

### Revolution of Bank Methods in House Proposal

#### Bankers Offer Lengthy Bill Providing for Licensing Officers and Other Changes.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Revolutionary changes in banking methods are proposed in a lengthy bill introduced in the lower house today by Representative Dwight P. Griswold of Jordon, Robert Lynn of Cedar and Ellis E. Good of Peru. The authors of the bill are bankers. The high lights in their bill follow: License active executive officers of bank, license to be obtained by directors. Authorize banking bureau to revoke license of any person considered a poor or unscrupulous business man or a man of bad moral character.

#### License Bank Officers.

All executive officers of banks now serving automatically licensed for three months.

Makes it felony to act as active executive officer without a license.

Allows commercial state banks to form agreements requiring depositors to give notice and present pass books before money on deposit can be withdrawn.

Forbids use of name "bank" or any of its derivatives as any part of a name used by any concern except regular banking corporations.

Violation carries a \$100 fine for each day's use of prohibitive word.

Raises bank examination fee from \$15 to \$25 and minimum capital from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Requires banks to reposit to carry 30 per cent reserve.

Reduces reserve requirements to 5 per cent for savings deposits in commercial banks.

Permits sale at auction of shares owned by stockholders in failed banks, proceeds to be used in meeting their obligations.

The bill carries with it an emergency clause. It is one of the longest bills presented so far in the session.

#### 49 Bills Introduced.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Forty-nine bills were introduced in the state legislature today, 19 in the senate and 30 in the lower house.

A bill signed by the entire Douglas county delegation was presented to the senate providing for a double election board system in Douglas county and removing the sex qualifications for service on the board.

John W. Cooper of Omaha offered a bill which would provide that a man who has been convicted three times for a felony be remanded to the state penitentiary for life.

#### Pay Riot Indemnity.

An appropriation of \$5,000 for Mrs. Helen Hinkel, whose husband was killed by a stray bullet during the court house riot in Omaha September 28, 1919, is provided in a measure introduced by Representative Edward A. Smith of Omaha.

Senator Louis Berka of Omaha introduced his second bill for the advancement of woman. It would make women eligible for jury duty in Nebraska.

R. G. Douglas of Polk county introduced a measure to change the primary law to provide that the three highest names on a preferential ballot at a state convention of a political party be placed on the ticket at the primaries.

### State Auditor Asks Penalty for Failure To Report Mortgages

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—State Auditor George W. March is drafting a penalty clause he wants attached to the law which now requires—without any enforcement provision—that county recorders and county clerks make an annual report to the state auditor on the number and amount of realty and chattel mortgages made during the year, and the number and amount of mortgage releases in each county. The penalty he would require would be that the delinquent county officers pay expenses of a special messenger from the auditor's office to get the returns. A similar penalty is now enforced by law against county treasurers who are delinquent in their annual report.

#### New House Bills

H. R. 35, Byrum—Creates state budget commission consisting of the treasurer, auditor and a state budget supervisor to be chosen by the two branches of the legislature in joint session. Fixes supervisor's salary at \$4,000 and makes him the active budget officer. Report to be turned over to the governor, who may change the figures and mail report to the legislature. Original estimates along with his own.

H. R. 37, Byrum—Abolishes secretaries of agriculture, trade and commerce and public works under the code law, and transfers their duties respectively to the state treasurer, auditor, secretary of state and lieutenant governor. Increases lieutenant governor's salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Places power to appoint deputies and assistants in the head of each department. Does not disturb the secretaries of labor and public welfare in their incumbency under the code law.

H. R. 38, Byrum—Repeals sections of the code law which conferred auditing powers on the secretary of finance.

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H. R. 40, Byrum—Takes away the governor's power to appoint deputies and assistants for the enforcement of pure food laws.

H. R. 41, Byrum—Supplementary bill directing the governor of his control over the department of trade and commerce.

H. R. 42, Byrum—Gives state auditor authority to examine books, accounts and papers of state treasurer to let contracts for printing and stationery. Removes sex qualification for state accountant.

H. R. 43, Lynn—Provides that regular graduates of pharmacy schools shall be exempt from practice without taking examination.

