

Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

YOUNG CHOICE OF NONPARTISANS FOR GOVERNOR

Complete Set of Candidates On Republican Ticket Will Make Race for Farmers' Organization.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The National Nonpartisan League of Nebraska, in convention here, voted to extend their support to Elmer E. Young of Lexington, as a candidate for governor on the republican ticket in the April primaries. G. B. Wiley of Fairbury will be their candidate for lieutenant governor and A. H. Bigelow of Omaha for attorney general.

State Treasurer D. B. Cropsy, Land Commissioner Dan Swanson, Auditor George W. Marsh and Secretary of State D. M. Ansberry were called before the convention and later endorsed. The nature of the questioning to which the state officers submitted was kept secret, but it was said that the convention was held in a room at the Hotel Lincoln in which the men had any opposition to being endorsed by the league.

Name Other Candidates. It was said that other candidates would receive the recommendation of the league including state railway commission candidates, regents of the state university, congressional candidates in the Third, Fifth and Sixth districts and the state legislature.

Resolutions adopted declared: "The National Nonpartisan league is fighting for free markets, for free speech, for free press and the right of peaceful assembly, for the destruction of autocracy and irresponsible centralization of governmental power, and for the end of absentee landlordism. The National Nonpartisan league movement is not only political but religious."

Adopt New Platform. A platform favoring exemption of farm improvements and workingmen's homes from taxation was adopted. The platform also endorsed state ownership and operation of packing plants, flour mills, stock yards, creameries, terminal elevators and beet sugar factories "insofar as is necessary to restore competition and break monopolistic control."

Reed Heads Committee. Edward Reed of Deuel county was chairman of the platform committee. Other members were: G. H. Custer of Custer county, J. O. Schmidt of Saunders, E. N. Neuhauer of Harlan, Carl Anderson of Lancaster, J. H. Hanfeldt of Johnson and W. F. Thomas of Gosper. James Elliott of Scottsbluff was chairman of the convention. N. J. Cushing of Ord was secretary.

Dr. Rose Assistant Head State Tubercular Home. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Dr. W. E. Rose of Kearney has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Kearney tubercular home. The population of the institution is now close to 100, the largest in its history. A large part of the increase includes ex-soldiers, who developed the disease during the war.

State Primary Filings. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—New primary filings include: Bruno O. Hostetler of Kearney for renomination as judge of the Twelfth judicial district; Bayard L. Pease of Grand Island for renomination as judge of the Eleventh judicial district; C. L. Richards of Hebron, former speaker of the Nebraska house, for nomination as judge of the Seventh judicial district; E. S. Davis of North Platte for renomination as representative from Lincoln county on the republican ticket.

Influenza Breaks Out Among Inmates Of Soldiers' Home

Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—An epidemic of influenza has afflicted the Grand Island, Neb., Soldiers' home, with 109 cases under medical care during the two weeks ending last Monday, according to reports from Commandant Addison Wait to the state board of control.

Lincoln Bricklayer Dies Of Injury Five Months Ago

Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A fall down a series of stairs at the Y. M. C. A. building five months ago Thursday resulted in the death of John Thomas Wilson, a bricklayer. Three operations in an effort to save his life had proved unsuccessful.

County Treasurers Confer With State Auto Department

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A committee of county treasurers met with the state automobile department and devised means to comply with obscure provisions of the new automobile law.

Sisters Fight for Father's Farm, Worth Over \$30,000

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Two sisters, Mrs. Eugene Kisser, of Salem, Ore., and Mrs. Charles Sullivan of Maxwell, are disputing the will of their father, Jeremiah Snyder, of Maxwell. The district court of Maxwell states that a number of years ago her father took a quarter section of land east of Maxwell and as he had one homestead at the time and could not hold another, he decided the land to her and she filed there and resided on it until 1888, when she decided it back to her father. She claims there was an oral trust made that she was to inherit the land at his death. Mr. Snyder died last year and according to his will the land, which is now worth \$30,000, was left to his younger daughter, Mrs. Sullivan, for the reason that she had lived with him and cared for him since she was a child.

