

COMMITTEE IN SENATE FAVORS CIGARET BILL

Warm Discussion Results as to Who Is Behind Measure for Licensing the Sale of "Smokes."

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—The senate this afternoon approved the McLeod cigarette bill, after five amendments had been tacked into the original house measure. The amended bill was ordered engrossed for third reading in the second committee of the whole.

The provisions of the amendments which the senate adopted it will be unlawful for anyone to smoke cigarette or any other form of tobacco in public eating houses. Advertisement of cigarettes in public places or on bill boards is also barred. The senate had previously adopted an amendment prohibiting newspapers from advertising cigarettes, but upon amendment by Senator Robbins, it was changed and newspapers were made the only medium of advertising in order to permit them to compete with other publications, he said.

Cordell led the fight again this afternoon against the bill. He sent up an amendment to bar cigarette advertising in the newspapers and it was adopted, but finally killed when the Robbins amendment was substituted. The vote on the bill stood 19-14.

For—Amly, Bradford, Brooks, Busher, Cronin, Cooper, Husted, Johnson, Johnson, Randall, Reed, Robbins, Saunders, Sears, Starn, Tamm, Watson and Weaver. Against—Barr, Chappell, Cordeau, Erickson, Good, Hall, Harris, Johnson, Johnson, Taylor, Warner and Weston.

Under an amendment by Bushee the license fee for dealers was reduced. Bushee explained that the intent of the bill was not to raise funds by licensing the sales, but to ban any dealer found selling to minors. The senate adjourned until Monday.

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—The fight on the McLeod cigarette bill was precipitated early Friday in the senate when Secretary Barnard called it up as at the head of the list.

Cordell started the fireworks by accusing Bushee of calling a conference of the friends of the bill. "You can cram it down our throats if you want to," he said. Bushee denied that he had called any conference although he said that those friendly to the bill had held a meeting. He said that he could not distinguish any difference between this meeting and those which Senator Cordell called in the 1913 session of the legislature when Cordell was actively interested in a university removal bill.

Hammond added to the debate with a warning that the senate was yielding to the tobacco interests the same as the 1917 session did to the liquor interests. "You will have it to pay," he declared.

Bushee Resents Charge. Chappell, a democrat, said he was not charging anyone with being under the influence of the tobacco interests but he insisted that the bill was being pushed by the same interests. He was interrupted by Bushee who demanded to see letters from the so-called tobacco interests advocating the passage of the bill. Chappell admitted he had none.

Senator Bushee said he did not care to be called a tool of the tobacco interests and no one could do it on the floor of the senate and get away with it.

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BOARD MEMBERS PURCHASED COAL FOR THE STATE

Investigation by Joint Committee of Legislature Digs Into Fuel Question and Methods of Doing Business.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, March 14.—Two transactions involving E. O. Mayfield, member of the Board of Control and Leo Matthews, secretary of that board, and the National Supply company and the City Fuel company, and indicating lazy bookkeeping methods, occupied the attention of the joint committee of the house and senate investigating the Board of Control in the inquiry proceedings today.

The amounts involved in an item of \$72 twice charged and credited to E. O. Mayfield, and \$18 missing somewhere in the account of Leo Matthews, all growing out of the purchases of coal from the City Fuel company as the retailing agent for the National Supply company. The evidence would indicate that Mayfield is credited with twice paying \$72 on account, and Matthews paying \$18 on a \$36 account and receiving full credit for the same.

Sells to Board Members

O. D. Corey of the City Fuel company of Lincoln, was the first witness put on the stand during the morning session. He testified that he had sold coal to Chairman Gerdes of the Board of Control, to Mayfield, another member, and to Leo Matthews, secretary of the board. All of the Gerdes transactions, he testified to, were paid by Mr. Gerdes and properly credited.

Corey testified that all of the transactions were in accord with customary business practice and that he had supplied other customers, including the employees of the National Supply company, with coal belonging to the latter and from a pile stored in the Rock Island yards, and carried all of the transactions on the books of his firm.

