

49 Measures Are Passed by House; Orators at Home

Record of Session Made in Approving Bills—"Alfalfa John" is Absent During Speed Test.

Lincoln, April 9.—(Special.)—Orators, near orators and "Alfalfa John" being absent, the lower house passed all previous records today and recommended 44 bills for passage in the morning and 15 in the afternoon, thus breaking all speed records of the session. The bills turned out in a "one, two, three, strike, your own order" include:

Bills creating a state park board and setting aside state forest game reserves near Halsey and Valentine. State permits necessary to hunt or fish on these preserves.

Bills forbidding solicitation of law suits to be brought outside of Nebraska against residents of this state for damages alleged to have been sustained within the state.

Fix Tax Limit. S. F. 149—Fixes county tax limit at 5 per cent on actual valuation. S. F. 243—Sleeping and toilet accommodations for live stock care takers.

S. F. 269—Empowers Douglas county to reimburse owners of property destroyed in court house riot. S. F. 48—Penalties for making fraudulent checks less than \$35.

S. F. 196—Regulating manufacture and sale of soft drinks. S. F. 219—Repeal of soldiers' moratorium (wartime act).

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S. F. 334—No member of county board to act as county highway commissioner. State Forester Permitted.

S. F. 286—Reorganization of state conservation and survey division with authority to appoint a state forester. S. F. 200—County boards to construct dikes and protect river banks from erosion.

S. F. 128—State banks affiliated with federal reserve system to be under same requirements as other state banks. S. F. 277—School boards required to submit plans for school building or additions costing more than \$1,000 to state superintendent and state engineer, before construction.

House Advances Memorial On Waterway Project. Lincoln, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The lower house advanced Senate File 23 to third reading without a dissenting vote. The bill, introduced by Senator Dutton, memorializes congress to push the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes waterway project with all possible expediency as a means of indicating to the great wheat-growing country of the midwest its desire and willingness to cooperate in pushing a project which means cheaper rates for grain shipment.

Six Child Welfare Bills Advanced in Lower House. Lincoln, April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Six minor child welfare bills were advanced to third reading in the lower house today. The bills deal with crimes against children and with women's rights in settlement of estates. They are Senate Files 89, 87, 88, 77, 97 and 95.

Telephone Patrons Strike At Bloomfield Unbroken. Bloomfield, Neb., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—After one week of strike former telephone subscribers are still firm in their opposition to paying increased rates. Patrons are making no effort to restore service and are waiting for action on the part of the company.

Reports of wavering in the ranks and that property of the company is being destroyed by the company were found groundless on an investigation.

