

Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

HOME RULE FOR OMAHA GRANTED BY CONVENTION

City to Be Permitted to Adopt Present Charter By Majority Vote Of Electors.

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha may have home rule if voters desire it, the constitutional convention by a unanimous vote giving the city authority to adopt its present charter by a majority vote of the electors voting upon the proposition. The charter may be amended or changed as provided in section four of the constitution.

A proposal providing for an industrial commission to adjudicate labor disputes and investigating profiteering was adopted by the constitutional convention. The manner of appointment is left to the legislature. Appeal from decisions of the commission may be taken to the supreme court.

The convention also appointed a measure empowering the legislature to fix a minimum wage for women and children.

The convention started Friday on third reading of the various proposals, passing them in the final form that they will be submitted to the voters.

Those which have been passed are as follows:

- No. 27.—Jury verdicts in civil cases by a five-sixths vote. Passed by a vote of 74 to 26.
- No. 28.—Declares the English language to be the official language for all records and proceedings, and "common school branches shall be taught in said language in private, denominational, public and parochial schools." Vote, 55 to 9.
- No. 108.—The initiative and referendum. Judges necessary signatures to initiate a law from 10 to 7 per cent; to initiate a constitutional amendment, from 15 to 10 per cent, and to refer a law, from 10 to 5 per cent. Only title or proper description of law being referred to be printed on petitioners' petitions. Vote, 70 to 12.
- No. 216.—The next legislature shall divide the state into senatorial and representative districts, one senator and one representative to each district. Vote, 55 to 29.
- No. 215.—House of representatives shall not contain more than 100 members and senate not more than 60. Vote, 62 to 24.
- No. 214.—Raises pay of members of legislature from \$500 to \$500 per session. Vote, 52 to 6.
- No. 217.—Amendments of one house of the legislature to bills passed by opposite house, and conference reports, must have majority for concurrence as is required to pass original bill. Vote, 92 to 0.
- No. 85.—There is to be no discrimination in rights to hold or acquire property between citizens of the United States. Aliens to be regulated by law. Vote, 51 to 14.
- No. 318.—Bills introduced in legislature to be read first and second time by title, and third time in full. Vote, 92 to 0.
- No. 73.—Members of legislature cannot receive appointment to civil office during time for which they are elected. Vote, 84 to 1.
- No. 71.—Legislature can never grant extra compensation to public official during his term. Vote, 88 to 8.
- No. 319.—The state shall never alienate the salt springs, coal, oil or mineral rights

Fail in an Attempt To Blow Vault After Using Four Charges

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—The First National bank of Greenwood, Cass county, 17 miles from Lincoln, was robbed during Monday night of a large sum of registered bonds and about \$50 in cash.

Late reports indicate that the amount of bonds taken may not reach \$100,000 as was at first reported, when about \$4,000 worth of coupons were found missing. Several bonds were found in the rubbish at the bank.

The robbers blew the time lock of the vault, but could not get into the safe. The bonds were in safety boxes. The robbery was not discovered until morning.

All telephone wires were cut. The watchman, sleeping in the basement of the bank, directly under the vault, did not hear the explosion, although four charges of nitro-glycerine were used in opening the outer door of the vault.

The high wind is believed to be responsible for no alarm being spread.

Bryan to Address Women's Committee Friday Evening

Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—William J. Bryan will address the women's democratic committee in Lincoln at the Auditorium Friday evening on "Woman's Opportunity in Politics." He will also make an address at Elmwood at 2:30 Friday afternoon. After his Omaha address he will go to California, where he will take part in the conference of governors to be held April 1 to 3.

on state owned land, but may lease or develop same by law. Vote 74 to 19.

No. 9.—Senatorial and representative districts to remain as at present until changed by law. (See proposal 214.) Vote 50 to 6.

No. 211.—Creating a board of pardons, composed of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state, which must pass on all matters of clemency to convicts, and remissions of fines. Vote 83 to 5.

No. 251.—Creates a state tax commissioner, to be appointed by the governor, who with the governor, secretary of state, auditor and treasurer shall constitute the state board of equalization. Vote 87 to 7.