Testifying in regard to the Leo Matthews account he stated that the latter had ordered 4,000 pounds of coal at \$9 per ton, January 25, 1918 and had received a check for this, February 12, 1918. February 15, 1918, Matthews received another two tons of coal at the same price, and March 11 still another two tons at the same price, \$36 in all, which Matthews was indebted for the coal. On June 28, 1918 the condition of the account was called to the attention of Matthews and he stated that he had paid \$18 of it to the National Supply company, inquiry over which telephone verified this, said Mr. Corey, and on this showing the account was transferred to the National Supply company.

Coal to Mayfield

Mayfield's account, according to the books of the City Fuel company, indicated that he had purchased 4,000 pounds of Arkansas semi-anthracite coal December 13, 1917, at \$9 per ton, with an additional wheeling charge of 50 cents per ton. December 20 he received an additional 5,000 pounds of the same coal, \$33.25, making a total charge of \$52.25. The books showed that on January 5, 1918, he was credited with a payment of \$52.25 which he made at the office, in the form of a check.

February 18, 1918, Mayfield was again charged with \$19.90 for 4,000 pounds of coal, March 2, the same year with \$9 for \$2,000 pounds, and on March 7 was given credit for \$1.90 as an overcharge, and on April 19, 1918, a credit of \$7.20 for coal removed from his cellar; on the same date he was given credit of \$19.90 on the books by having his account charged to the National Supply company.

Too Much Fine Coal

Explaining the \$7.20 credit Mr. Corey said that Mayfield had complained that there was too much fine coal in the loads taken to him and the company had removed the slack and had dumped it on the pile belonging to the National Supply company in the Rock Island yards.

Mr. Corey testified that it was customary for his company to look to the individual accounts of its customers if those individuals did not pay the City Fuel company. J. B. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the National Supply company, shown the Mayfield account on the books of his company, said that it appeared to carry duplicate credit and debit charges of \$72. He admitted that there were two account sheets introduced in evidence and that one was an original, while the other was an account which had been credited during the time that the investigating committee was at the office of his company. He said after the account had been called to his attention he had traced it back and had found it to be incorrect and had prepared the new sheet to show a correction. He testified that he could not make an explanation of the error.

Present to Mayfield

On cross-examination by Representative Jearry he testified that the books showed that on July 3 16,000 pounds of coal at \$9 per ton had been delivered to Mayfield, and that February 5 a credit of \$72 had been given Mayfield, and a notation showing that the credit had been charged to the salary account of J. F. Searle, president of the company. The duplicate bank deposit slips, he testified, would not show the credit had been made by check.

In reply to a question by Jearry, Johnson testified that Mayfield had paid the account both times—in fact had paid the same account twice.

Leo Matthews Account

Testifying in regard to the Leo Matthews account Johnson testified the books of the National Supply company had credited Matthews with \$18 cash, February 7, 1919, with \$18 by transfer from the City Fuel company, February 9, 1919, as

HOUSE CUTS OUT MULLEN CLAIM FOR HIS SERVICE

Also Refuses to Let State Pay Premiums on Official Bonds of Public Officers.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—Legal service claims of Arthur F. Mullen, democratic national committeeman, and Dexter T. Barrett, former deputy attorney general, were cut out of the general claims bill, H. R. No. 579, by the house in committee of the whole Friday morning. Dr. E. Arthur Carr, former member of the board of censors to the State Board of health, was also under fire, but the noon hour was reached and midday recess taken before the house acted on a motion to eliminate his claim.

The house also voted to strike out of the bill a bunch of claims in favor of Governor McKelvie and other state officials of that party, reimbursing them for the premiums paid on their official bond.

It turned down Speaker Dalbey on a proposition made by him for a \$200 salary raise for Col. J. H. Presson, record clerk in the governor's office, and rejected a motion by Messrs. Staats and Frost of Dodge county to raise two of Land Commissioner Swanson's employees \$300 each.

Figures on Profit

The witness stated that his company under arrangement would be getting a jobber's profit, which he estimated was 15 per cent. At the time the federal fuel administration took charge of the fuel business and would probably average 25 cents per ton since that time. He admitted this his company was furnishing the bulk of the coal to such institutions as were covered in the Howell contract, and that the relations of his company with Howell were of such a nature that his company officials had power to write to the heads of state institutions on matters relating to coal supply and sign Howell's name. Three letters of this nature were submitted in evidence. They were signed by E. S. Howell, and dictated by "H. S. Searle."