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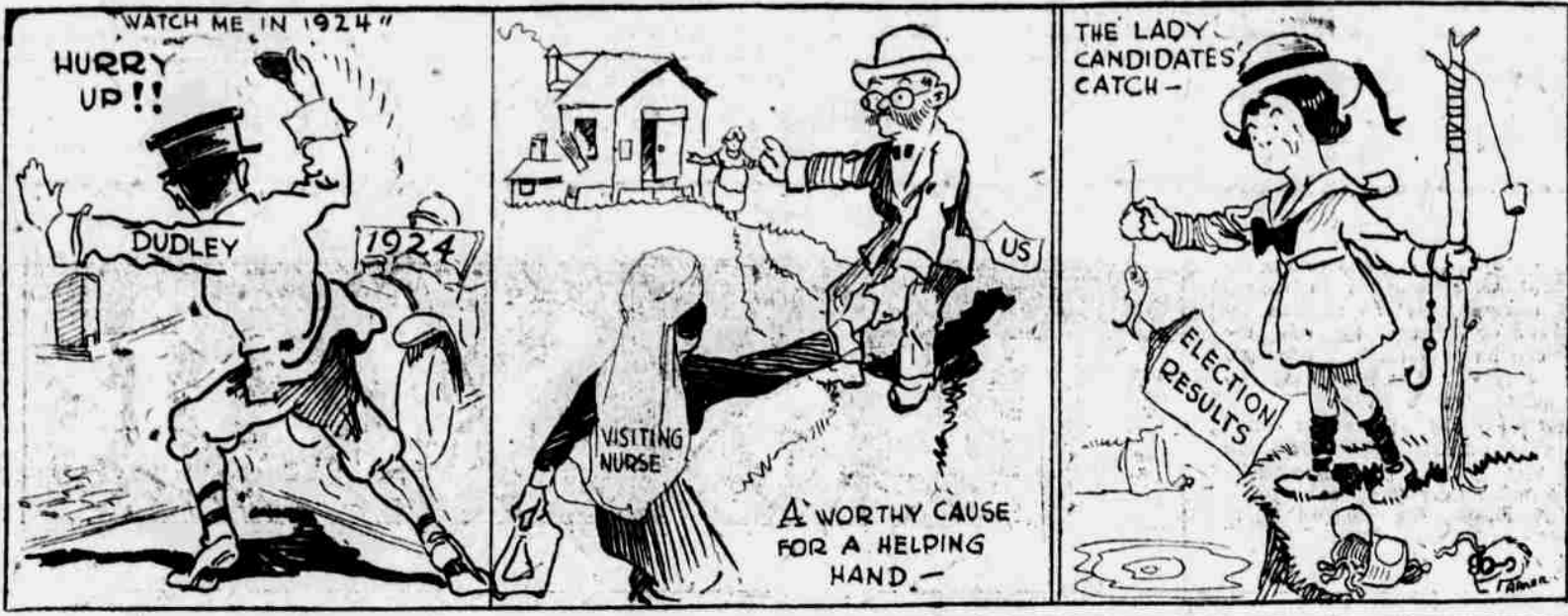
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Hope of Passing City Charter Bill in Near Future Blasted

Measure Referred to Committee of Whole for Amendments After Discovery These Not Included in Motion to Advance It to Third Reading in House—Now Subject to Extensive Debate.

Lincoln, April 9.—(Special.)—Hope that the Omaha charter bill would go through on third reading in the lower house early next week was blasted today.

On motion of Representative Charles Reed of Logan, the bill was referred back to the committee of the whole for amendments.

Reed declared that when Representative Robert Drusedow of Omaha made the motion to advance the bill through the committee of the whole and place it on third reading, his motion did not include amendments adopted by the house committee on cities and towns.

These amendments included the fixing of policemen's and firemen's salaries and the Baldrige amendment.

Reed told members of the house that Drusedow's motion would make it impossible for these amendments to be included in the bill when it went through on third reading.

His motion that it go back to the committee of the whole passed almost unanimously.

This means that opportunity is now had in the committee of the whole for extensive debate on the bill and endless delay in its passage.

Representatives Tom Dysart and George Dyalb of Omaha was the only members of the Douglas county delegation present today.

Aged Women Fight Poverty

Defrauded by Banker Two 69-Year-Old Working Women of Aurora Seek Money in Court—Still Remain Friends.

Aurora, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—Grim tragedy sat in the Hamilton county district court Friday and listened to the pitiful stories of the litigants in the case of Hattie G. Taylor against Martha A. Woods. Each of these women is 69 years of age and defeat in the case means poverty.

Each has practically her entire estate at stake in this trial. After the testimony had been taken the two old women took each other by the hand and with tears streaming down their faces, assured each other that the lawsuit must not and should not destroy their friendship of years.

Tears stood in the eyes of Judge Corcoran, lawyers and spectators while Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Woods talked to each other. Mrs. Taylor is suing to foreclose a mortgage of \$2,000 against the home of Mrs. Woods. She bought this mortgage of Charles W. Wentz when he was running the W. C. Wentz company, which is now in the hands of the bankruptcy court.