H. R. 44, Lynn—Admits graduates of examination at hands of state board.

H. R. 45, Williams—Provides that regular graduates of medical colleges shall be given license without examination.

H. R. 46, Williams—Places bond limit for public improvements in second-class cities and villages from 10 per cent of assessed value to 15 per cent.

H. R. 47, Williams—Provides that examiners and produce stations shall be taxed on "average capital" including all cream and produce purchased during the year, and that such merchandise shall not be assessed as tangible property on hands of examiners and produce stations.

H. R. 48, Williams—Requires the state to pay costs legally taxed against any county in a criminal prosecution of any state employee at an institution located within the county.

H. R. 49, Anderson (Knox)—Eliminates sex requirement for election of members of village boards.

H. R. 50, Mellow—Requires special survey orders by county boards to be made under the direction of the state surveyor in the land commissioner's office, as assisted by the county surveyor.

H. R. 51, Sturdevant—Makes the office of district road overseer elective instead of appointive.

H. R. 52, Sturdevant (Holt)—Soldier bonus act. Allows each soldier, sailor, marine or nurse who served in the war with Germany \$15 per month, limited, however, to \$50. Administration placed in the hands of a "soldiers' bonus board" comprising the state auditor, treasurer and adjutant general. Prohibits assignment of claims to outside contractors, obligators and those who attempted to evade service by claiming alien citizenship from benefits. Requires state board of equalization and assessment to levy an annual tax for 10 years, amounting to \$100 per year for payment of the bonus. Provides that widow of deceased soldier, who has not remarried, shall receive the amounts to which their husbands would have been entitled.

H. R. 53, Sturdevant—Permits annual reapportionment of school lands for leasing.

H. R. 54, Sturdevant—Bars clerk or stenographer of either interested party from assisting in taking depositions.

### McKelvie State Appointments Are Confirmed

#### Senatorial Tradition Broken By Failure to Have Executive Session Over Appointments.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Without even so much as a ripple, the Nebraska senate Wednesday morning confirmed Governor McKelvie's appointments to the state normal board and the appointment of Chairman L. C. Oberlies, of the board of control, for another term. Senatorial traditions were shattered in the confirmation of J. H. Presson, the governor's chief clerk, who served as messenger in bringing the appointments before the senate and read the list, contrary to all established traditions. The senate proceeded to the confirmation without the traditional executive session, which bars all spectators and newspapermen.

The normal board appointees confirmed were: T. J. Majors of Peru and Dan McGinnis of Kearney, six-year terms; H. E. Reische of Chadron, four-year terms, and H. E. Gerhart of Newman Grove and Miss Etta Young of Omaha, two-year terms. Senator B. K. Bushlee and Senator C. B. Anderson of Lincoln, the two administration leaders in the upper branch of the legislature, praised the work of Chairman Oberlies of the board of control, Bushlee saying that Mr. Oberlies had proven to be the right man for the place. Chairman Perry Reed, who is serving as the committee on employees, submitted his report. Senator Hastings, appointed to investigate rooms for senate committee meetings, also filed his report. He found sufficient room at the executive mansion for committee meetings.

#### Palmer Would Increase Deputy Register's Pay

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The salary of the chief deputy register of deeds of Douglas county would be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 in a bill introduced by Representative Palmer of Omaha. Palmer also would limit the salaries of other deputies in the office to \$1,800. The bill contains an emergency clause. Palmer also introduced a bill providing that in cities of the metropolitan class the local registrar's fee for death certificates shall be paid by the city instead of the county.

#### Provides Punishment For Habitual Criminals

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—State Senator John W. Cooper of Omaha today introduced a bill in the senate, defining a habitual criminal and prescribing punishment at life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The Cooper bill provides that any person convicted and imprisoned for two different felonies shall be known as a habitual criminal and upon conviction for the third offense, his sentence shall be life imprisonment.

#### Berka Would Make Women Qualified for Jurors

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Senator Berka of Douglas county today introduced a bill in the senate providing for jury service by women. The Berka bill changes the qualifications of jurors to read "any citizen of the United States instead of 'male citizens'."

