

# FARMERS' UNION GIVEN RIGHTS TO OMAHA EXCHANGE

### Senate Speeds Up and Passes 22 Bills in Anticipation of Adjournment in the Near Future.

By a Staff Correspondent.  
Lincoln, April 4.—The Nebraska senate speeded up Friday in anticipation of adjournment within the next 10 days, and passed 22 bills with machine-like precision. The only break came when the Omaha Grain exchange bill was up for passage. It was necessary to raise a call of the house to muster enough votes to pass the bill with the emergency clause attached, 22 being required. Senate leaders finally secured the sufficient majority and final roll call revealed 24 senators voting for the bill. The bill gives the Farmers' union unrestricted rights on the Omaha Grain exchange, with the exclusive privilege of rebating profits on the patronage basis. The roll call on the bill resulted: For—Atkins, Bar, Bunker, Chappell, Cordell, Cronin, Erickson, Hall,



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Harris, Hammond, Hoagland, Johnson, Neal, Peterson, Randall, Reed, Swanson, Sturm, Taylor, Warren, Watson, Weaver, Ling and Weston—24. Against—Bradstreet, Cooper, Good, Houston, Koller, Saunders, Simas and Tanner—8. Absent—Sears—1. The senate added one minor amendment to the bill, but unquestionably the house will concur, and then it goes to the governor for signature. Inasmuch as it carries the emergency clause it will go into effect immediately.

### Provide Detectives.

The senate concurred in amendments to S. F. 178, which provides \$500 for a detective for the county attorney of Lancaster county and \$1,500 for similar services for the county attorney's office in Douglas county.

H. R. 236, a bill raising the salary of the public defender in Omaha from \$2,400 to \$3,600, was up on third reading but a mistake was discovered and the bill was committed to correct a technical error. The Douglas county commissioner election law was another measure which went through the senate Friday and is ready for the governor's signature. The bill puts the election back on the old basis of nominating by districts and voting at large.

H. R. 127, another Omaha bill, was passed without opposition. It extends the term of judges of the municipal court in Omaha.

### Grain Men Silent.

"I have no comment to make at this time," said F. P. Manchester, secretary of the Omaha Grain exchange. "A meeting of the board of directors will be called in due time, when the matter will be discussed exhaustively. Until the board has passed on the subject, I do not feel at liberty to talk about it."

### School Board of Wilber Elect Teachers for Year

DeWitt, Neb., April 4.—(Special.) The Wilber school board held an election of teachers for the ensuing year with the following results: Superintendent Hopkins was re-elected, also Mrs. Jennings and the Rev. Mr. Klink. Miss Grimm was re-elected, but declined to serve another year. The Misses Thompson and Reiber were re-elected.

### Wilber Soft Drink Dealers Must Face Liquor Charge

DeWitt, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Complaints have been filed in county court against Tachovsky & Cvaeh, of Wilber, and William Rall, Rudolph Masin and Fred Mace of Crete, charging them with unlawful possession of liquor. Defendants are dealers in soft drinks and the cause of all the trouble seems to be that cider has been standing so long that it developed a kick.

### Hay Reaches \$40 Per Ton on the Fremont Market

Fremont, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Hay has reached a record price on the Fremont market, the baled roughness selling for \$40 a ton and dealers say it is hard to get at that price. Owners of dairy herds say they are operating at a loss when they have to sell milk at 13 cents a quart while they feed their cows \$40 hay.

### Wymore Woman Dies.

Wymore, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary J. Burnham, a resident of Wymore since 1882, died yesterday at the home of her son, J. M. Burnham, after an illness of a few months. Her husband, Captain Burnham, a civil war veteran, died years ago in Wymore.

# HOUSE REJECTS AMENDMENTS TO TRADE MEASURE

### Propositions Making Terms of Bill More Rigid Are Adopted; Rodman and Purdy Have Tilt.

From a Staff Correspondent.  
Lincoln, April 4.—All amendments proposed by the house committee on manufactures and commerce to Senator Cordell's trade commission bill, S. F. 116, taking the blue sky department away from the railway commission and putting it under the governor and attorney general with the appointing power in the hands of the former official, were rejected on the floor of the house Friday afternoon.

