Probe Marking Of Highways by Private Concerns

Charge That Lawmakers Foresaw Opportunity to Make Money by Passing Law Under Investigation.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Charges that former Nebraska lawmakers foresaw an opportunity to make money out of a statute permitting a private firm to place markers on public highways have been under investigation for several days by the joint committee of the house and senate which today is writing a report on its findings preparatory to submitting it at a joint meeting of the house and senate.

The committee has summoned Former County Attorney Dunlap of Merrick county before it to either deny or confirm reports that the plan to give the National Highway Signal Power company a contract to put up markers and advertising signs on Nebraska highways was conceived before or after the statute permitting the issuance of such a contract was written on the statute books. Dunlap, who is secretary of the company, declared that the idea was brought to Nebraska from Iowa after the writing of the statute, according to authentic report.

Other Man Named.

It is further known that C. Petrus Peterson, a Lincoln attorney and former legislator, was charged in the reports brought to the committee with conceiving the money-making opportunity in such a contrast previous to the enactment of the law. The law firm to which Peterson is attached owns stock in the highway marking company, the committee was informed.

George W. Johnson, secretary of the department of public works, was called before the committee and it is reported substantiated in general the story told to the committee by Dunlap.

Johnson explained the terms of the contract which permitted this company to put up markers and pay for their work and investment from proceeds of advertising signs placed above and below the markers. He also pointed out that the company, under the contract, automatically releases 5 per cent of its share in the ownership of the signs every year until at the end of 20 years the signs become state property.

Probe Other Charges.

The committee also demanded and received a list of stockholders of the company. It learned that only one of the present members of the legislature is a stockholder of the company, according to report. He is Representative E. E. Good of Peru.

This together with the Bankers Fire Insurance company letters, charges of temperamental and professional unfitness of Leo Stuhr, secretary of agriculture, and the "hard boiled" charge against H. H. Antles, secretary of the department of public welfare, are reported to be the principal subjects on which the committee will touch in its report.

Assessment Bill Is Urged by Committee

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The house committee on revenue and taxation today turned in a favorable recommendation on Representative Miner's bill providing for real estate assessments every two instead of four years.

The bill also provides for an assessment this year and in 1922 and after that date the two-year assessment plan becomes operative.

"The reason for the assessment this year is the fact that when the assessment was made last year prices of land were at the peak and have dropped considerable since, causing much hardship on the farmers," Representative Williams of Fillmore, chairman of the committee, explained.

"The reason for our endorsement of the two-year assessment is the fluctuating prices in land, sometimes working a hardship on landowners and other times letting them off too easy."

House Favors Bills to Make November 11 Legal Holiday

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A bill setting aside November 11, Armistice day, as a legal holiday passed the committee of the whole in the lower house. This make 10 statutory holidays in Nebraska, in addition to any special day designated by proclamation by the governor. They are:

New Year's day, Arbor day, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Memorial day, Fourth of July, Labor day, Columbus day, Armistice day, Thanksgiving.

Telephone Hearing to Be Held in Neligh Today

Lincoln, Feb. 9. — (Special.) — Chairman H. G. Taylor of the Nebraska railway commission is in Neligh to hold three hearings Thursday on telephone matters. They include the applications of the Northern Antelope Telephone company and the Clearwater Telephone company for rate increases, and the Oakdale Telephone company for permission to issue stock.

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Light Bill Killed by Huge Vote in House

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fiscation of private property and the increasing of bonded debt by a mere majority vote.

Representative Druesedow, introducer of the measure, and Osterman, of Merrick county, the democratic leader, made the principal speeches for the bill. Representatives Dysart, Rodman and Hascall mare the most effective arguments against it.

Druesedow studiously ignored the main point at issue, the question of whether or not the bill was essential to the furtherance of municipal ownership in Omaha. He repeatedly insisted that the legislature should "give the people the right to extend municipal ownership." When asked point blank by representative Jeary as to whether the people did not already have this power, he did not answer. He attacked the lobby which had opposed the bill, cited electric light rates in Omaha and elsewhere as evidence that Omaha is being mulcted by the Nebraska Power company and eulogized R. B. Howell, general manager of the water district.