### Tax Commissioner's Provided for in Bill Offered by Anderson

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Senator C. B. Anderson introduced a bill to carry out the provisions of the constitutional amendments adopted at the special election last September.

Under the Anderson bill, the office of state tax commissioner is created, to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The salary is to be \$5,000 a year, the tax commissioner also serving as secretary of the finance department under the code bill.

The bill makes drastic changes in the taxation laws. It provides for a reassessment of real estate every two years instead of four as the present law provides, and also calls for the taxing of intangible property under the intangible property taxation section adopted to the amended constitution.

#### New Senate Bills

S. P. 21, Dutton—Resolution calling for a special committee to codify the laws created by newspapers for legal notices.

S. P. 22, Dutton—Resolution declaring for Philippine independence.

S. P. 23, Dutton—Declares for Great Lakes waterway.

S. P. 24, Hastings—Corrective on statute defining contributory negligence in damage cases.

S. P. 25, Dutton—Provides for annual statement of receipts and expenditures of towns under township organization.

S. P. 26, Hastings—Liability of railroad under plan of contributory negligence.

S. P. 27, Beebe—Grants quo warranto proceedings to any individual. Present law provides that only attorney general or county attorneys may bring quo warranto action.

S. P. 28, Beebe—To make statute conform to new constitution, permitting cooperative water districts to limit votes of stockholders to one each. Emergency.

S. P. 29, Saunders and Robbins—Allows Omaha water district to propose bonds for any public utility, and makes bonds draw 6 instead of 5 per cent. Emergency.

S. P. 30, Saunders and Robbins—Provides machinery for the creating of water districts in Omaha.

S. P. 31, Saunders and Robbins—Allows Omaha water district to propose bonds for any public utility, and makes bonds draw 6 instead of 5 per cent. Emergency.

S. P. 32, Cooper—Readjusts probate fees for county judges.

S. P. 33, Cooper—Includes Douglas county in law requiring county assessor to make up all real estate assessment books.

S. P. 34, Cooper—Allows Douglas county attorney a chief clerk at \$2,500 a year.

S. P. 35, Cooper—Strikes out limit of five deputies for Douglas county attorney.

S. P. 36, Dutton—Permits Merna, Senator Dutton's home town in Custer county, to vote up to 25 mills for municipal road fund.

S. P. 37, Dutton—Penalty of \$200 to \$500 and two to five years in penitentiary for peace officer to photograph suspect before he is convicted, or to detain him for questioning without an order of court. Questioning must be in the presence of court. Emergency.

S. P. 38, Dutton—Makes school district treasurers subject to fine for failing to publish itemized yearly receipts and expenditures.

S. P. 39, Dutton—Amends motor vehicle license law apportioning 55 per cent of tax to county grading, 5 per cent to state treasury and 78 per cent, which now goes to treasurer and back to county, to remain in the county in the permanent road fund.

S. P. 40, Dutton—Special law covering theft of motor trucks. Fines penalty five to 25 years in penitentiary for either the theft or receiving of stolen property.

S. P. 41, Dutton—Cuts out money fine for auto stealing and raises penitentiary sentence now one to 10 years to 10 to 25 years.

S. P. 42, Berka—Makes anyone aiding or abetting any offense—felony or not—a principal in the offense.

S. P. 43, Dutton—Excludes female labor law to cities of second class and villages, shortens daily hours from nine to eight and hours a week from 54 to 48, and requires same wages as men for similar work.

S. P. 44, Dutton—Requires township boards be deposited in regularly organized bank.

S. P. 45, Dutton—A compulsory teacher pension law.

S. P. 46, Dutton—Forbids children under 10 to work more than three hours a day during school and six hours a day when school is not in session.

S. P. 47, Hastings—Requires three full days in which to ask new trial, even if court adjourns in the meantime.

### Wisconsin Bank Robber Pleads Guilty at Trial

#### Others of Trio Arrested Here Expected to Offer Alibis—Prisoner Curses Girl Witness.

Superior, Wis., Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Herbert Ryan, one of the trio alleged to have robbed the Superior State Bank, November 16, pleaded guilty at the trial here Tuesday afternoon following testimony by Detectives Ben Danbaum and Fred Palmatag of Omaha.