No. 312.—This proposal re-writes the entire judicial department. Chief justice to be elected at large; associate justices by districts; supreme court may sit in divisions composed of three judges and the chief justice. In homicide cases and cases involving the constitutionality of a law entire court must sit. Consequence of five judges necessary to declare a law null and void. Vote 92 to 1.

No. 221.—Equal suffrage. Vote 92 to 1.

No. 155.—Permits electors in the military or naval service to vote. Vote 94 to 0.

No. 234.—Distribution of school funds to go to districts maintaining schools for minimum term provided by law. Vote 86 to 8.

No. 216.—State owned land to be sold by auction instead of by appraisal, as at present. Vote 90 to 4.

No. 222.—Repeals the university to be elected by districts. Vote 79 to 16.

No. 104.—Raises age limit of children to be placed in reform school from 15 to 18 years. Vote 92 to 4.

No. 161.—Estate tax levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately upon all tangible property and franchises and uniform as to class, but by valuation upon all other property. Taxes other than property taxes to be authorized by law. Vote 84 to 12.

ASKS RAISE IN PULLMAN RATES FOR NEBRASKA

Car Company Applies to State Railway Commission for Permission to Boost Fares.

Lincoln, March 23.—(Special.)—The Pullman Car company of Chicago has applied to the State Railway commission for permission to raise rates on sleeping cars in this state.

The company gives as its reason for asking for the increase, which amounts to about 20 per cent on berths, drawing rooms and compartments, with a minimum rate on lower berths of \$2 and increasing the present rate of 45 cents or less on seats to a minimum of 50 cents, that operating expenses and maintenance have increased.

Operating expenses for 1919 increased more than 33 per cent, according to the application made to the commission, and will be much higher this year. The cause of the increase is the raise of wages given to employees by the director of railways under federal control amounted to 75 per cent, the company alleges, and increase in material ran from 100 per cent to 200 per cent.

The company is facing the problem of building 600 new cars and repairing 400 of the present cars, which will call for a large investment.

In answer to the application, the commission says that "the Nebraska commission declines to approve the increase as proposed without adequate showing made by the company. This state is particularly interested in the proposed increase in seat fare to a minimum of 50 cents. Will set matter for hearing if you desire."

Pullman Company Granted Permission to Raise Rates

Washington, March 23.—Permission has been granted the Pullman company by the Interstate Commerce commission to file special tariffs increasing berth rates approximately 20 per cent. The company is seeking an increase on standard lower berths to a minimum of \$2 and on seats to a minimum of 50 cents.

Governor McKelvie Talks To Voters at Fairbury

Fairbury, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie spoke in advocacy of his code bill here Monday. In the face of a dust blizzard, nearly 200 voters, men and women, were out to hear him. R. B. Steele, chairman of the republican county central committee, introduced the governor.

Wives, Mothers and Sweethearts of Yanks Are Behind Pershing

Central City, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—M. G. Scudder of Central City has joined the Pershing ranks. In a statement given to the press today he said: "Would anyone doubt for a moment that one who commanded 2,000,000 American soldiers in France during the recent European war, looking after every detail in supplying, equipping and disciplining this great army under such trying circumstances, is fit to occupy the position of president of these United States of America?"

"Tact and executive ability were required to the highest degree in handling the greatest command known to history in a strange land and under circumstances never anticipated. Pershing's judgment and diplomatic ability enabled him to lead the American forces a unit rather than distributing them among the forces of our allies."

"He used, at all times, efficient tactics which ended the struggle in 20 months from the time of our arrival upon European soil, and he returned our soldiers in fit condition, morally and physically."

"The mothers of the boys who fought 'over there' in the service of their country, and the wives whose husbands were returned to them, ought now to raise their voices in behalf of the great leader and demand that he, whose judgment, wonderful tact, and knowledge of all the American soldiers enabled him to save thousands of lives, should be the next president of the country he so worthily served."

"Can America's people forget this great service?"

Affairs of Wentz Placed in Charge Of Sheriff by Court

Aurora, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The affairs of the W. C. Wentz company today were placed in charge of Sheriff James E. Howard of Hamilton county by order of Judge E. E. Good of the district court. Application for the appointment of P. J. Reishane as permanent receiver of the company will be heard by the judge on April 5.