Already Have Power.

Osterman, favoring the bill, admitted that the people already had power to build a municipal light plant, but contended that additional authority for the water board would be a further weapon in combating a private monopoly. The people's right of initiative he declared to be unworkable.

Representative Dysart, leading the opposition, made a careful analysis of the bill.

"This bill does three things," he said. "It gives the water board paramount power to call an election on the question of building a light plant, whereas the city commission now has that power, subject to the people's right of initiative. It cuts the percentage required to vote bonds from 60 to a mere majority. Furthermore, it gives the publicly-owned plant a monopoly of street lighting, irrespective of the competitive price."

Condemns Duplication.

Mr. Dysart condemned the duplication of public utility plants. Duplication of distributing systems, he said, would simply increase the investment necessary to serve the public and necessarily increase the gross income which must be raised to make the double investment profitable.

"We now have a municipal water plant, a municipal ice plant and a municipal gas plant, all operated by the water board," he said. "We may have a man in charge who is able to operate them all, although I submit that managing any one of them is a man's size job. But we cannot depend always on having a superman with us. If we add electricity, it certainly is a job for a superman and we may never have another one."

Dysart made clear that the bill conferred no additional power upon the people. He pointed out that the Omaha delegation stood 8 to 4 against the bill and declared that these men could be depended upon to represent Omaha sentiment.

"We have only partly digested our municipal water and ice plants, with bonded debt running into the millions," he said. "We have not begun to digest the gas plant and I ask you, let us decide for ourselves the time and manner of undertaking to digest another public utility."

Question of Right.

Representative Rodman declared that if every member of the Douglas county delegation and every other member of the house favored the bill he still would oppose it.

"But it is not right," he said, "that there should be two competing plants when the owner of one also has the right to regulate the other."

Representative Snow likened the situation to a circus.

"Every summer in our little town," h said, "we have two or three circuses. Ringlings is the big circus every year. And every session of the legislature at Lincoln, the Omaha Water Board furnishes us with the big circus of the year. Year after year, the water board comes down here with a big show to stage before us, trying to make us participate. I think we should kill this bill and let Omaha fight it out."

Representatives Sturdevant, Ed A. Smith, Hoare, and Yeiser spoke for the bill. Representatives Lundy, Douglas, Hascall, Foster, Jeary, Reed, Dyball and Palmer spoke against it.

Hascall held aloft a sheaf of letters.

"These are from people in Omaha, giving me their opinion of this bill," he said. "There is one in favor of it; every other one is against it."

How Members Voted.

The vote stood:

For the bill: Anderson of Hamilton, Axtell, Beans, Beckman, Bowman, Drusedow, Epperson, Frazier, Frost, Gifford, Gilmore, Gould, Green, Hakanson, Hilliard, Hoare, Jacobs, Johnson, Lauritson, Mears, Mellor, Nelson, Osterman, Sandquist, Smith, Stephenson, Strong, Sturdevant, Ullstrom, Votaw, Wood, Yeiser, Young and Speaker Anderson—35.

Against the bill: Acton, Anderson of Knox, Armstrong, Barbour, Bethea, Bock, Clizbe, Cole, Douglas, Davis, Downing, Dyball, Dysart, Essam, Foster, Franklin, Frantz, Good, Goodrich, Griswold, Hanner, Hascall, Hoffmeister, Jeary, Leftwich, Lundy, Lynn, McFarland, McKee, McClellan, McLeod, Medlar, Mickey, Miner, Morian, Moseley, Murphy, Nutzman, O'Gara, Palmer, Park, Perkins, Peterson, Randall, Rank, Reed, Reneker, Robertson, Rodman, Ruddy, Snow, Sommerlad, Sprick, Staats, Thompson, Vance, Wallace, Webster, Westerhoff, Wight, Williams and Wolfe—62.

Bond Registration Change Favored by Lower House

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—A bill by Representative Ed Palmer of Omaha, taking bond registration in cities of the metropolitan class from the county clerk's office to the office of the city comptroller, passed the committee of the whole in the lower house.