John Bohmer, alleged leader of the handit gang, cursed Nell Mulligan, bookkeeper at the bank, when she testified that he kicked her on the shins as she lay on the floor during the robbery. The low oath was audible only at the table where Bohmer sat.

#### Ryan Remains Calm.

Ryan remained as calm as the spectators throughout the proceedings, although his companions, Bohmer and Stewart, exhibited considerable irritability.

The state rested its case at 3:30 in the afternoon. It is believed that the defense will spring sensational alibis for two of the alleged bandits. Mrs. Bohmer, wife of the prisoner, testified that she and her husband were in St. Paul on November 16, and went to Omaha a few days later, meeting Mr. and Mrs. Ryan there. Mrs. Bohmer said that she had known Mrs. Ryan as a waitress in a St. Paul restaurant. The Bohmers were visiting with the Ryans when arrested in Omaha.

#### Testifies for Prisoner.

J. Newman, St. Paul attorney, testified that he had talked to Stewart in St. Paul between 10 and 12 the morning of November 16, and at 5 in the afternoon of the same day and that he personally paid the man \$955 which he had collected for him.

Mrs. Dickson, manager of the St. Paul Y. M. C. A. cafeteria, said that a man resembling Stewart had complained of being short-changed in the cafeteria the day of the robbery.

Ryan and Stewart were positively identified by E. H. Erickson, cashier of the bank, and the bookkeeper.

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### Hascall Sponsors Legion Fight Bill

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A bill legalizing boxing in Nebraska is being prepared by Vincent C. Hascall of Douglas county to be introduced into the lower house of the legislature. The measure is drawn up by the American Legion attorneys and is sponsored by that organization.

The measure would create an athletic commissioner with a salary of \$10 a day and traveling expenses the total not to exceed \$2,500 a year. This commissioner would name deputies to be paid \$5 a day with traveling expenses not to exceed \$350 a year.

Under this measure, the commissioner and his deputies would arrange boxing bouts under the auspices of organizations or clubs in towns or cities where no objection is held to the sport. These organizations would be required to pay the state government an annual tax of \$1,000. Under the bill, promoters would be barred from arranging bouts.

Five ounce gloves are specified in the bill, with bouts to last no longer than 10 rounds of three minutes each.

American legion adjutants of Nebraska, meeting here today, decided to ask the legislature to approve the home aid recommendation made by Gov. S. R. McKelvie in his message, and also ask the legislature to enact the legion's boxing bill.

Over 100 of the 180 legion posts in the state were represented at the meeting.

#### Nebraska Parole Board Holds First Meeting

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie was elected chairman and Secretary of State Amsberry, secretary, of the new state board of pardons and paroles at its meeting today. The board deferred action on the selection of a secretary until the next meeting, when it will also take up the 100 paroleable cases now pending.

Members of the board said that in the minor cases the recommendation of the warden and the parole officer would be followed, but in all cases involving more serious offenses, the judge who presided at the trial and the prosecuting attorney would be notified.

#### Increased Maximum School Levy Is Plan of Boards

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Nebraska school boards meeting here decided to ask the legislature to raise the maximum levies for

### Lengthy Report Made By Code Commission

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The report of the Children's code commission, contained in a 340-page pamphlet, was presented to the lower house today by Gov. S. R. McKelvie. The report was instantly referred to the new committee on the children's code.

Along with the report Governor McKelvie urged serious consideration of the lower house on the suggestions contained in the report. In his message, the governor lauded the spirit which prompted the report and the commissioner's work, but pointed out that by "keeping the home fires burning brightly and snugly" the greatest safeguard of the child was being maintained.

#### Fillmore County School Pupils Establish Record

Geneva, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Four children of Irvie Ford in this county have an unusual school record. None of the four has been absent or tardy in their lives, and the eldest has completed the eighth grade at Burruss. The children were presented with perfect attendance certificates and pins by County Superintendent Haughwout as they passed through Geneva on their way to Kansas, where their parents are taking up residence.

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