Witness testified that had not the Howell arrangement been made that under the stress of conditions that obtained during 1917 and 1918 the state institutions would have been without coal at critical times.

Most of the testimony of H. T. Folsom of the Union Coal company was in regard to the comparative merits of the different classes of coal. He contended that he could have furnished the Board of Control with southern Kansas steam coal at a saving of \$1.50 per ton, as compared with the Arkansas semi-anthracite coal furnished by the National Supply company. That there was no demand for the semi-anthracite in Nebraska as a steam coal.

Found Missing Money

Surratt of the National Supply company stated that he acted as purchasing agent and he had gone into the account of Leo Matthews and had found the missing \$18. He had found that there were four items, three calling for \$18 and one for \$21, making a total of \$75. On investigation he had found that Matthews had paid to the City Fuel company, February 7, \$18, and to his own company on March 11, \$18, leaving a balance of \$39. The mistake was made by the National Supply company, including an item of \$18 transferred from the City Fuel company without proper credit. He had satisfied Public Accountant Robinson of this and had cleared up the account and Robinson would so testify.

House Sifting Committee Provided for by Members

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—Provision for a house sifting committee was made Friday afternoon on a motion of Representative Snow. The motion called for a committee to be composed of Speaker Dalbey as chairman, two members from the state at large and two members from each congressional district. This will make a total of 15 on the committee. The two members from the state at large will be democrats, and the others will be members of the majority party. The committee will be appointed by the committee on committees.

Gage County Farm Land Sells at Fancy Price

Beatrice, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—John Menter, near De Witt, yesterday closed a deal for the sale of his 200-acre Gage county farm to John Schroeder for \$40,000. Ralph Stone, near Wymore vicinity, and Miss Edith Stevens of this city were married yesterday at the Methodist parsonage.

Deaths

Clarence Ruyke, who Tuesday at his home near Rockwater, killed himself, will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock from Scott's chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen Home cemetery. The Beatrice farmers' union local was formed here yesterday.

Bills Passed

H. R. No. 221, by Finance Committee—Permits Board of Control to use all funds in its hands at any institution it desires.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 98, by Jencks—Appropriates \$15,000 for substitution of state fishery.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 332, by Beria—Appropriates 95 per cent of a fifth mill for state aid for maintenance of bridges.—27 to 6.
H. R. No. 177, by Good—Requires railroads to afford facilities for loading and unloading livestock.—27 to 6.
S. P. No. 255, by Hall—Permits city of Seward to issue 40-year bonds for sewer system.—21 to 9.
S. P. No. 272, by Hammond—Eliminates tax on oleomargarine for retail dealers.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 254, by Fuhr—Provides for the sale by judicial process of all property on which there is a tax delinquent for three years.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 241, by Hardin and Taylor—Provides that no tax shall be levied on years books of all county offices shall be audited under the supervision of the state auditor.—21 to 9.
S. P. No. 234, by Cordell—Provides for general and special verdicts by juries and decisions.—21 to 9.
S. P. No. 253, by Swander—Provides for the paying of entire cost of laying water mains by the owners of abutting property.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 265, by Gehart—Appropriates \$1,000 every two years for instruction of normal training in district schools.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 254, by Fuller—Provides that funds received from the United States for any institution shall be paid direct to the institution through government.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 82, by Crozier—Provides that the state of Nebraska shall have a commission from the college of agriculture.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 97, by Good and Others—Appropriates 1 mill tax levy to state normal.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 254, by Osterman and Others—Union Pacific right-of-way bill.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 254, by Green—Appropriates \$291.47 for use of state board of dental mercantiles, same being fees collected.—21 to 9.
H. R. No. 236, by Cole—Changes open season for fish and game.—21 to 9.
S. P. No. 254, by Good and Others—Requires specific gravity of illuminating oils from 42 to 46 degrees.—21 to 9.

Thirteen Proves Lucky Day For Lieut.-Gov. P. A. Barrows

Celebrates Fifty-Eighth Anniversary With Dinner to Newspaper Men at Home in Lincoln.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, March 14.—Wednesday, March 13, was the anniversary of the natal day of Lieutenant Governor Barrows, who first saw the light of day in Plymouth, Mass., March 13, 1861.

