

Lincoln Bureau of The Bee

COMMISSIONER OF LANDS MADE ELECTIVE OFFICE

Action Taken on Executive Bill by Constitutional Convention—Hope to Finish Work This Week.

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—The constitutional convention took a recess Saturday until next Monday at 1 o'clock when it is hoped that the members will be able to finish things up by the end of the week. Saturday morning the executive bill came back long enough to restate the land commissioner as one of the elective state officers.

Proposed 319, which gave the legislature the power to petition the governor to call special sessions of the legislature, was killed.

Passed to Third Reading. The following proposals were passed to third reading and final passage:

No. 221—Providing for jury verdicts in civil cases by a five-sixth vote.
No. 226—Declares the English language to be the official language of the state for official records, and the common school branches shall be taught in said language in public, private, denominational and parochial schools.

No. 249—Signatures to petitions to initiate a law to be 7 per cent of the voters at the last general election; to initiate a constitutional amendment 10 per cent; and to refer a law passed by the legislature 5 per cent. Only the title of bill being referred, to be printed on the petitions for signatures.

No. 244—Legislature of 1921 shall divide the state into representative and senatorial districts, one representative and one senator for each district, on basis of federal census, state not to be redistricted after that every 10 years.

Limit Legislative. No. 215—House of representatives to contain not more than 60 members and senate not more than 20, sessions to be biennial.

No. 216—Rates pay of legislators from \$500 to \$600 for each session.

No. 217—Bills before legislature to be read by title first two times and in full on third reading.

No. 72—Members of legislature shall not be appointed to civil office during term for which elected.

No. 73—Legislature shall not grant extra compensation to any public officer after services have been rendered, nor to contractor after contract is entered into, nor shall any public officer, including officers whose compensation is fixed by the legislature be increased or diminished during his term of office.

No. 220—Minerals, salt springs, coal or oil on land belonging to state shall never be alienated, but provisions may be made by law for leasing or developing the same.

No. 217—In passage of bills through legislature, conference committee, and adoption of conference committee reports, requires the same number to vote on it as does the original bill.

High Court Objects to \$10,000 Award for Breach of Promise

Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—From a judgment awarded Mabel Rich of \$10,000 in the district court of Pierce county, against John M. Fulton, on a breach of promise suit, the supreme court takes exception and sends the case back for another trial.

The case is one in which the plaintiff alleged "deceit, resulting in debauchery, humiliation and loss of husband." The plaintiff alleges that the defendant represented to her that her husband was dead when he really did not know whether he was dead or not.

The defendant was 56 years of age and the plaintiff 44. She had two children and worked occasionally at the farm home of the defendant in doing the house work. Illicit associations began and the defendant was induced to bring action for divorce from her husband, which was dismissed 29 months later.

The high court holds that a marriage contract entered into within five years from the time that either the husband or wife shall have absented themselves is void as against public policy, unless such absent wife or husband was dead or divorced.

Eight Filings Made to Get Names on Ballot in Primary Election

Lincoln, March 13.—(Special.)—The following filings were received at the office of the secretary of state:

G. M. Hitchcock for the democratic nomination for the presidency.

Willis G. Sears and James M. Fitzgerald of Omaha for district judge in the Omaha district.

James T. Begley for judge of the Second district.

Merton Young of Pickrell for republican nomination for representative, Thirty-fourth district.

Thomas Hill of Beatrice for republican nomination for state senate in the Fourteenth district.

David C. Patterson of Omaha for democratic nomination for congress Second district.

Ward M. Randol of Wayne for representative in the Twentieth district. (Mr. Randol is a republican and a returned soldier.)

DeWitt Farmers Plan to Build Big Stock Pavilion

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—The farmers and stock raisers of the DeWitt vicinity have decided to build a large stock pavilion. A committee has been appointed to secure estimates on the proposed structure.

No Accident Week Unlucky For Lincoln Car Company

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—"No accident week" has been unlucky for the traction company here. A traction automobile truck and a Buttrick bread wagon crashed, Eleventh and Washington streets at 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

The wagon was badly damaged. George Ellis, driver, narrowly escaped injury. The traction company suffered a similar collision with one of its trucks Friday.

Lone Thief Makes Haul In Lincoln Fraternity House

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—A lone thief made a great haul at the Delta Phi fraternity house here last night. Funds belonging to the fraternity, amounting to \$250, were stolen from M. E. Beek. A scarf pin valued at \$125 and \$35 in cash was taken from H. D. Matthews, and another diamond pin valued at \$35 stolen. The total loss aggregated nearly \$500.

Give to Hospital Fund

Lincoln, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jeary gave \$1,000 to the city hospital fund today. The total now raised nears \$100,000, and the city has voted \$100,000 in bonds.

Ask Kinkaid to Aid in Getting War Trophy from France to Burwell

Washington, March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—"Uncle Mose" Kinkaid, who has all sorts of requests for assistance was called upon recently to enlist the War department's help in transporting a German cannon from France to Burwell, Neb., which has been presented by the French government to Maj. L. B. Fenner of that town in appreciation of the latter's meritorious work in behalf of French prisoners returning from Germany.

Major Fenner, who held a commission in the army, was also a deputy commissioner of the Red Cross in Europe, spending six months of his European service in the Balkan states.

Shortly after the return of Major Fenner to Burwell he received a letter from the French government stating that the secretary of state for France had placed at his disposal a 105 German cannon, which is an exceedingly large gun, weighing about 9,000 pounds. This trophy will be delivered at shipside by the French government but how to get it across the sea is a serious question. Congressman Kinkaid took the matter up with the War department and was advised that if the French government will deliver the trophy to the joint transportation office at Antwerp, charges paid, arrangements will be made for shipment on a United States shipping board vessel, from Antwerp to New York.

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Doubt Arises Over Scheduled Opening of Omaha Air Mail

Indications were yesterday that W. J. McCandless, director of the Omaha-Chicago aerial mail service, would not be able to carry out his promise to start operation of the service Monday, March 15.

No word has been received from him here since he went east two weeks ago with the announced purpose of rushing completion of rebuilding of eight War department planes, which were to be put into service immediately on the Omaha-Chicago aerial route.

Postmaster C. E. Fanning was dubious yesterday over prospects of the service opening Monday. He thought Director McCandless probably had encountered unforeseen difficulties and would find it necessary to postpone inaugurating regular daily service.

H. E. Smith, chief mechanic for the Omaha air mail station, said Saturday it was possible emergency planes at Chicago might be pressed into service for trips between Omaha and Chicago, until the planes assigned to this division could arrive from New York City and Cleveland, where they are being prepared for mail service. He had no definite information to that effect, however.

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