

House Advances Bill to "Purify" Rural Politics

Democrats and Nonpartisan Leaguers Attack Measure As Attempt to Tie Up Primaries.

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Democrats and Nonpartisan leaguers joined a few scattering republicans today in attempting to kill S. F. 203, a bill to force farmers to register at least 30 days in advance of the primaries. However, the bill was advanced to third reading by a vote of 63 to 31.

Representative A. H. Byrum of Franklin led the fight for the bill, claiming that it was an effort to "purify" politics in the country and keep democrats and republicans from calling for the other party ballots in order to put up a weak candidate at the election.

The opposition claimed that it was an attempt to tie up the primaries and deny a free, wide-open expression. The bill provides that the farmer's political affiliation shall be taken by the precinct assessor when that official calls on the ruralist. The farmer is permitted to change his affiliation any time in advance of 30 days prior to the primary. The vote follows:

For: Acton, Anderson (Knox), Armstrong, Barbour, Bethea, Bowman, Byrum, Clizbe, Cole, Davis, Douglas, Downing, Dyball, Dysart, Epperson, Essam, Foster, Frantz, Frazier, Good, Gould, Green, Griswold, Hanner, Hascall, Jeary, Kendall, Lynn, McFarland, McKee, McClellan, McLeod, Medlar, Mickey, Miner, Morian, Moseley, Murphy, Nelson, Palmer, Parks, Randall, Reed, Reneker, Robertson, Rodman, Ruddy, Sandquist, Smith, Snow, Sommerlad, Staats, Sturdevant, Votaw, Wallace, Webster, Westerhoff, Wight, Williams, Wolfe, Wood, Yeiser, Speaker Anderson.

Against: Axtell, Beans, Beckman, Behrens, Bock, Franklin, Frost, Gifford, Gimrey, Goodrich, Hakanson, Hilliard, Hoare, Jacobs, Johnson, Lauritsen, Lettwich, Lundy, Mellor, Niewedde, O'Gara, Osterman, Peterson, Rank, Sprick, Stephenson, Strong, Thompson, Ullstrom, Vance and Young.

Thirteen Measures Signed by Governor

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Governor McKelvie signed the following bills today.

S. F. No. 146—Giving railway commission jurisdiction over crossings outside of cities and towns.

S. F. No. 114—Farmers' warehouse bill.

S. F. No. 51—Uniform procedure to quiet title.

S. F. No. 108—Christian Science bill.

H. R. No. 355—Permitting local taxation up to 5 mills to support volunteer fire departments in towns and villages.

H. R. No. 368—Permitting creation of post districts in agriculture.

H. R. No. 406—Allows Episcopal parishes to incorporate.

H. R. No. 199—Limits inheritance tax lien to property inherited.

H. R. No. 257—Provides justice of the peace in voting precincts of over 1,000 voting population.

H. R. No. 312—County treasurer retains levies on bonds.

H. R. No. 288—Abolishes fees for birth and death certificates.

H. R. No. 149—Permits county boards to accept donations of roadway within five miles of cities.

H. R. No. 195—Regulating mixed stock shipments on railroads.

Five Bills Put Through Third Reading in House

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Excepting the state board of control the head of any state department exceeding the appropriation for his department is guilty of a felony under provisions of House Roll 405, passed on third reading by the lower house today. Other bills put through on third reading follow:

House Roll 477—Provides additional penalty for breaking out of penitentiary or jail.

House Roll 487—Requires state department of public works to furnish county clerk with estimates of cost of bridge construction.

House Roll 84—Authorizes board of control to employ a clinical psychologist to examine delinquent, dependent, defective and neglected children, and to assign them to institutions best fitted to care for them.

House Roll 144—Provides for legal services on persons holding tax sale certificates.

Substitute for Anti-Jap Bill Advanced in Senate

Lincoln, April 12.—The senate killed the house anti-Jap bill, patterned after the California law, today by advancing to third reading a substitute bill barring all aliens from holding land longer than five years.

Senator Hoagland, who introduced the substitute bill, said his bill would compel aliens residing in Nebraska and owning land, to sell it unless they become citizens within five years.

Bill Allowing Defender to Name Assistants Advanced

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special Telegram).—The lower house advanced a senate bill this afternoon to third reading permitting John Baldwin, Omaha public defender, to name his own assistants, removing county commissioners' power to keep assistants in the office who are distasteful to Baldwin.

Would Make Advertising Of "Hootch" Recipes Illegal

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special).—Advertising recipes for "hootch" or having utensils in the home which might be used for manufacture of it are forbidden under the terms of Senate File 185, advanced to third reading today by the lower house.

The Cloud Rolls By



Yeiser Bill To Penalize Holding Of Food Advanced

Amendments Permitting Ice Cream Makers to Reduce Butter Fat Content Are Approved.

