

Senate Favors Bill to Enforce Americanization

Siman Language Law Strengthened by New Measure—Advanced by Vote Of 20 to 12.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Norval bill, S. No. 160, amended in a manner to strengthen the Siman language law, was sent to third reading in the Nebraska state senate this morning, after a debate covering two hours.

The test vote on the original motion to kill the amended bill, in which the introducer, President Pro-tem R. S. Norval of the senate, showed a lineup of 20 to 12 in favor of strengthening the Siman foreign language law. The vote on the motion to postpone stood:

How They Voted. For: Berka, Cronin, Davis, Harris, Humphrey, Hilt, Johnson, McGowan, Norval, Robbins, Ulrich and Wittse—12.

Against: Anderson, Beebe, Bliss, Brown, Busche, Cooper, Dutton, Gannon, Good, Halderman, Hoagland, Miller, Pickett, Randall, Rickard, Sanders, Sturm, Warner and Watson—20.

After the vote to postpone the amended bill had failed, Senator Norval moved that his name be stricken from the bill as introducer and the senate agreed to his request. Senator B. K. Busche of Kimball then volunteered, when Norval repudiated the bill, to serve as father for it.

Wittse made a determined fight against the amended bill, especially Section 4 of the amendment, which he claimed would make anyone in an organization, who voted to use foreign language, liable to a fine.

Attorney General Rules. Senator Beebe interrupted him with an announcement that Attorney General Davis had construed the section to mean only one thing—the committee had intended it to mean imposing a penalty for an attempt to prevent any individual from using English in a gathering, if he so chose.

Cooper of Douglas spoke at some length on the bill.

"I want to keep the Siman law from being wiped out by postponing this bill," he said. "The amended bill can harm no man who is loyal. It is directed at disloyalty.

"I'll ask you if it isn't time men living in America should adopt our customs and our tongue. Only the man who has an ulterior motive need fear this bill. It simply protects religion and family relations in any language."

Fail to Return Bill For Joint Hearing

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Senator Walter Hoagland of Lincoln made an unsuccessful attempt to get S. F. 134, the bill turning over the plates and copyright of the statutes to the Lincoln State Journal for a compilation of the statutes at its own price, referred back from the general file to the judiciary committee.

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Death Delays Action on Sarpy County Annexation

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Death today played a part in the Sarpy county annexation bill.

Because Representative Drusedow, author of the bill, was called to Omaha by the death of a friend, Representative Byrum, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, withheld reporting the bill out to the house.

Before leaving, Drusedow announced that he intended to attempt to override the adverse committee report and get the bill placed on general file. The bill will be held in committee until Drusedow returns.

"I understand that some members of the committee don't even read the bill and I think it is no more than right for the house to decide whether it wishes to consider the measure," Drusedow said.

State Cement Plant Bill Is Placed on General File

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Bills placed on general file in the lower house today include:

Name of author or person paying for campaign advertisements to be placed on advertisements.

An investigation and report on feasibility of a state cement plant at the next session.

Judicial reorganization bill. Passed on third reading.

Permitting annexed territory to vote on directors of Omaha metropolitan utilities district propositions.

Increasing mileage and feeding allowances for prisoners.

Authorizing two-year reassessment of real estate.

Farmers Rally to Aid of House Investment Bill

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Farmers today rallied to the aid of Representative Lynn of Cedar and lifted Lynn's bill providing for investment of 50 per cent of the state school fund in farm mortgages out of committee. The bill was killed by a standing committee yesterday.

Lynn claims the bill is aimed to give the farmers a chance at the state school fund.

President Named for New Club of Ralston



O. J. Melius is the president of the new Ralston Commercial club. He is president of the Ralston State bank and lives on a farm near Ralston.