During the last two years, Mrs. Woods has been paying off this mortgage. She and her aged husband, who is the gateman at one of the Burlington crossings, denied themselves everything to clear their

home of the mortgage. They never looked at the records and paid the mortgage at the office of the Wentz company. The last installment was paid to Wentz shortly before he disappeared. He deposited it to the credit of the W. C. Wentz company and never paid Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor makes her living by washing dishes and cooking in the Swanson cafe. In Aurora, Mrs. Woods keeps boarders. Both belong to the same church and have been friends for years.

Mrs. Taylor's money which was invested in this mortgage on the Woods' home was the life insurance of her husband, who was killed in the railroad yards in 1915. Her first husband, John E. Downey, was also killed, having been shot while serving as town marshal for Aurora.

New Gothenburg Officers Gothenburg, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—City officers were elected here as follows: H. E. Ash, mayor; J. J. Aroa, clerk; C. W. Wagner, treasurer; B. A. Norsworthy, engineer; Charles Larson and H. Jansen, councilmen; J. H. Duis and L. R. Sampson, board of education.

Farm Labor Supply Greatest in Years

All Sections of Country Announce Wage Reductions for Farmhands.

Washington, April 9.—The farm labor situation in the United States is "decidedly easier" than it has been for three years, it was announced today at the Department of Agriculture. Reports to the bureau of crop estimates, April 1, showed that while the percentage of normal supply was 95.2, the relative demand was only 87.5 and the ratio of supply to demand was 108.8.

The south reported the labor supply in excess of the demand notwithstanding reduced wages. The western states generally also reported wages considerably reduced over last year and the supply ample.

Idaho said wages were "going to be reasonable and there is no shortage." Reduction of from 25 to 30 per cent in farm wages as compared with last year and an ample supply were reported by several eastern states.

Hastings Must Build New Armory for National Guard Hastings, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—Following the visit of Major Stein, assistant adjutant general, local people have been informed that a suitable armory must be provided here within the next few days or Hastings will lose the National guard company recently formed.

There is no vacant room large enough and there is no available site for the erection of a temporary frame structure. Plans are now under way for the erection of a brick building.

Auxiliary School Will Be Built by Geneva Board Geneva, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—A new building for the Smith-Hughes shop and gymnasium, connected with the high school, will be erected this spring on the school block. The plans have been accepted by the school board.

Bonds for \$20,000, voted a year ago, have been sold by the board to the Geneva State bank. The building was delayed because of high price of material.

HAMILTON THEATRE Sunday From 3 to 10:30 MARY MILES MINTER —in— "CUMBERLAND ROMANCE" Also Two-Reel Comedy

Racing Body for Nebraska Named; 20 Bills Signed

Ed Peterson of Omaha Nominated as Commissioner—All Bills Regulated—Men Get No Pay.

Lincoln, April 9.—(Special.)—Immediately upon signing S. F. 194, creating a state racing commission, Governor McKelvie today named the three members to constitute that body. The members of the commission are: Edward Peterson of Omaha, wealthy contractor and horseman for a two-year term; Nick J. Romm of Fremont, veteran race horseman and one of the chief sponsors of the bill, for the four-year term; Ed Gould of Kearney, former state senator and well-known horseman, for the six-year term.

The members serve on the commission without pay. Their duty is to regulate and license private horse racing. The bill also gives them jurisdiction over state and county fair racing meets.

Under the provisions of the bill one commissioner must be from the first and second congressional districts, another from the third and fourth and the third from the fifth and sixth. The bill carries the emergency clause and becomes effective immediately.

Signs 20 Bills. Governor McKelvie today signed 20 bills, 10 from the house and 10 from the senate. They are: H. R. 432—Permits Latta estate in Burt county to mortgage property to pay debts.

H. R. 137—Regulates resurveyors. H. R. 284—Requires city engineer to make estimate on improvement contracts.

H. R. 395—Permits Spanish and world war veterans past 35 years old to be commandants of Nebraska soldiers' homes.

H. R. 461—Prohibits disturbance of corner stone marks in road work. H. R. 56—Permits sale of realty owned by irrigation districts.

