price of fruit placed upon the markets and prefer to have fruit spoil and decay while many of our people need fruit, but are compelled to do without because of the high price of that allowed to go on the market, and

"Whereas, no single state seems to be able to cope with and remedy the situation, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the house of representatives of the state of Nebraska, that we memorialize congress to enact such national co-operative or other law or laws as will secure equity and conservation and prevent robbery of the masses.

"Resolved, that these resolutions be transmitted to the state senate with request that the same be adopted there and that copies be trans-

Omaha Man Objects to Granting Charter to Liberty State Bank

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Feb. 8.—Jesse C. McNish of Omaha appeared before the state banking board Saturday and made objections to chartering the Liberty State bank of Sidney, Neb. McNish is head of the American State bank of the same place.

Robert A. Barlow, former cashier in the McNish institution, is the organizer of the Liberty bank. There are already three banks in Sidney.

The banking board was required by the Nebraska supreme court to grant a charter to the Nebraska state bank of Sidney, Neb., two years ago, holding that the board had no authority to refuse charters when the proper financial credentials were presented.

Representative James A. Rodman of Kimball, Neb., appeared in behalf of the proposed new bank. The hearing went over for a week for further testimony.

Charges That Land Trade Is Far Below Real Value

Columbus, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Charging that the defendants induced the plaintiff to deed one of them a 320-acre farm in Nance county, Neb., in return for a consideration far insufficient in value, Mrs. Nannie E. Philamalee, by her next friend, has filed suit against Mr. and Mrs. William Rose of Fullerton, and George F. Rose of Genoa.

The court is asked to enjoin the defendants from selling the farm, to set aside the deed and restore the title to the plaintiff, and to require the defendants to account for the rents derived from the land in 1918.

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Duroc Jersey Sow Brings \$5,000 at Scribner Sale

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—What is said to be a world record price for a sow at a public sale was made Friday at the John Bader sale of Duroc Jerseys at Scribner. One female sold for \$5,000, Jess Golder of Oakland pay-

State Officers to Give Reception to Legislature

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The governor, lieutenant govern-

ing that price for one specimen. Thirty-nine head of sows sold for a total of \$26,385, an average of \$719. or, judges of the supreme court, officers of the senate and house of representatives and their wives will hold a reception for the members of the legislature and the public in the governor's mansion, Friday evening, February 14. The hours are from 8 to 10 o'clock. Dancing in the ball room from 8:30 to 11:30. No invitations are being issued except through the press.

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