Lincoln, April 12.—(Special Telegram).—House Roll 8, the Yeiser bill, penalizing the holding of perishable foodstuffs, was advanced to third reading in the senate today without debate.

The house amendments to S. F. 254, permitting ice cream makers to reduce the butter fat content of their product for sale outside the state, were approved without dissenting vote. The original bill as passed by the senate permitted a reduction of from 14 to 10 per cent for sale within the state. The house struck out that part of the bill.

The conference committee report on salaries for the governor's secretary, the secretary of state boards and deputies in the state offices also were approved. The original bill provided for \$3,000 a year salary. The house scaled it to \$2,500, the senate boosted it to \$2,750 and the conference committee finally agreed upon \$2,640.

The senate, on third reading, S. F. 232, placing the names of candidates for nonpartisan offices on partisan ballots, without party designation.

Senator Warner had S. F. 343 recommitted to the committee on the ground that Senator Hoagland had secured a complete rewriting of the bill to air a grouch. The bill provides for a referendum on increased rates in fraternal orders. Warner secured recommitment on the understanding the bill should be amended to provide for a referendum on petition of 10 per cent of the members.

Wymore School Debating Team Wins Championship

Wymore, Neb., April 12.—(Special).—Tecomseh having defaulted the Wymore debating team is now champion of the Southeastern district and will take part in the state high school debate to be held in Lincoln May 14. The members of the Wymore team are Robert Shields, Mildred Short and Selma Moulton.

Ruth Frederick, Harriette Dunn, Dorris Kelley and Clarice Kelley participated in a declamatory contest to decide who should represent Wymore in the Southeastern Nebraska contest to be held in Wymore, May 28. The judges awarded first place to Clarice Kelley. The high schools of five counties will be represented in this contest.

Man Sought for Theft of Jewelry Trunk Arrested

Topeka, Kas., April 12.—Virgil Helm, wanted here in connection with the theft of a sample trunk containing jewelry said to be valued at \$51,000 two weeks ago from the Rock Island depot is under arrest in Denver, local officers were advised today.

Denver, April 12.—Virgil D. Helm, wanted in Topeka and arrested by the police yesterday came to Denver a week ago. Police officers said Helm at first protested his innocence but later admitted his part in the alleged theft.

\$10,000 in Currency Shipped To Little Rock Bank, Stolen

Hot Springs, Ark., April 12.—A package containing \$10,000 in bills of small denomination, sent by John B. Foote, president of the Security bank here to the federal reserve bank, Little Rock, disappeared at the local postoffice and from information available federal agents have been unable to get any trace of it.

The bank official obtained a postal receipt for the package but there is said to be no record of the money going from the postoffice.

Price Cutting Has at Last Hit N. Y. Theaters

New York, April 12.—The general price cutting in commodities has at last struck the theater. Three musical comedies have just started their careers on Broadway at top prices for tickets of \$2.50. Leading managers said today that the revision of pre-war prices has come to stay. They expect their standard top priced seats next season will be reduced to \$2.50 for a dramatic production and \$3 for a musical show. Reputable ticket brokers are prepared to see prices as low as \$2 for dramatic and \$2.50 for musical plays.

Famous Baritone of More Than 40 Years Ago Is Dead

New York, April 12.—Giovanni Tagliapietra, famous 40 years ago as a baritone, was found dead at his home today. He was famous in the roles of "Escamillo" and "Valentin." Twenty years ago he appeared in summer operas here, but since has sung little in public.

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Police Probe Report Of Kidnaping of Girl By Three Men in Auto

Milwaukee, April 12.—Authorities are investigating the story told by Helen Wallick, 15-year-old girl, who says she was kidnaped from in front of the Waukesha postoffice and taken to a farm. She says she was leaving the postoffice when the men sprang from an adjacent store and bundled her into an automobile. The machine was headed towards the country and in a secluded spot the car was stopped and girl carried from car. When she screamed one of the men pointed a revolver at her and threatened her, she said. Then she said another machine appeared on the roadway. Her captors dropped her to the ground and sped away. Searchers are looking for a handkerchief the girl says she dropped while struggling with the men.

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Court Accepts Plan to Dispose Of Stockyards

Swift and Company and Armour's Must Place Holdings With Trustees to Be Sold Within One Year.

Washington, April 12.—A new plan under which Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. are to divest themselves of their interests in stock yard terminal railroads was agreed to today by the Department of Justice and immediately approved by Justice Stafford of the District of Columbia supreme court.

Under the plan, the companies must deliver their stock in the yards and terminals to the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank at Chicago within 30 days for administration by two trustees, Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, Va. and George Sutherland of Salt Lake City, until sold, which must be within a year.

"The legal principle of course, was up to the Department of Justice," Justice Stafford said after he had signed the plan, "and when the department had approved the plan it was only incumbent on me to see that the law was not violated by any of the participants. I was glad to find that such was not the case and therefore approved the plan."