"Let's Operate" Urged as Slogan

Aurora Attorney Charges State School Does Not Graduate Physicians.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram).—A dripping surgeon's knife under a caption reading "Let's operate" should be the coat of arms and slogan of the University of Nebraska school of medicine, F. E. Edgerton of Aurora, representing Nebraska homopaths and eclectics, told the joint medical committee of the house and senate tonight.

"Surgery and very little medicine is taught medical students in the university," Edgerton continued, "and men turned out from there are not physicians, but surgeons."

Edgerton was speaking in support of a bill establishing a course in homopathy and eclectics in the University medical school curriculum.

"A real doctor should be acquainted with every reputable science of medicine in order to give 100 per cent service to his patients," he continued.

Dean Cutler read figures to show that only 25 per cent of his graduates became surgeons and the remainder were practicing physicians. He declared that his graduates were fully versed in modern medical treatments of disease.

Chancellor Avery asked the legislature to "keep hands off" such legislation, saying regents were elected by the people to guide the destinies of the university and to sound out the feasibility of adding new courses of studies to the curriculum. The committee took no action.

Two Railroad Bills Are Placed on General File

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Commissioners in Douglas County Sheared of Power

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Frank Dewey, clerk of Douglas county, today sheared the Douglas county commissioners of a little of their political prestige when the lower house passed a bill on general file giving him a budget to be used in hiring his own clerks.

"This will cut out a lot of political trading and removes political threats which may be made by county commissioners to the clerk to get some of their expenditures past the clerk," Representative Ed Smith of Omaha, explained.

House Refuses to Call Up Bill Demanding Oath

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—The house refused to call a bill out of committee today, which would force school teachers to take an oath of allegiance to the United States government.

The Franklin bill, which would lift the collegiate requirements on teachers in towns with less than 1,500 population was killed in the lower house today. The present law gives the high school graduates an opportunity only in towns of less than 1,000 population.

Business Men Protest Proposed Insurance Bill

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram).—Representative Omaha and Lincoln business men appeared before the joint insurance committee tonight to protest a bill backed by the state insurance department, which would throw mutual and reciprocal insurance companies under full control of the state insurance department.

Omaha Packing Interests Are Opposing Two Bills

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Omaha packing house and commission men are in Lincoln fighting two bills which, it is claimed, will knock some of their financial props out from under them. The bills, according to charges, materially cut down live stock commissions for salesmen and charges for feeding cattle in stock yards.

Kill License Bill

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—The house slaughtered a bill, on general file today providing for licensing bakeries and a number of other retail industries.

Erected over a frame of steel tubing, a Wisconsin inventor's tent is claimed to be as substantial as any portable house.

Complaints Are Being Made in Probe of Rents

Omaha Woman Charges Increase From \$35 to \$60 Has Been Made by Her Landlord.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—The first written complaint against an Omaha landlord was received today by Representative Harry Foster of Omaha, in a letter from a woman living in an apartment house on North Thirty-first street. Her trouble, summarized, follows:

Apartment rented for \$32.50 in summer and \$37.50 a month in winter of 1918 when, she claims, prices were as high as they are today. Today, she is paying a flat rate of \$50 a month and the landlord is charging the more recent tenants \$60 a month.

Get Verbal Complaints. Foster also received verbal complaints from tenants in the Omaha National bank building. However, under rules adopted today by the committee, all complaints must be in writing with the understanding that the committee will use discretion in protecting complaints from revengeful landlords.

"It is simply a case of 'put up or shut up,'" Foster said today. "In order to make a proper showing before the legislature that will warrant protective action in the bill now pending we must have convincing facts and figures and it is up to the tenants to produce them."

Will Get Facts. The committee will receive complaints from now until March 3, and under the rules these complaints should be addressed to "Representative Harry Foster, care House of Representatives, Lincoln, Neb."

After that date, the committee intends to begin investigating complaints, calling landlords to Lincoln, forcing them to produce their books and valuation figures to prove that the complaints have no foundation and they are receiving only a fair return on their investment.

