

# Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

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## RESIGNATION OF VICTOR WILSON EXPECTED SOON

### Railway Commissioner Gives Small Salary as Main Reason; Has Other Grievances.

Lincoln, July 19.—It is probable that Railway Commissioner Victor E. Wilson will resign and go back to the practice of his profession as lawyer-banker.

When asked by the Bee correspondent if the rumor that he would resign was true, Mr. Wilson said that he had not definitely made up his mind, but was of the opinion now that he would.

Asked to give his reasons he said that there were many. First, the salary paid was inadequate to the work which had to be done. "The salary now is \$3,000 a year," said the commissioner. "Why a few years ago when I held the appointive position of bank examiner I was paid \$2,000 a year and when I made comparison then with now and the prices I have to pay for the necessities of life, I find that I am receiving just about \$1,000 a year salary. I can make more in my private business and not have campaign expenses to pay either."

Work Amounts to Little. He said that another reason was that after the commission had made investigations, going into the very heart of things, after they had gone into the evidence, the conditions, cost, expense and all of that, the matter would be taken to the courts, and as far as the railway commission was concerned their work amounted to very little, if their findings were not to be considered final.

Still another thing which is causing the commissioner to make up his mind that the office is a long way from being a desirable job he put as follows:

"Ever since the United States railway administration and the telegraph and telephone administration were created, it has been apparent that both these agencies have been bent on destroying state control and regulation of transportation and wire service and centering everything in the hands of the federal government. This commission has been in a constant struggle with them to preserve the rights of the public in this state and have been repeatedly overridden. The recent decision of the United States supreme court virtually breaks down the last vestige of authority formerly had by state commissions and even ties the hands of state legislatures."

Show Same Tendency. "The Interstate Commerce commission shows the same tendency and appears to have in mind the view of becoming sole and supreme in the power of dealing with transportation and like matters. The National Railway commission and the Interstate Commerce commission appear to have been working together to take over the power which has heretofore properly belonged to the state."

Mr. Wilson ensures the Nebraska delegation in both branches of congress for allowing this to be done, and says they will have to stand partly responsible.

## Men Arrested on Forgery Charges Are Released

Beatrice, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—E. Wolf and H. Kaplan, who were arrested at Wymore on a charge of raising a number of checks on farmers near Pickrell, were released Friday evening by Sheriff Schick. The men claimed to be representatives of a paper published in the interest of a livestock association, and according to the sheriff the farmers accepted receipts of \$4.98 and \$9.98 instead of 98 cents. It is said the larger amounts represented "10-year subscriptions" while the smaller ones were for less time.

## "Boy Bandits" Rob Lead Stores; Several Arrested

Lead, S. D., July 19.—(Special.)—Boy burglars have recently caused the local police considerable trouble and some of the stores have suffered heavy losses as a result of their operations. Some of the lads now in custody have been implicated in other thefts from stores in the past. One of the places entered by the "boy bandits" was the store of Joseph Seelig, from which revolvers were taken and the cash register robbed. The store was ransacked from end to end.

## Branch of American Legion Formed at Hemingford

Hemingford, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—A local post of the American Legion has been organized here with M. R. Swanson chairman and V. W. Jenkins secretary. There are about 75 members. The post is named in honor of James Barry, a veteran of the Civil war, who died July 11. They plan to build a community club house.

## Arrested on Charge of Forging Check for \$25

Beatrice, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—C. Fray, charged with forging the name of Mrs. William Young of this city to a check for \$25, was arrested here Friday by Sheriff Schick. The alleged offense was committed some time ago, and since then the officer has been looking for Fray, who has been making his home in South Dakota.

## Omaha Man Appointed Member of Supreme Court Commission



Frank A. Shotwell, Omaha.

## SUPREME COURT APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONERS

Frank A. Shotwell, Omaha; George W. Tibbets, Hastings, and W. C. Dorsey, Bloomington, Named.

Lincoln, Neb., July 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska supreme court today appointed three new members of the supreme court commission. The new members will take their office on September 15, for a term of two years. The salary of the commissioners was increased by the last legislature from \$3,000 to \$3,600.