Two propositions, making the terms of the measure more rigid, were adopted. One, by Mr. Martin, declares it a felony, instead of a misdemeanor to refuse to submit to an examination or to sell securities without a permit. The bill was advanced for final passage. One of the amendments favored by the standing committee provided that if a corporation had been in existence and engaged in active business for two years it should not be subject to the control of the state trade commission.

### Charges Compromise.

During a tilt between Messrs Rodman and Purdy, the latter stated that the two-year clause was a compromise. "Who made the compromise?" inquired Rodman. "It was agreed to over in the senate," replied Purdy. "Senator Hoagland told me that the amendment would be acceptable to the senate," remarked Mr. Jacobson. This was confirmed by Mr. Reynolds.

"I don't know whether the Higgins Packing company or any other corporation in which senators may be interested, would come under this law," he said, "but we need not assume that the senate will stand back of what these senators say."

### Table Resolution to Send Bills to Governor at Once

Lincoln, April 4.—(Special.)—The house Friday morning tabled a resolution by Mr. Osterman, expressing the sense of that chamber that bills should not be held back after passage, but sent without delay to the governor for his approval or rejection.

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## Bills Passed

- H. R. No. 26—County may collect from state funds cost of killing prairie dogs on state owned land, appropriate \$2,000 for state fund to cover.
- H. R. No. 44—Gives persons, firms or corporations in Omaha at whose business garbage collects privilege to sell same, or haul through city streets, according to city ordinance.
- H. R. No. 457—Appropriates \$12,000 to meet a like appropriation by United States government as state social hygiene fund.
- H. R. No. 48—If child lives more than 2 1/2 miles from school house and is refused free transportation to and from school his district shall pay tuition at any other school.
- H. R. No. 245—Gives Farmers' union unrestricted membership on Omaha grain exchange not subject to exchange rules against rebating, but right to distribute profits on basis of patronage.
- H. R. No. 211—Raises bond of school district treasurer from \$500 to \$1,000 in districts having 25 to 50 children of school age.
- H. R. No. 416—Lincoln Board of Education shall be elected in same manner as city commissioners. School levy increased to 50 mills, 2 mill increase to be levied on lands and buildings for school purposes.
- H. R. 322—Takes off limit that a city of 100,000 or more may issue for inter-section paving bonds.
- H. R. 467—Requires 100 signers in each congressional district to place candidates for president on the primary ballot.
- H. R. 12—State officials must issue a pamphlet showing all state automobile registrations, for use of sheriffs and chiefs of police of cities.
- H. R. 575—Provides for election in strip of unorganized territory between Wayne and Thurston counties to determine their county status.
- H. R. 117—Douglas county commissioners are to be nominated by commissioner districts, but voted on at large.
- H. R. 216—Douglas county commissioners court terms made four years instead of present two-year term. Not to apply to present incumbents.
- H. R. 244—If child lives near school house in a district adjoining his own, shall go to school in the adjoining district, his parents to pay tuition.
- H. R. 158—Declares venereal diseases contagious and puts rules regulating same under supervision of state board of health.
- H. R. 520—Gives election judges right to challenge voters with the question: "Are you a citizen of the U. S.?" "Are you a native born or naturalized?" "Where and when did you receive your naturalization papers?" or less per year.
- H. R. 192—Cities of second class may sell electric current or other municipal utility to any other city or corporation outside of city limits and have right of way to run poles and wires along public highways.

### German Language Books Turned Over to Regents

Lincoln, April 4.—Rather than burn German language books in a huge bonfire, and thus place the committee in the light of being fanatics, the house committee appointed to investigate the foreign language books in the state circulating library, recommended that all such books be placed in the hands of the state library officials with instructions to the latter to weed out all such books that contain any seditious matter or propaganda.

### Flu at Rapid City.

Rapid City, S. D., April 4.—(Special.)—Reports from Hot Springs state that Spanish influenza is for the second time raging in that vicinity with a death a day for the last three days from the disease.