Judge Hostetler of Kearney Candidate for Renomination

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Judge B. O. Hostetler of Kearney has filed with the secretary of state petitions signed by about 2,000 electors requesting his renomination for the office of district judge of the Twelfth judicial district at the April primary election.

Denies He Ran Livestock Stable

Lexington, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Robert G. Ross of this section makes vehement denial of the state in a story to the effect that he formerly owned a livestock stable, and explains that he not only never owned one, but never worked on or was connected with one in his 53 years of age, having been a farmer from boyhood.

Eddis S. Moser Leaves \$5,000 of \$250,000 to A Brother In Omaha

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The will of Eddis S. Moser, of the firm of Niles & Moser, wholesale cigar and tobacco dealers, who died February 21, was filed in probate court late Wednesday. No inventory of Mr. Moser's estate has yet been filed, but it is estimated that it will amount to \$250,000.

Necessity Knows No Law

Cisco, Tex., Feb. 26.—Two masked robbers held up the bank at Cisco, a town near here, and escaped with \$1,300 in currency.

PLAN CONTROL OF COMMERCE BY THE STATE

Constitutional Convention Committee Proposes Trade Commission—Rail Commission to Be Reorganized.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The miscellaneous subjects committee of the constitutional convention announced the indefinite postponement of consideration of several proposals regarding the state trade commission and offered instead a proposal of their own, No. 331.

It provides for the creation of the state trade commission by the legislature, having power to inquire into matters of competition in commerce. It provides that the commission may probe and restrict unfair methods on the part of persons, parties or corporations engaging in commerce and also for the licensing of such persons, parties or corporations.

Proposals of railroads and other private corporations in regard to the state railway commission were killed and a proposal introduced to re-write that portion of the constitution providing for the creation of this commission.

The changes proposed are that the legislature may provide for the election of the railroad commissioners by districts; also, the powers of the commission would be extended to include the regulation of rates and utilities and also the capitalization of private corporations. It distinctly provides that the jurisdiction shall not extend to include utilities owned and operated by the public.

The following proposals were passed on second reading by the constitutional convention:

No. 8.—Senatorial and representative districts to remain as at present until changed by the legislature. Vote 76 to 6.

No. 26.—Property owned by educational, religious or charitable institutions to be exempt from taxation unless used for financial gain. Also exempts household goods up to \$100. Vote 73 to 2.

No. 31.—Legislature cannot grant extra compensation to a public official for the term for which he is elected, nor change compensation for contract already entered into. Vote 75 to 1.

No. 212.—Provides that Omaha may adopt present city charter as its home rule charter by a majority vote of the people. Vote 81 to 0.

No. 318.—Requires a majority vote of members elected to either branch of the legislature to accept amendments of opposite house or adopt conference committee reports. Vote 81 to 0.

No. 318.—Bills introduced in legislature to be read only by title on first and second reading, but must be read in full on third reading. Vote 76 to 6.

No. 319.—Governor must call special session of the legislature upon the written request of a majority of both branches to deal with only the subject specified in the call. Vote 71 to 3.

No. 320.—No distinction as to property rights between citizens of this state and other states or United States territories. Alien property rights to be regulated by the legislature. Vote 82 to 0.

No. 320.—Public lands must be sold at public auction, instead of by appraisal, as at present. Vote 81 to 0.

No. 320.—Lottery transferred from one county to another must be by consent of voters of both counties, and when county line is death boundary shall have power to place it on nearest section line or main river channel. Vote 78 to 2.

Iowa Lumbermen In Session Here Would Boom Home Building

F. H. Potter of Harlan, Ia., speaking before the morning session of the Southwestern Iowa Retail Lumber Dealers' association, yesterday advocated the formation of associations similar to building and loan associations, in the smaller towns of the country, to encourage and finance the individual in owning a home.