Receive \$10,000 a Year

The trustees are to receive salaries of \$10,000 a year each and will have power to interfere in the management of any stock yard or railroad if in the opinion of both either the Sherman act or the terms of the decree are being violated.

The plan sets forth that the defendants are to proceed to sell their stock with due diligence with reports of all sales submitted to the court for its approval. These reports must contain the price and the name of the proposed purchasers and must be accompanied by affidavits that the proposed purchasers are in no way connected with the defendants.

Sell Omaha Yards.

In the event that any of the stock remains unsold at the end of the year the defendants may obtain an extension of time upon a showing made to the court of diligence in their efforts to dispose of the stock at a fair and reasonable price.

The properties, stock in which is to be sold by the two companies, include:

St. Paul Union Stock Yards, St. Joseph Stock Yards company, Denver Union Stock Yards company, Kansas City Stock Yards company, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Union Stock Yards company of Omaha, Ltd.; Portland Union Stock Yards company, North Portland, Ore.; Sioux City Terminal Railway company, St. Joseph; Belt Railway company, St. Joseph, Mo.; Kansas City connection railroad and East St. Louis Junction Railroad company.

Agreement to dispose of their stock yards interests was made by the packers in the consent decree filed with the District of Columbia supreme court more than a year ago.

Pussyfoot Johnson Abandons Attempt to Talk at Windsor, Ont.

Windsor, Ont., April 12.—William (Pussyfoot) Johnson, American prohibition worker abandoned an attempt to speak at the armory last night where he was scheduled to talk in support of the prohibition question, soon to go before Ontario voters and was escorted across the boundary to Detroit by police officers.

No sooner had Johnson taken the platform than he was greeted by jeers, singing and whistling and was unable to make himself heard. A number of ex-service men intervened but were unable to quiet the crowd.

"They're making more dry votes than I could if I talked all night," Johnson observed as he left.

Outside a crowd followed the lecturer and his escort. Several missiles were thrown, it was said, but Johnson was unharmed.

Opposition to Johnson's appearance here first developed several weeks ago when he was denied use of the armory. This difficulty was overcome however and no disturbance had been looked for.

Apapahoe Man Dies.

Kelsey Chindor of Arapahoe, Neb., died at Lincoln last week and was buried at his home town. Mr. Chindor had many friends in Omaha, where he had studied dentistry at Creighton college. His wife, who survive him, was Miss Lucille Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Thomas. Mrs. Chindor is now staying at the home of her parents, 3225 Poppleton avenue.

Forgery Is Alleged.

Information charging forgery of checks on the United States National bank and the Farmers and Merchants bank of Benson was filed against W. W. Roberts by County Attorney Shotwell yesterday.

Driver of Meat Wagon Loses Load To Lone Robber

Robin Hood of Olden Days Was Piker in Comparison To Modern Bandits Who Steal Dressed Meat.

Chicago, April 12.—In olden times Robin Hood broke the law by killing the king's deer in the loyal forests, but Robin was a piker. The modern Robin Hood waits until the meat has been dressed and then steals it, along with the truck upon which it is being transported.

William Greigont, a driver for the Boyd-Lunham company, drove out of their yards early today with 8,000 pounds of choice meat on his truck. The meat was valued at \$3,000 and the truck fully as much.

Just as Greigont reached down to shift his gears a lone bandit, armed with an automatic pistol, leaped aboard the truck and forced Greigont to drive to a sparsely settled district on the South Side. There he threw the driver off and sped away.

Five days ago a driver for Roberts & Dakes was held up in the same locality and meat worth \$2,000 and the truck were stolen.

Bandits Secure \$15,000 in Bank Robbery at Denver

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Salvation Army Lasses Imprisoned in Petrograd

London, April 12.—The London Times today says it learns a number of women belonging to the Salvation Army are in prison in Petrograd and Moscow and that they are suffering great hardships. All access to them has been refused and there is no indication that there is any charge against them, the newspaper asserts.

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Jusserand Gives Reply to Hughes

French Viewpoint on Mandate Question Transmitted Verbally.

Paris, April 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Ambassador Jusserand is understood here to have given Secretary of State Hughes in Washington the French viewpoint on the mandate question raised by Secretary Hughes' recent note, in which the United States insisted it was entitled to a voice in the ultimate disposition of the former overseas possessions of Germany.

The French ambassador's verbal communication, it is said, was in lieu of a written reply to the latest American note, and such a reply will probably not be sent for the present.

The foreign office today declined to disclose the substance of M. Jusserand's talk with Secretary Hughes, but in usually well informed quarters he is said to have told the secretary of state that France recognized the justice of the American claim to be consulted on such questions and was favorable to the American contentions regarding the island of Yap.

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