# PAVING PROGRAM TERMED VICIOUS BY BALDRIGE

### Amendments to Omaha Bills at Lincoln Predicted to Meet Objections of the Property Owners.

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A hearing before the committee on cities and towns was held last night in the house chamber on the Omaha charter and paving bills. Strong speeches were made against certain provisions of the paving bill by Howard Baldrige and others. They declared the bill was vicious in its nature and warned the committee against its passage in the initial form. City Commissioner Towle spoke in favor of the bill. The hearing, which was a lengthy one, was largely attended.

### Speculation Rife as to Appointments at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., April 4.—(Special.)—Much speculation is being indulged in as to the probable appointments of Mayor-elect Guy Hinman, the "write-in" candidate who was elected by the largest plurality ever recorded in the history of the city. It is conceded that W. M. Cain, a democrat, will be the city attorney to succeed J. E. Rolin; Wallace Wilson, former chief state engineer, will be city engineer; Neville, and L. D. Wright are mentioned for the job of city light and water commissioner. Tom Adams, former restaurant and railroad man, is favorite for chief of police.

### Legislature of 1917 Is Responsible for Mixup

Lincoln, April 4.—(Special.)—Failure of the Nebraska legislature of 1917, overwhelmingly democratic, to extend the soldiers voting law to give the soldiers a right to vote at special elections is responsible for the present mixup on the constitutional convention, friends of the bill explained Friday.

The law now limits the soldiers' vote to general or primary elections. As the selection of the delegates for the constitutional convention is a special election, there will be no soldier vote to delay the certification of delegates to the convention, it is claimed.

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# Senate Adopts Report of Finance Committee for New Improvements

By a Staff Correspondent.  
Lincoln, April 4.—The state senate Friday adopted the report of the senate finance committee on H. R. 580, covering the appropriations for improvements and new buildings at the various state institutions. The senate raised the amount for wells, water mains and machinery at the institution for Feeble-minded at Beatrice from \$13,000 to \$16,000. The house appropriation of \$1,000 for a silo at the Grand Island Soldiers' home was increased to \$2,000, but the committee knocked out an appropriation of \$15,000 for a tunnel connecting the dining rooms at the institution.

It added \$7,000 for a dairy barn and silo at the Boys' Industrial school at Kearney and \$10,000 for a dairy barn and silo at the Lincoln Insane asylum.

It also reported out H. R. 582, introduced by the governor, appropriating \$25,000 to welcome home the soldiers, changing it so the money could be expended at any port where the sailors arrive.

A new school restricting bill was introduced in the senate Friday, replacing the measure which was killed in the house. The bill was changed to meet the principal objections raised in the lower branch.

### Anti-Nepotism Measure Now Goes to Governor

Lincoln, Neb., April 4.—The anti-nepotism bill introduced in the house by Representative Foster, prohibiting the appointment by office holders of any person related by ties of blood or kin to any subordinate position or office where the yearly compensation is greater than \$800, passed the senate today.

The measure had the emergency clause attached and now only requires the signature of the governor to be the law of the state. It practically passes in the same form as it came from the house and by a unanimous vote.

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# Ex-Governor Holcomb Makes Formal Demand to Recover Coal Excess

From a Staff Correspondent.  
Lincoln, April 4.—In the joint legislative inquiry into the State Board of Control, today, former Governor Holcomb told the committee that he had made a formal demand upon the attorney general to proceed to obtain a refund of \$4,500 he alleges is due the state from the Victor American Fuel company of Denver.

The \$4,500 represents the difference between the price of coal sold to state institutions, fixed by the federal fuel administration, and that fixed in the contract with the state by the coal company.

Commissioner Gerdes stated to the investigating committee that he thought the state was obligated morally to pay the full price of the coal named in the contract with the Victor American Fuel company, despite the action taken by the federal fuel administration.

Judge Holcomb took the other view, and holds that the refunding of the claim is legal and a moral obligation on the part of the coal company.

# University Gets Books.

Lincoln, April 4.—(Special.)—Twelve hundred volumes of foreign language books in the traveling libraries of the state under the direction of the state library commission will be turned over to the state university, the house committee investigating the matter reported today.

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