Alleged Bootleggers From Omaha Elude Lincoln Police

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Omaha police are looking for two men, believed to be Omaha bootleggers, who drove off the North Tenth street viaduct here at 2:30 this morning, while police officers were giving chase.

The car in which the men were riding plunged off the viaduct but was not badly damaged and the men escaped. Near the car the police found 30 bottles of home-made whisky.

The Lincoln officers arrested two men earlier in the morning, but the suspects managed to make their escape.

Davenport Farmers' Store Re-Elects Old Officers

Hebron, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The stockholders of the Farmers' Union store at Davenport, Neb unanimously re-elected the present board of directors. During the past year 56,833 pounds of cream were purchased from farmers for $30,368.41; 66,603 pounds of poultry were bought at a cost of $14,327.73.

Eggs Cheaper in Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The price of eggs in Norfolk stores dropped to 23 cents a dozen today.

Aviation Field Bill Has Stormy Sailing

Lincoln, Feb. 9. — (Special.)—Final action on a Douglas county bill permitting cities to acquire land by purchase or condemnation for an aviation field was delayed today by the fight on House Roll No. 1.

An attempt to kill the bill was nipped at noon when the house ceased to function in committee of the whole, until 2 and at 2 House Roll No. 1 was put on the grill.

Before the adjournment the condemnation clause in the bill was stricken out and Representative Charles Epperson of Clay was leading a fight to kill the bill. Epperson based his fight on his oft-repeated statement during the session that "the people are going bond voting crazy."

"Let 'em land in a cow pasture like they do out in our country," Epperson said.

"I'm sorry, but we haven't any cow pastures in Omaha," Representative M. M. Robertson reported.

The bill empowers the city to vote bonds for the purchase of an aeroplane landing field.

Wabash "Dead Station," 40 Petitioners Allege

Lincoln, Feb. 9. — (Special.) — Forty citizens of Wabash, Neb., have petitioned the Nebraska railway commission to require the Missouri Pacific and the Western Union Telephone company to reinstate its telegraph instruments removed February 3.

The petition claims that the Missouri Pacific in 1886 agreed with one Isham Manion and his wife to maintain a "live station" for 99 years.

"How can a station remain alive without telegraph instruments?" the petitioners ask.

Extend Election Limits

Lincoln, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The house committee on cities and towns put a favorable recommendation samp on a bill permitting annexed city territory to participate in a metropolitan water board election.

Senate Passes Science Bill on Third Reading

Fifteen Measures Crowded Through in Half Day's Work—Two of Interest to Omaha.

Lincoln, Neb. Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Christian Science bill, S. F. 108, was one of 15 bills sent through on third reading in the Nebraska state senate this morning. Then the upper branch knocked off work for the day by adjourning until Thursday morning.

The Christian Scienist bill, which had met quiet, determined opposition in the committee, went through with 11 negative votes. Those opposing it were Cronin, Dutton, Good, Gaderman, Harries, Hastings, Hoagland, Humphrey, Illian, Norval and Warner.

Good Opposes Warehouse.

Senator Good cast the single dissenting vote on S. F. 114, the farmers' warehouse measure, explaining that he did not believe it would do the farmers any good. Two bills of interest to Omaha and sponsored by Omaha senators passed. The bill making county asssessors responsible for assessment roles went through and Cooper's measure defining habitual criminals also passed.

The senate by unanimous consent took up a resolution by Senator Dutton, asking congress to prevent the erection of a statue of Jefferson Davis in front of the Vicksburg memorial arch. It passed unanimously.

Passed on Third Reading.