Railroad Company Sued For Loss of Valuable Hogs

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—Claiming that 33 Poland-China hogs which they were shipping to Oklahoma, where they were to appear at a fair, were not properly taken care of by the Northwestern railroad, Merle E. Myers and Willard Myers of Fontenelle have filed suit for damages amounting to \$3,000. They allege that the door of the boxcar was nailed shut by railroad employes and three of the 33 animals were overcome.

Deshler Band Plays 25 Years Under Same Director

Deshler, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Deshler concert band of 25 pieces gave their twelfth annual concert in a large audience Tuesday. This band has been under the leadership of its present director, Henry Sittler, since its organization. It meets for practice each week and a class for beginners is conducted weekly. Members of the junior band are allowed credits on their school reports for efficient work.

Farmer Living Near Wymore Is Found Dead in Barn

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram).—John Flesner, 55, residing near Wymore, Neb., was found dead in the barn at his home by Mrs. Flesner, who went out last evening to assist him in doing the chores. Sheriff Schiek, after an investigation, decided not to hold an inquest. Death was probably due to heart disease.

Central Labor Union Holds Big Meeting at Fremont

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Central Labor union held a get-together meeting at which over 500 members and guests attended. Mrs. Marie Weeks of Norfolk, defeated candidate for congress in the November election, and Attorney Bollen of Lincoln, delivered the addresses of the evening. A banquet was served.

Cheyenne County Starts Farm Bureau Campaign

Lodgepole, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The big farm bureau campaign is on and a systematic canvass being made of every farmer in the county. A rousing "kick-off" was held the first of the week with J. A. Crawford and other prominent leaders present.

Father and Son Banquet

Ravenna, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The annual Father and Son banquet in the High school auditorium here was one of the most successful ever held by the local institution.

Postmasters Appointed

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram).—Postmasters appointed: Nebraska: Andrew, Sioux county, Fern L. Watson, vice Oliver H. Jones resigned; Endicott, Jefferson county, Maud E. Rose, vice Maxine Nelson; North Platte, McPherson county, Hadley R. Proffit, vice Milo N. Schick, resigned; Lena, Arthur county, William G. Carter, vice Floyd N. Craig, resigned; South Dakota: Braxton, Ziebach county, Rose M. Fisher, vice Louis A. Mack, resigned.

Madison Mayor Says "Drinks" Are Abused; Chief of Police Fired

Madison, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—"Drinks" are entitled to reasonable consideration, according to Mayor C. P. Plass of this city. Sleeping in an automobile parked on the streets, at the mercy of any of the "light-fingered gentry," who may be about, is taboo by the latest orders of the city's chief executive. He states that exposure to the elements at this time of year also has a tendency to breed pneumonia and influenza and as a protection to the public health it should not be countenanced.

His action followed a report that an intoxicated citizen had slept in his automobile, parked on the main thoroughfare, at night.

In putting his new order into effect, the mayor removed the bright "star" worn by Chief of Police Carl Reineccius as an insignia of his office.

Timothy Kennedy was presented with the "star" by the mayor and instructed that in the future, drinks were to be given a bed in the warm "jail house" where they would be safe from disease and pickpockets.

Conspiracy to Control Omaha Hotel Charged

Receiver of Nebraska Hotel Company Gets Restraining Order in Lancaster County Court.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—(Special).—Charging a conspiracy on the part of directors of the Interstate Hotel to wreck the company in order to obtain control of the Hotel Fontenelle in Omaha, W. E. Barkeley, receiver for the Nebraska Hotel company and the Nebraska Building & Investment company, obtained a restraining order in the Lancaster county district court here against Frank E. Schaff, Irving F. Baxter, H. E. Gregory, Norris Brown and A. N. Cole.

The restraining order prohibits the defendants from interfering with the receiver's management of the hotel.

The petition sets forth that the Interstate Hotel company holds a 11-year lease on the Fontenelle building and furniture, which the receiver claims is worth \$350,000. He says that the company is solvent.

