

## Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

### AYERS REFUSES TO ENTER DEBATE ON NEW CODE LAW

Quotes Many Authorities in Effort to Justify Holding Up Statute; Republicans Ready to Sign.

Lincoln, May 9.—Fred C. Ayers, general director of the plan to invoke the referendum on the new code law, rather than allow the people a chance to try it out and see for themselves whether it has merit, has refused the challenge of the governor to a series of joint debates and quotes scripture, Shakespeare, Hoyle and a few other authorities in an effort to justify his act of holding up a law passed by the last legislature in the interests of a better system of running the business of the state.

Mr. Ayers says he has found 30 republicans who have been willing to put their names to a petition to hold up the new code law and prevent the putting in operation a platform pledge of the republican party which it promises to repeal and which a republican legislature, true to its promise, enacted into law.

**Can Not Take Time.**

He charges that he will be too busy trying to get enough names on his petitions to hold up the law and can not accommodate the governor in a series of debates, but thinks he could find some fellows who would be foolish enough to run up against the governor's buzz saw.

He says he will furnish a list of subscribers to the fund backing the referendum move at a later date.

The principal argument in the statement follows:

"After the petitions are filed with the secretary of state, it will be more than a year before the code bill can be voted upon, and do you not think that the people will have plenty of time to discuss and digest this law? In the meantime a constitutional convention will have been called to decide the matter of a state constitution. Then why go to the expense of the many thousands of dollars of the people's money that will be required to put this law into effect, besides the duplicating of all the present state offices which are fearfully crowded as it is? Why not allow the convention to decide what kind of a government we ought to have, and not leave this question to yourself alone? You have had so little experience in state government that the people, in their wisdom, would be willing to trust the hundred men who will be elected to that convention to solve this problem that to one who is apparently so untried."

### Wynot Man Would Make Germans Use English Over Telephone Lines

Lincoln, May 9.—The State Railway commission has received a communication from E. F. Ferber of Wynot in which it is stated that German subscribers on the mutual farm telephone line out of that place south are holding secret meetings and are trying to work up a new company to establish a line over which they can talk in the German language.

Considerable objection has been made to the use of the German language over the lines of that exchange, and some of the subscribers have insisted that it must be stopped. Mr. Ferber is of the opinion that the time has come to talk in the language of an American citizen, and closes his letter with the following paragraph:

"Why is it that the Germans are allowed to dominate over us Americans now, now that we have won the war over Germany?"

### Omaha Street Railway Company Applies for an Increase in Fares

Lincoln, May 9.—Claiming that the company has spent its \$1,500,000 depreciation fund for the purpose of extending its lines and that it has nothing left to build up its equipment, the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company appeared in supreme court today and through its attorney, J. L. Webster, asked for relief.

The company says that its revenues are not sufficient to bring in funds to run the lines and that it is necessary to have an increase in fares to meet the emergency. There is no money to pay interest or dividends and the limit has been reached in the issuance of bonds. It is simply a proposition to get more revenue to meet conditions, the company says.

### Must Rebate for Length of Time Phones Were Broken

Lincoln, May 9.—The Lincoln Telephone company will be required to rebate to its subscribers for exchange rental on phones which were out of commission because of the storm in April. The company will be allowed to have seven days credit, but where phones were out of commission longer than that time the company must make good the loss to its phone subscribers. This is the order of the State Railway commission, issued Friday.

### Governor Talks on "Good Government" at Hartington

Lincoln, May 9.—Governor McKelvie was at Hartington yesterday and delivered an address to the people of that town. When asked if he talked on the code bill, he replied that his subject was "Good Government" and that meant the same thing.

He will deliver the commencement address of the Lexington high school Thursday evening, May 15.

### Deaths in State Show Big Increase in 1918; Flu Given as Cause

Lincoln, May 9.—A total of 15,637 deaths were registered in this state for the year 1918, according to reports prepared in the office of the state board of health and also 676 stillborn deaths. The record for 1917 was 11,321, the increase being doubtless due to the flu, of which there were 4,332 deaths in the state. In Douglas county there were 3,534 deaths and in Lancaster county 1,398. Of these 1,344 deaths were from the flu in Douglas and in Lancaster, 484.

There were 29,736 births in the state, 4,082 in Douglas county and 1,854 in Lancaster.

It is estimated that perhaps a considerable number of deaths were not recorded. It is known that in Sheridan county on the Indian reservation there were about 90 deaths from the flu, when but 34 were reported. It is reported to the office that the Indians buried their dead immediately upon death and in many cases did not make a report.

### Syrian Soldier Awarded \$12 Per Week Compensation

Lincoln, May 9.—Twelve dollars a week has been awarded Samuel A. Siam, a Syrian soldier who enlisted from Lincoln, by the compensation commissioner of the state labor bureau.

Siam was injured in March while employed as a fireman for the Lincoln Traction company which resulted in a hernia. The company had charged that the injury was one of long-standing, but as Siam's discharge from the United States service declared him to be in perfect health, the commissioner awarded the claim, which will date from the 12th day of April, and until the disability is removed.

### BIGGEST WINTER WHEAT CROP IN STATE'S HISTORY

Crop Expected to Be 70,700,000 Bushels Which, at \$2 Per Bushel, Would Bring \$141,000,000.

Lincoln, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—Winter wheat improved during the past month and present chances for a record production are excellent. The condition of 101 per cent compared to 97 per cent last month indicates a production of 70,700,000 bushels, which is more than twice the production last year. At \$2.00 a bushel this will add \$141,000,000 to the wealth of Nebraska farmers. This is the latest estimate of A. E. Anderson of the bureau of crop estimates and E. R. Daniels, secretary of the Nebraska board of agriculture.