"Wholesalers' Terms" was the subject of much discussion at the morning session of the association. H. C. Cox, of Oskaloosa, Ia., explained that retail dealers were now forced to pay for lumber 15 days after it is shipped and that consignments often do not arrive from the west coast for 60 days after the date of shipment.

Other speakers at the morning session were Harry Kelley of Omaha and E. F. Rose of Shenandoah, Ia. W. T. Shepherd of Harlan, Ia., was elected president of the association; C. F. Hulbert, Fontanelle, Ia., vice president, and W. S. Richardson, Clarinda, Ia., secretary and treasurer.

SELF-DEFENSE IS PLEA OF FARMER HELD FOR MURDER

Beatrice Court Room Too Small to Accommodate Spectators at Courtland Shooting Trial.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The district court chamber was not large enough to accommodate the crowd that gathered here to hear the opening chapter of the case of O. W. Langley, Cortland farmer, charged with the murder of Justice Chris Pfeiffer at Cortland last August.

County Attorney Vasey in presenting the state's side to the jury briefly reviewed the case and stated that he would attempt to prove first degree murder as charged in the information. Judge Hazlett in opening for the defense said that he would show that Langley, while intoxicated and in a state of frenzy from bullet wounds inflicted in the street duel with Pfeiffer, shot and killed Pfeiffer in self-defense.

Five Witnesses Examined. Five witnesses were examined this morning. County Clerk Mumford identified the bond and oath of C. H. Pfeiffer as justice of the peace. Editor Masters of the Cortland News testified relative to the Main street in Cortland, and J. P. Sausman, who was appointed to succeed Pfeiffer as justice, testified that the bond was not in the hands of Pfeiffer in the matter.

Tell of Threats. At the afternoon session R. Sloat, J. P. O'Brien, J. H. Sausman and C. C. Wolf testified in regard to threats made by Langley in the store at Cortland between July 20 and August 18.

Ed Rudded, one of the wounded deputies who tried to arrest Langley, testified that the latter opened fire before he and Deputy Bierstadt shot and wounded him. Mr. Baird stated that he was 30 feet away when the shooting occurred and was unable to tell who fired the first shot. Jim Slare, Cortland farmer, testified that Langley came to his place between 6 and 7 on the evening of the murder. His face was bloody and he stated that he had had a fight with Ed Rudded of Cortland. Other witnesses were Ed Calland, John Lutes and Jim Sullivan.

The plea of the defendant will be intoxication and self-defense.

Divorce Courts

Holidays figured in the beginning and end of the married life of Letta Collins and Roy Collins. They were married July 4, 1914. Leroy packed his grip and left his wife on February 22, Washington's birthday, she declares in her petition for divorce filed yesterday in district court, alleging extreme cruelty.

Mary Glup accuses her husband, Carl Glup, of cruelty in a petition for divorce filed in district court yesterday.

Katie Jones in a petition for divorce from Bert Jones, filed yesterday in district court, gives a list of their five unmarried children and asks that two of them be given to her custody and the other three to their father. They were married in 1911 and she alleges cruelty.

Edith Howell accuses Willard Howell of extreme cruelty in a petition for divorce filed yesterday in district court. They were wedded in 1914.

A divorce was granted Marie Hodson from Robert Hodson by Judge Wakeley in divorce court on grounds of extreme cruelty and desertion.

Alimony of \$1,000 at the rate of \$25 a month was ordered paid by Martin J. Flanagan to Hazel Flanagan in a decree of divorce granted her by Judge Wakeley in divorce court on grounds of nonsupport.

William S. McClung was granted a divorce from Grace McClung by Judge Wakeley in divorce court on grounds of cruelty.

Maurice Ingram, office manager for a local lumber company, was ordered to pay \$100 a month alimony in a decree of divorce granted to Mrs. Emily Ingram on grounds of cruelty and desertion. Mrs. Ingram was given the custody of the two children.

Chris Beck, clerk of the Keen hotel, was sued for divorce in district court by Minnie Beck, who says he called her vile names, threatened to drive her from their home and compelled her to work to support herself. They were married in 1912.