The order granted by the court prevents Schaff from voting any stock in the Interstate hotel company at any meeting of its stockholders and prevents the other defendants from holding any meeting as a board of directors of that company. Barkeley says he has redeemed the stock of the Interstate Hotel company, which had been pledged for the purchase price, and now holds it assigned in blank.

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Mother of Baby Tells Sad Story

Child Abandoned in Hopes of Finding Good Home—Salvation Army Aids Mother.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special Telegram).—Pretty Bertha Miller, 17, confessed mother of the abandoned baby found yesterday in a hotel, tells of a false lover, who betrayed her faith, of hardened parents who drove her from their home and the fruitless attempt to locate a home for her 2-month-old baby.

When her condition was discovered, she appealed to her lover for help and advice, she said, but the plea remained unanswered and the man fled to California.

Her parents refused to allow the coming child to be born under their roof. In the Salvation Army home at Omaha where on December 29, her baby was born she found the only helping hand. Unable to turn to her own home for protection, without funds or means to take care of herself and child, she hoped to leave the child where it would be found and adopted by kind hands.

The authorities here were touched with her story and will not file any action against the suffering mother. Efforts are to be redoubled to locate the father of the child. Many local families have volunteered to adopt the child and it will be placed in the best home offered.

Colfax County Farm Bureau Starts Membership Drive

Schuyler, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—Although handicapped by muddy roads, the Colfax county campaign for the Nebraska Farm bureau is bringing good results. Over 300 members had joined, with two precincts to be heard from. It is expected that 500 members will be obtained.

The campaign starts here with a dinner to about 140 farmers and their wives. State Representative Elmer Young was introduced by C. L. Jones, county captain, and spoke on the needs of the farmers for organization. J. P. Lawrence of the state university also spoke. Eugene Sullivan of Iowa spoke on the work in his state.

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Boys' Cooking Class Gets Certificates at Burress

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—So far as is known the only boys' cooking club in the state located at Burress in the school taught by Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Darryl Dutchler, Walter Winkler and Ozro Anderson, who completed the requirements of the extension department of the university in culinary art, were awarded certificates by Miss Allegra Wilkins of Lincoln. The girls who also received honors were Bernice Ford, Merle Owens, Clara Mullner and Editha Skinner.

127 New Members Join The Schuyler Orients

Schuyler, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Orients initiated 127 new members during an evening of merriment and banqueting. The order is composed of the leading business and professional men of the city. This is an annual affair.

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20-Year Feud of Oyster Fishers Of Jersey Ends

Settlement, However, Was Forced by District Judge Only After He Had Sent One to Prison.

Toms River, N. J., Feb. 24.—Oyster men of Parkertown and Westcreek were today forced to agree to a truce in their 20-year feud by Judge Jeffrey. The fishermen were given the alternative of being sent to jail on the strength of confessions obtained by detectives.

Parkertown oyster men have refused to plant oysters, claiming a right to tong for them in beds which were formerly public and which since have been leased by the state to Westcreek planters. Murder, arson, sinking of boats and other destruction of property resulted from the feud, it has been charged.

The case was carried to the United States supreme court which decided against the Parkertown men, but the order of the court was disregarded, it was alleged.

As late as Tuesday night masked men are said to have visited persons summoned as witnesses in cases growing out of the feud, warning them not to appear in court, and threatening to burn homes and sink boats if the warning went unheeded.

After the agreement today Judge Jeffrey imposed the following sentences on men convicted of stealing claims: Joseph Johnson, three years and \$150 fine; Elson Hawkins, one year and \$150 fine.

Lincoln Man Speaks at Aurora Rotary Meeting

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The Aurora Rotary club celebrated the 16th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. George O. Risdon of Lincoln was the speaker of the evening. With his stories and poems, he kept the club members laughing for an hour.

Mr. Risdon spoke to the high school students and to the junior high school.

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