H. R. 51—Makes road overseers elective instead of appointive. H. R. 181—Permits condemnation of unused railroad right-of-way for highway purposes.

Increases Judges. S. F. 154—Increases number of Douglas county district judges from seven to nine.

S. F. 349—Requires film producers contracting with Nebraska exhibitors to deposit advance payments with fiscal agent in state.

S. F. 288—Repeals law permitting appeals to district court from asylum commitments.

S. F. 224—Makes habeas corpus appeal procedure as in civil instead of criminal cases.

S. F. 193—Permits county boards to fix wages of highway labor.

S. F. 187—Permits supreme court to reduce sentence in criminal cases.

S. F. 32—Amends probate court fees.

S. F. 233—Fixes salary of clerk of supreme court at \$4,000.

S. F. 293—Amends school re-districting law and provides for dissolution and reconstruction of districts.

H. R. 572—Making townships liable for flood damage resulting from road-work.

Blair Telephone Rates Increased by Rail Body Lincoln, April 9.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Railway commission today issued an order allowing the Blair Telephone company an increase in rates which will boost the annual revenue from \$19,925 in 1920 to \$25,472.64 in 1921.

The company has 960 subscribers in Blair, Kennard and Calhoun.

The commission found that the operating revenue, which had not been increased by wartime boosts, had fallen \$4,425 short of meeting expenses in 1920. The new rate allows \$3,800 as 8 per cent dividends on the 47,000 in capital stock, and \$7,100, or 10 per cent, of the \$71,700 original cost of the system for depreciation.

The village of Elk Creek has filed application with the commission to construct a 6,000-volt transmission line from Tecumseh to Elk Creek, consent having been obtained from the Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company, the Burlington railroad and the village of Cook to parallel their lines.

Crete Girl Who Left Home Is Returned by Sheriff Beatrice, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—Miss Mary Parisek, 16, who disappeared from her home at Crete last week and who was arrested on the streets here a few days ago by Policeman Tom Dunn, was taken back to Crete by a deputy sheriff from Saline county.

Questionnaire Used In York County on Public Improvements

York, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—The county commercial club sent out questionnaires to the members regarding municipal improvements and amusements. The following is the result: New city hall, yes 38, no 61; public play ground, 89, 31; community building, 93, 32; paving, 94, 29; aviation field, 60, 42; police extension, 39, 64; street cleaning, 104, 19; street names and numbers, 118, 8; garbage disposal, 108, 16; sidewalk to standard grade, 88, 27; new sidewalks use cement, 118, 5; city manager from government, 69, 41; cleaner streets and alleys, 111, 11; care of parkings, 103, 17; care of care, 90, 22; public rest rooms, 71, 46; Sunday base ball, 65, 58; athletic field, 94, 26; public pool hall, 56, 67.

Columbus Garage Burns; Loss Estimated at \$50,000 Columbus, Neb., April 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The John E. Fulmer garage here was completely destroyed by fire early this morning. Nine new automobiles and 38 cars in storage were entirely burned. Total loss is about \$50,000, largely covered by insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown.

National Guard at York Gets Additional Recruits York, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—Major Stein of Lincoln and Captain Hall of Omaha examined 15 more men for the National guard here. The total number of men available and who have passed the examination is 82. The regimental band is assured for York.

City Officers Named at Election in Schuyler Schuyler, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—The following city officers were elected: Mayor, Ed W. Zeran; clerk, Amos Svoboda; treasurer, Joseph M. Rogers; councilmen, Emil L. Coufal, Mr. Costello, Mr. Krejci; police judge, C. H. Wells; school board, Bolton and Farrell.

Postoffice Examination Geneva, April 9.—(Special.)—Applicants for the position of postmaster at Strang were examined today. The examination was conducted by Assistant Postmaster Adeline Allen.

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