Miles McCarty has been corresponding with a woman named Ollie Hall in Hiawatha, Kan., his wife, Nettie McCarty, alleges in a petition for divorce filed in district court. She says he wrote to the Hiawatha woman that he would marry her as soon as he got a divorce from his wife. The McCartys were married in 1917.

Sapphire Weighing Five Pounds Is Found In Bombay

Bombay, India, Feb. 26.—A sapphire eight inches long and weighing more than five pounds is reported to have been found at Mokog by a Burmese. Its value is estimated at between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

South Side SAYS NEBRASKA FEEDS BIG HERDS OF OTHER STATES

Thousands Are Brought Into State Because of Drouth In Wyoming and Montana.

That there are thousands of head of cattle from Wyoming and Montana being fed in Nebraska, due to drouth in other states, is the information given Thursday by E. D. Mastion of Anselmo.

Mr. Mastion, who brought in a load each of cattle and hogs said that on account of hay becoming high the most of these cattle will have to be rushed to market, as it will be impossible to send them back to their own ranges, which are unfit for grazing. He said there was one Montana stockman that had about 3,000 head of cattle and 500 head of horses on Nebraska ranges, and that quite a number of cattle were placed on the range near Anselmo, on the edge of the range country.

European Situation Causing Yards' Labor Cut

"It is nothing unusual to reduce the working forces at our local packing yards," said General Manager O. D. Mabery of Swift & Co., speaking of the report of the lack of consumption of packing house products in Europe, caused by the money exchange situation.

Demented Man Tries to Start Revolt at Swift Co.

William E. Lissey, 4932 South Twenty-fifth street, an employe of the Swift Packing house, assumed the leadership of the local forces of the bolsheviks at the local meeting at an early hour Thursday morning and going to the entrance to the plant implored the men to join him in taking possession of the government.

He said that he had received the last call Wednesday night to strike the first blow for freedom and that the men should immediately quit and join in the great revolt. Special officers took Lissey in charge and sent for the South Side police, who booked him as demented.

Negro Runs Amuck With Revolver, But Escapes

According to a report of J. S. McLoughlin, 2921 R street, an unknown negro ran amuck Wednesday night at Thirtieth and R streets with a revolver, firing several shots at various persons, none of whom was injured. The shooting started in front of the pool hall of Stanley Zager, Thirtieth and R streets. Police Officer Hugh McLoughlin, who was sleeping in his home near the scene of the shooting, dressed and pursued a negro with a gun, but the latter made his escape. There were no arrests.

Southwest Improvement Club Urges Gas Purchase

The Southwest Improvement club, at a meeting last night, appointed a committee to protest to the city commission against the abandonment of the gas plant purchase proceedings.

Satisfaction

While it is a satisfaction to note that each succeeding year sees a greater number of patrons entering our doors, it is a still greater satisfaction to note what a comparatively few withdraw their accounts.

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Return of Roads to Owners May Promote Shipping of Grain

Possible effects on the grain business of the restoration of the railroads to their owners March 1 were discussed at a meeting in Chicago Wednesday of presidents of grain exchanges from all over the United States, according to Otis M. Smith, president of the Omaha Grain exchange, who attended the conference. Mr. Smith returned to Omaha yesterday.

South Side Brevities

Pat Donahay, 4208 South Sixteenth street, is reported ill with an ulcerated stomach and is receiving treatment at the Lord Lester hospital.

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Herring Candidate as Alternate-at-Large to Republican Convention

Announcement is made that Carl E. Herring, well known Omaha attorney, will be a candidate in the republican primaries as alternate delegate-at-large to the national convention. Mr. Herring will support the people's choice, but personally is in favor of Pershing for president.

Address Nurses in Omaha

Prof. F. M. Fling of the University of Nebraska will deliver another of his series of lectures to the nurses and their friends at the Nicholas Senn hospital tonight. Prof. Fling has been describing events connected with the peace conference and his subject tonight will be "Territorial Settlements at the Peace Conference."

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