The new commissioners are George W. Tibbets of Hastings, formerly a member of the state senate; District Judge W. C. Dorsey of Bloomington, and Frank A. Shotwell of Omaha. Judge Dorsey is a former member of the legislature and was appointed district judge by Governor Keith Neville when a new district was formed. Mr. Shotwell is a brother of County Attorney Shotwell and was formerly a deputy county attorney of Douglas county. The retiring members of the commission, whose terms expire, are W. C. Parriott of Auburn, Grant G. Martin of Lincoln and F. O. McGirr of Beatrice. The present members of the commission have held office since the board was formed four years ago.

## Civil Service Examinations And Postmaster Appointments

Washington Bureau Omaha Bee. Washington, D. C., July 19.—A charter has been issued to the First National bank, Wilmot, S. D., with a capital of \$25,000. Increase of capital of First National bank, Bayard, Neb., from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and First National bank of Remsen, Ia., from \$50,000 to \$60,000, have been approved by the Treasury department.

Civil service examination will be held on August 23 for fourth class postmasters at Melberta, Gochner, Monowi and Weston, Neb. Postmasters approved: George A. Parrish, Belmar, Keith county, Nebraska, vice, Mary E. Stafford, resigned.

In South Dakota: Beebe, Edmunds county, Julius F. Hardt, vice, Anna O. Clinton, resigned; Laurel, Sully county, Jessie Potoski, vice, Charles L. Johnson, deceased.

## Owner of First Gage County Paper Dies in Washington

Beatrice, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—Joseph Rutherford Nelson, who established the first newspaper in Gage county at Beatrice with Nathaniel Howard in 1868, died at his home at Cashmere, Wash., according to information received here Friday. The name of the paper was the Blue Valley Record. Mr. Nelson later crossed the plains, going to the Colorado gold fields, and returned to Beatrice in 1887. He then moved to Galveston, Tex., where he lost all of his property in the great flood. He again returned to Beatrice and left for the state of Washington in 1910, where he resided until his death. His widow and one son, Amos, survive.

## West Point Pastor Called to Washington, Ill., Church

West Point, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—Rev. L. J. Powell, who has been pastor of the Grace Lutheran church at West Point for the past 11 years, has been called to the pastorate of the church at Washington, Ill., and has left for that place to assume his duties. He has built up a congregation of over 600 members out of a former small membership and during this time has erected a fine church, the finest Protestant church in the county, and leaves the congregation in an exceedingly prosperous condition.

## WYOMING STOCK SEEKS PASTURE OVER NEBRASKA

### Lack of Feed and Water Forcing Wyoming Cattlemen to Move Out of State.

Lincoln, Neb., July 19.—Letters coming to C. H. Heard, government field agent in marketing work, indicate that thousands of head of Montana and Wyoming stock, in danger on account of the drought, will come to Nebraska ranges. Though the work of the government agent is merely to bring prospective Nebraska buyers in touch with the western situation, men who want a total of 25,000 head have written directly to him.

Thomas Quinn of North Platte has written Mr. Heard that he and his neighbors will take 10,000 head of cattle. Frank Van Horn of Erickson wants at least 5,000 head. A Long Pine man wants 250 head. Two men from eastern Nebraska and one from Iowa want several carloads. An Alliance man says he will pasture several thousand head at \$125 a month. O. Hull, county agricultural agent of Frontier county, says there is an abundance of grass in his county that will go to waste if cattle are not found to eat it. Several of the letters tell of an abundance of grass and running water.

Large Pay Crop. The July 12 bulletin of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture says that a bumper crop of wild hay is assured. The second crop of alfalfa promises to be large, the bulletin says, the yield of clover is exceptionally good, and the condition of pastures remains excellent. One Montana rancher has asked Mr. Heard to help him find 500 tons of hay immediately. With hay he hopes to carry his stock over until rain comes and pastures green up again.