Today's order was made by the court in suit brought by Edith Maude Schear, who claims in her petition that she has about \$7,000 due her from Wentz in land transactions. Her petition recites that Wentz turned over to the state of Nebraska a large amount of securities belonging to the Wentz company, which she fears other assets of the Wentz company will be lost or destroyed if a receiver is not appointed.

Mrs. Schear is a widow, her husband died shortly after they moved from Hamilton county to Colorado. In January she expected to use the money from the sale of her land here to pay for her Colorado farm. Charles W. Wentz has not returned to Aurora. He is reported to be at a Lincoln sanitarium. His father, W. C. Wentz, is expected to reach Aurora tonight.

WYOMING WILL BACK PERSHING FOR PRESIDENT

Delegation to Republican National Convention Will Be Solid for General, Committeeman P. Sullivan Says.

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 23.—(Special.)—While Wyoming is likely to send an uninstructed delegation to the Chicago convention, Pershing is the state's first choice, announced National Committeeman Patrick Sullivan, who has returned from a conference at Chicago.

"Everybody understands," said Sullivan, "that Wyoming republicans are for General Pershing first, last and all the time, and that its delegation to Chicago will be solely for the Nebraska, so there would be no advantage in sending an instructed delegation. As a matter of fact, some of Pershing's strongest supporters think, with the sentiment of the state nationally known, that it would not be wise to instruct the delegation because the general is not an active candidate in the sense of seeking the office."

Should it be deemed any advantage to Pershing between now and the meeting of the republican state convention, May 10th, however, the Wyoming delegation will go instructed for the general, according to Sullivan.

"Our state votes with Nebraska in claiming John J. Pershing," declared Sullivan. "This was the home of his wife, who was Frances Warren, daughter of Wyoming's senior senator. After the awful tragedy at the Presidio, it was the general's belief that his wife and children should be laid to rest in Lakeview cemetery, Cheyenne."

Well Known in State.

"Pershing has a wide acquaintance over Wyoming, due to his many sojourns here, and not even Nebraska can show a more loyal or devoted citizenry. Wyoming is always proud to honor General Pershing, as soldier or citizen; he has won our hearts as both. Were Pershing's name on a Wyoming presidential primary ballot, it is safe to say, he would receive practically every republican vote, as well as those of many democrats, who would renounce their party affiliation in order to vote for him."

Wyoming, by reason of the fact that her name comes at the end of the list, occupies a strategic position on rollcalls at a national convention.

"Favorite sons will be there galore," said Committeeman Sullivan, "and there is no likelihood of a nomination coming until after many ballots have been taken. With Wyoming at the end of the roll call of states, and therefore last to signify its choice, it is quite possible that even though our delegation is small we may be able to play a leading part in naming the candidate."

Negro, Charged With Murder, Taken Back To Scene of Crime

Leon Darling, negro, charged with the murder of Conductor R. L. Masse, 3017 Davenport street, employed by the Union Pacific at North Platte, last September, was taken from the state prison in Lincoln Monday to North Platte for his preliminary hearing.

When Darling was arrested and taken to North Platte shortly after the murder, the authorities feared lynching, and removed him to Grand Island. He was later placed in the state prison at Lincoln for safe keeping.

The efforts of four men were required to take his finger prints and measurements at the city jail in Lincoln.

"You might as well kill me right here, as take me back to North Platte," Darling gasped to the officers as he struggled with them while they took his Bertillon record.

Subscribers Still Coming In for Near East Relief Fund

Pledges to the Near East relief fund have advanced its total \$1,178.61, according to the committee in charge of the local campaign. Omaha's quota is not yet reached, according to Chairman Neal, but solicitors are still working and the money is coming in steadily.