A birthday dinner in honor of the event was given to the newspaper men of Lincoln, "covering" the proceedings of the state legislature, at the home of the celebrant.

A place card in the shape of the outline of the state of Nebraska, and containing a photograph of Lieutenant Governor Barrows was at the plate of each guest. On the card was the following:

"March 13, 1861.
"March 13, 1919.
"Dear Friend: I hope that you are not at all superstitious over the number '13' and that because 13 of us are gathered about this table that it has any undesirable significance.

PRIMARY BILL CONTINUES TO SLEEP SOUNDLY

Bushee Measure Called Up in Senate, But Action Is Deferred Because Cordeau Is Absent.

From a Staff Correspondent. Lincoln, Neb., March 14.—When the Bushee bill, S. F. 52, amending the primary law, substituting in part of the convention system of selecting party candidates, came up in the upper house today, action was again deferred.

The senate, in committee of the whole, was requested by Cordeau to hold up consideration of the bill if he should be absent from the room. When it was called up, Cordeau was busy with other work in another part of the capitol.

In the committee of the whole, the Cronin bill, relating to bonding companies, received the approval of the upper branch. The bill requires notice and hearing before the cancellation of any indemnity bond.

Should Not Be Aired. Weverling, who led the fight against the bill, insisted that it would work serious injury to the bonding companies. He said that the confidential sources of information which the bonding companies have for learning the character of an applicant should not be aired before a hearing in court.

Cronin replied by saying that the bonding companies now could seriously reflect upon a man by cancelling his bond without giving any reason.

Peterson's bill, rewriting the workmen's compensation law, was advanced to third reading. The bill increases the maximum compensation to \$15 a week instead of \$12. It also gives the injured employe the right to select his own surgeon in the case of a major operation.

General Salaries Bill Passed Friday Morning

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—The general salaries bill, H. R. 577, was passed Friday morning by the committee of the whole of the house without any amendments other than a few minor ones recommended by the finance committee. Several mistakes had been made when the bill was drafted in the appropriation for the State Health department. These were detected by the committee and were changed.

An attempt to raise the salaries of several state officials was voted down.

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Nuckolls County Welcomes Home Soldier Boys

Nelson, Neb., March 14.—(Special telegram)—At a meeting of the Community club today it was decided to have the Nuckolls county home-coming jubilee on July 4. Plans are being perfected to make a great day of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the return of the soldier boys and the victory won for humanity.

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Deadwood, S. D., March 14.—(Special.)—Ray Cooper, a Meade county young man who was caught while transporting 40 gallons of whisky into South Dakota from Sundance, Wyo., in an automobile, was sentenced by Judge McNenny of the circuit court in this city, to pay a fine of \$500 and costs of \$38.90 and serve a term of three months in the county jail.

Farmers Organize to Fight Gophers and Wheat Smuts

DeWitt, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—During the past year, farmers in Saline county lost heavily in crops as the result of their inability to cope with smuts and gophers. It is estimated that the destruction to spring wheat from smuts amounted to more than \$100,000. The ravaging of gophers cost the farmers more than \$50,000. That the present year may not see these losses duplicated or increased, a series of meetings are planned at which specialists in these subjects will address the farmers on the best methods of eradicating their crop foes. These meetings are contingent upon favorable weather conditions and will be held at the following places: DeWitt, March 18; schoolhouse southeast of Tobias, March 19; Columbus hall, March 20; Dorchester, March 17; Shestak, March 21; Swanton, March 25; Western, March 27; Golden Rod, March 28; Crete, April 2; Oak Grove, April 4; North Fork, April 5, and Atlanta Center, April 8. The meetings are arranged that farmers in all sections may find it convenient to attend and considerable interest is anticipated by those in charge of this program of agricultural education.

Concur in Amendments

Lincoln, March 14.—(Special.)—The senate today concurred in the house amendments to Senator Randall's two bills, S. F. 57 and S. F. 59, permitting state banks to invest two-fifths of their reserve in government bonds and permitting state banks, which are also members of the federal reserve system, to have the same privilege of rediscunt as other banks. The house amendments were minor ones.

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