Mr. Heard sent letters to members of the Nebraska Stock Growers' association and all county agents in the state. He suggested that those wanting cattle write W. L. Beers, field agent in marketing, Bozeman, Mont., who is attempting to find places for the stock of Montana.

## All Owners of Live-Decoys Must Take Out License, Says Holmes

Lincoln, July 19.—John Q. Holmes, former deputy in the state game warden's department, and recently appointed United States game warden to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of R. P. Holland of Kansas, was a caller at the state house Saturday. Mr. Holmes will have charge of four states, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. He says that the federal government through the Agricultural department, which now has jurisdiction over the matter of migratory birds, has issued an order that all owners of live decoys must take out a license or they are subject to prosecution. The license costs nothing and can be had by applying to Mr. Holmes at Orleans, Neb., or to the state game warden at Lincoln.

Eddie Varner, champion blue rock shooter of Nebraska, was also a caller at the game warden's office Saturday. Mr. Varner lives at Adams and is not only the editor of the Globe at that place, but is also a special deputy game warden and when not hunting news for his paper is hunting violators of the game laws with considerable success.

## Dodge County Men to Form League to Oppose Covenant

Fremont, Neb., July 19.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of 40 Fremont men Friday night a committee of five, headed by J. D. Richards, was appointed to take steps to organize a Dodge county league opposed to the peace covenant. The committee was further instructed to call a mass meeting to discuss the league of nations and the peace agreement. Telegrams were ordered sent to Senators Hitchcock and Norris expressing opposition to the covenant. The speakers were William Cain, T. L. Mathews, Rev. Nathaniel McGiffin, Frank Hammond, Bert Turner and C. D. Marr.

## Wheat Yields Well

Beatrice, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—Frank Van Boskirk, a farmer living six miles north of Beatrice, threshed 90 acres of wheat, which yielded 18 bushels to the acre. Henry Scheve, living near Harbine, finished threshing Friday and secured a yield of 22 bushels to the acre.

## Tour Yellowstone Park

Hemingford, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—Twenty-five families from this vicinity are touring Yellowstone park and auto roads are reported good.

## Leo Stuhr Says Foot Race at State House Picnic Was "Rotten"

Lincoln, July 19.—State house employees held their annual picnic at Capital beach Friday and it was one of the most successful ever held by the political crowd.

After a very "scrumptious" repast the denizens of the old ruins proceeded to have a good time pulling off sports. Having shown himself to be a good runner in the elections, Railway Commissioner Thomas Hall pulled off his shoes and entered the free-for-all race for state officers and heads of departments. He was pitted against such sprinters as Deputy Secretary of State Gaston, Judge Parriott of the supreme court commission and a few other runners of more or less reputation. Food Commissioner Leo Stuhr looked a little worried when he saw Hall pull off his shoes and the other contestants do likewise, but looking back over the last 40 years and remembering the record he made in school when a kid, he said, "Thunder! I can beat 'em all with my shoes on." He probably would if he hadn't got behind and fallen down. Saturday morning he said that the race was "rotten" and was "misbranded," and will have to be tested by the chemical department of the pure food dynasty. The race was easily won by State Veterinarian W. T. Spencer. Railway Commissioner Thomas Hall has not crossed the line yet. He is said to be investigating the roadbed and transportation privileges.

Another race of "rotten" proportions was the men's skeleton race. There were three contestants: Fire Commissioner Ed Beach, weight 251; Chief Clerk Mayer of the food department, weight 247, and King Cole, chief clerk in the governor's office, weight 297½. The race proved to have been faked and all three contestants were suspended from the American Racing association for 20 years for "pulling."

## Hall Damages Corn

Beatrice, Neb., July 19.—(Special.)—Hall Thursday afternoon damaged a strip of corn for Harry Shores living near Cortland. About half an inch of water fell. The wind accompanying the rainfall was so heavy that it blew over a number of outbuildings on the farm.

## Falls City Girl Weds

Falls City, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—Miss Hilda Ohlmeier youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ohlmeier of this city, was married to Dr. Harry A. Wise in Nebraska City Wednesday morning.

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