The following substantial subscriptions are reported:

Yellum club, South High school.....	\$ 60.00
Benson & Carmichael.....	100.00
Union Pacific headquarters.....	272.12
Jay Locke.....	45.00
Woman's club, Ry. Mail Service.....	27.75
Payne Investment Co.....	75.00
Swan Olson.....	50.00
American Security Co.....	50.00
Home Builders, (Inc.).....	50.00
Immanuel Lutheran church.....	26.50
Lena Mortenson.....	25.00
Oika Mortenson.....	25.00
O. C. Holmes.....	25.00
S. E. Hager.....	25.00
L. H. Myers.....	25.00

Township Plans to Issue Bonds for Road Building

O'Neill, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—Inman township, Holt county, is not going to wait for federal or state assistance in building permanent township roads. The taxpayers of the township in which the village of Inman, the second largest hay shipping point in the world, is located, propose to issue \$20,000 of road bonds. A delegation from the township interviewed county officials Monday regarding the bond proposition, which it is said, will have but little opposition in the entire township.

Expect to Begin Work on New Hospital at O'Neill in June

O'Neill, Neb., March 23.—(Special.)—Construction of the 80-room hospital to be erected by Webb Kellogg, wealthy ranch man and landowner of this city, for the city will begin in June or early in July, according to announcement made by Mr. Kellogg. The plans already have been perfected and bids will be advertised for within a few weeks. The main portion of the building will be constructed this summer and the wings added as needed.

John H. Dundas Dies In Auburn, Aged 75; Leader in Politics

Auburn, Neb., March 22.—(Special Telegram.)—John H. Dundas, one of the first settlers of Nemaha county and who assisted John Brown in his underground railroad operations before the civil war, died at the home of his son-in-law, Sam Curtis, here aged 75 years. Mr. Dundas was one of the early school teachers of Nemaha county, one of the pioneer prohibition advocates of the county, a life-long pacifist and was for many years editor of the Nemaha County Granger. He defeated the late Church Howe for the state senate for one term. Mr. Dundas was one of the historic characters of the state and worked with Martin Stowell, editor of Nebraska's only abolition newspaper in the days of the controversy over the Kansas-Nebraska bill.

Firemen Play Water On Man Deliberately Walking Through Fire

Casper, Wyo., March 23.—Fire destroyed the acid plant of the Midwest Refining company with an estimated loss of \$50,000. An employee walked into the fire with five streams of water playing on him and shut off the oil supply line. This act saved a long row of stills from the flames.

Lutheran Head Dies.

Lebanon, Pa., March 23.—Dr. L. E. Schmauck, head of the United Lutheran Churches of the United States, is dead here. He had suffered from kidney disease. He was 60 years old.

VALUABLE GEMS COMPRISE LOOT IN LORD ROBBERY

Prominent Doctor's Home Ransacked—Homes Entered—Highwaymen Active In Omaha.

Jewelry and silverware estimated at more than \$2,000 were stolen from the home of Dr. J. P. Lord, 3421 Farnam street, Monday night while the family was away.

The robbery took place between 8 and 10 Monday night. When members of the family returned home from downtown they found the house topsy-turvy and evidence of a regular party staged by the thieves in their orgy.

Mrs. George Adwern, 6854 Minne Lusa avenue, reported to police the theft from her home Monday afternoon, of women's clothing, jewelry and house linen. She estimates her loss at about \$170.

When V. L. Huntley, 205 North Seventeenth street, turned his automobile into the alley off of Thirtieth street between Farnam and Douglas streets at 9 Monday night, a man leaped on his running board.

Huntley reached down, seized his automobile crank, and struck the man over the head. The man leaped from the running board and escaped.

Huntley told police his would-be assailant was a negro.

Correct Arrangements of Ornamental Plantings—For personal call and advice phone 1698. We have no agents. Menager Nursery and Seed Store, 3341 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia.—Adv.

Owners May Move Liquor

From One State to Another Parkersburg, W. Va., March 23.—Liquor may be removed by the owner from his home in West Virginia to his home permanent residence in another state, according to a ruling here by Charles Lively, federal prohibition director. Owners of intoxicants may not remove them from one place to another within the state, however, nor will authority be given to bring them from another state into West Virginia.

Gifts of \$2,500,000.

Berkeley, Cal., March 23.—Two million and a half dollars in gifts to the University of California in the past year were announced at the Charter day exercises in the Greek theater. This is in addition to an immense number of gifts of no calculable monetary value.

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