Following is the list of bills passed on third reading:

S. F. 108—Christian Science bill, 31 to 11.

S. F. 114—Farmers' warehouse bill, 31 to 1.

S. F. 107—Changing state fire day. Unanimous.

S. F. 113—Procedure in voting to abolish county assessors. Unanimous.

S. F. 115—Election of state superintendent for four-year term.

S. F. 132—Penalty for "habitual offenders." Unanimous.

S. F. 158—Permits purchase of aviation fields by cities and towns. Unanimous.

S. F. 186—Abolishes "rule in Shelley's case." Unanimous.

S. F. 187—Authorizes supreme court to reduce criminal sentences. Unanimous.

S. F. 210—Repeals law extinguishing authority of women in charge of estate matters, who wed. Unanimous.

S. F. 89—Regulates public morals. Unanimous.

S. F. 2—Allows towns 5,000 to 25,000 to fix salary of appointive offices by ordinance. Unanimous.

S. F. 10—Takes irrigation matters from hands of state railway commission. Unanimous.

S. F. 64—Makes assessors responsible for preparing assessment books. Unanimous.

S. F. 85—Restricts sale of poisons.

Bills for Postponement.

The judiciary committee reported these bills out for postponement:

S. F. 240—Making lascivious conduct involving children, felony.

S. F. 241—Landlord's lien on crops.

S. F. 228—Fixing date prior to which tax certificates are canceled.

S. F. 234—To require substance of bill to be in title.

For General File.

S. F. 273—Voids unauthorized contracts by political subdivisions.

S. F. 163—Amends perjury law.

S. F. 224—Amends habeas corpus appeal act.

SS. F. 237—Corrects workman's compensation law.

S. F. 242—State-wide subpoenas in criminal cases.

Former Omaha Senator Addresses State Solons

Lincoln, Feb. 9. — (Special.) — Ex-State Senator John M. Tanner paid a visit to the senate chamber and spoke briefly to the members. He "kidded" the senate on its solid republican membership, but said he was confident they would do the right thing anyway.

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Bill to Bar All Aliens Rejected by Senators

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cent limitation with the average immigration before the war.

Countries	Av. An. Im. 1910-14	App. No. Und. 5%
Belgium	5,604	2,470
Denmark	6,624	9,082
France	8,601	5,871
Germany	32,239	125,066
Netherlands	7,147	6,152
Norway	11,416	20,124
Sweden	17,842	33,260
Switzerland	3,627	6,232
United Kingdom	59,188	126,617
Total	182,856	337,020
Northwestern Europe:		
Austria-Hungary	225,931	83,529
Bulgaria	1,341	575
Servia	4,964	232
Montenegro	[illegible]	269
Greece	26,442	5,064
Italy	220,967	67,156
Portugal	10,380	2,968
Roumania	2,357	3,296
Russia	210,924	56,623
Spain	5,722	1,105
Turkey in Europe	13,930	1,612
Turkey in Asia	16,780	2,986
Total	738,612	255,416

Servants Exempted.

The exemption of domestic servants from the operation of the percentage restriction is provided in the following paragraph of the bill:

"When the maximum number of aliens of any nationality who may be admitted in any fiscal year under this act, shall have been admitted, all other aliens of such nationality, except as otherwise provided in this act, who may apply for admission during the same fiscal year, shall be excluded; provided, that the number of aliens of any nationality who may be admitted in any month shall not exceed 20 per cent of the total number who are admissible in that year.

Provided further that aliens returning from a temporary visit abroad, aliens who are professional actors, artists, lecturers, singers, nurses, ministers of any religious denomination, professors for colleges and seminaries; persons belonging to any recognized learned profession, or persons employed as domestic servants, may be admitted, nothwithstanding the maximum number of aliens of like nationality admissible in the same fiscal year shall have entered the United States.

And provided further, that in addition to the foregoing, the secretary of labor, may, in individual cases, admit aliens in excess of the maximum number when, in his opinion, such act is justifiable as a measure of humanity."

Pure-Bred Poland Chinas Average $52.25 at Hebron

Hebron, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special.)—F. E. Church of Hubbell, Neb., conducted a public sale of pure bred Poland-China hogs here. Twenty-five head, ranging from 300 to 600 pounds, were sold, the average price being $52.25.

Two State Records Broken At Sale of Hogs in McCook

McCook, Neb., Feb. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—R. E. Walkington broke two state records for this year at his sale of Poland-China hogs, in Bartley. Mr. Walkington sold 37 head at an average of $141.50, which is the top average for the state. The highest priced sow brought about $400, which also is the top for the state.

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