The abandonment is practically negligible this year. This is an unusual record in view of the extremely adverse conditions until the second week of last October, and can be accounted for by a sufficient moisture supply and a minimum of low temperature since that time. Cool, wet weather this spring has caused exceptional stooling. Some fear has been expressed that the thick stand may induce rust or that it may lodge or dry out. Wheat is a little in advance of the usual, which decreases the chance for rust. Plenty of rain for another month will almost settle its moisture requirements as dry weather is preferable for wheat during the three weeks preceding harvest. While some lodging may be expected from the large, rank growth, the present

condition is preferable to the small, spindling growth produced by a dry, unfavorable season. Last year's harvests were very light and this should leave an abundant supply of available plant food for the heavy stand of wheat. In view of this, there is little room at present for the pessimists.

**9,000,000 Bushels Promised.**

The condition of winter wheat for the United States is 100.5 per cent compared to 99.8 per cent a month ago. This promises a production of approximately 900,000,000 bushels compared to 558,449,000 bushels the final estimate last year. The condition of rye is 102 per cent which indicates a production of 7,127,999 bushels. The condition of rye for the United States is 95.3 per cent.

The preliminary estimate of all tame hay is 1,769,000 acres. The increase in acreage is due largely to the ever increasing acreage of alfalfa, having probably a slightly lower acreage than Kansas. The possible harvest of wild hay may be 2,717,000 acres. This may vary considerably according to conditions. The present condition of all hay is excellent. Alfalfa especially is farther advanced than usual for this date. Only 6 per cent of last year's crop of all hay remains on farms compared to 13 per cent a year ago. The condition of pastures is very good.

**Spring Plowing Complete.**

About 55 per cent of the plowing for spring planting was completed May 1. It was delayed by continued rains. Approximately 4 per cent of the spring planting and sowing was done by May 1. The seeding of oats and spring wheat was delayed by numerous rains.

The mortality of live stock for the past year was about the average, except in the case of swine where it was lower. The past winter was very favorable for livestock. Shortage of feed reduced the vitality of the stock in some sections of the state. The general health of all live stock has been good.

In general farm conditions are very good. Aside from the delay of farm work by the numerous rains, most reports indicate that farmers are well pleased with the prospects. With a large reserve supply of subsoil moisture there is less to worry about than last spring when the

subsoil was practically dry. The corn acreage may be increased this year at the expense of the acreage of oats. Preparation of corn ground has been delayed by the many rains and farmers will be very busy planting corn as soon as conditions become more favorable. The alfalfa harvest may begin a little earlier this year than usual.

**Soldiers' Home Notes.**

Grand Island, Neb., May 8.—(Special.)—Decorations day is being observed with much interest this year, as all feel it to be their duty to show their respect to their comrades in arms.

The husky old vets who have charge of the autos that ply between Grand Island and the home, in the passenger business, are growing quite polite, so much so that it has attracted attention. The drivers can be found standing by the side of their cars ready to assist any passenger in or out, cleanly shaven, shoes polished, and coats buttoned; in fact, they are an inviting bunch to ride with.

Clarence Hopkins has taken a trip to Sterling, Colo. to visit with a brother, Mrs. Hopkins has accepted a position in the home laundry.

Postmistress Miller returned last evening from her visit in Colorado, and is receiving a hearty welcome from the Burkett membership. Her outing appears to have been very beneficial to her health.

An accident occurred about noon Thursday on the farm, in which one of a team of runaway mules suffered a fractured leg.

**Postal Appointments.**

Washington, May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles E. McNally has been appointed postmaster at Inez, Holt county, Nebraska. Vice Michael B. Higgins, resigned.

**Women's Clubs Hold Annual Convention at Table Rock**

Table Rock, Neb., May 9.—(Special.)—The 16th annual convention of the women's club of the first district convened at Table Rock Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Hugh LaMaster of Lincoln. The address of welcome, for the city, was given by F. A. Stech, and for the club by Mrs. E. D. Wood. The response was given by Mrs. Judson Douglas of Tecumseh, Tuesday evening a banquet was served at the Lincoln hotel, at which 122 plates were set. Wednesday morning Mrs. T. J. Doyle of Lincoln gave a talk on "Common Sense in Dress," and reports of committees were read. Wednesday afternoon the state president, Mrs. A. E. Sheldon, gave an address on "Poetry of the Great War." Mrs. J. R. Pierson of Table Rock read a paper on "Music in War Times." Wednesday evening Miss Ida Johnson of the Lincoln public school, talked on the art of story telling, and told the story of "The Whistling Mother."

Mrs. W. L. Morrill of Sterling was elected president and Mrs. Waitie Charlton of Palmyra, vice president.

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Rosa Ponselle and Columbia Stellar Quartette	\$1.50
Ja-Dal (Ja-Da, Ja-Da, Jing, Jing, Jing) - Fox-trot	
Wilbur Sweatman's Original Jazz Band	A-2707 85c
Rainy Day Blues - Fox-trot	
Wilbur Sweatman's Original Jazz Band	
Some Day I'll Make You Glad - Sterling Trio	
Wait and See (You'll Want Me Back) - Henry Burr and Ruth Lenox	A-2713 85c
Sweet Siamese - Fox-trot	
Earl Fuller's Rector Novelty Orchestra	A-2712 85c
Ruspans - One-step	
Earl Fuller's Rector Novelty Orchestra	

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