

Appropriation Measure Sent to Third Reading

Senate Refuses to Concur in Revenue Bill Amended by House — Conference Committee Named.

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Carrying the same increases as provided for in the committee report, the big appropriation bill, carrying a total of over \$22,000,000, was approved in the upper branch of the legislature and sent to third reading.

As the bill was approved by the senate, it provides for an increase of \$1,432,720 over the appropriations given the approval of the house. Several attempts were made in the senate to cut out specific appropriations, but they mustered little support and the committee's report stood unchanged, with one exception. The senate in committee of the whole added \$40,000 for a gymnasium at the Kearney industrial school, which the committee had neglected to include.

When the amended revenue measure, S. F. No. 65, came back to the senate for concurrence this afternoon, the upper branch refused to accept the changes made in the lower branch. A conference committee, consisting of Senators Anderson, Norval and Randall, and the conference committee of the house and senate on the bill increasing the salary of the adjutant general reached an agreement this afternoon. The house bill provided a salary of \$3,000, which the senate increased to \$5,000. The conference committee agreed to split the difference and his salary was fixed at \$4,000.

House and senate committees trying to reach an agreement on the anti-Japanese land bill, which the upper branch amended to apply to all aliens, were reported to be near agreement. The committees are said to be agreed as to the form of a substitute measure which will be drafted and submitted to both branches for approval.

It became more apparent today that the legislature cannot wind up its labors this week. There is still a big mass of legislation to be straightened out before adjournment will be possible.

Governor Sends Golf Ball To President Harding

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie sent to President Warren G. Harding a golf ball "trained in all of the curves of the game," which he won in a Lincoln Country club golf tournament "once upon a time." The ball and an accompanying letter were turned over to Miss Pauline G. Trumbo of Fort Moran, Colo., who is making a trip to the national capital to invite the president to attend the big American Legion round-up this year.

Holdup Man Sentenced For Robbery in Lincoln

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—William Pavey, ex-convict, who pleaded guilty today to a charge of complicity in the holdup of the Mason drug store here last week, was sentenced to three to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Morningstar. Pavey was out on parole at the time of the robbery.

Stock Permit Asked by Motor Passenger Line

Lincoln, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Virgil J. Haggart, Omaha attorney, has notified the Nebraska Railway commission of the organization of a \$25,000 corporation in Omaha to run motor passenger and freight service between Omaha and Fremont, making regular trips daily. The company has already purchased five trucks of 16-passenger capacity and Haggart is making application under the statutes for authority to issue the stock solely to the incorporators. The railway commission has exclusive jurisdiction over the sale of securities of common carriers.

Anti-Packing Measure Slated for Postponement

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The joint labor and judiciary committee of the senate this afternoon voted to postpone indefinitely House Roll 617, the anti-packing bill. An attempt may be made tomorrow to lift this bill out of the committee. A series of hot committee meetings have been held on this measure, against which a strong fight has been waged by labor union men, especially members of the railroad brotherhoods, from all sections of the state.

Indefinite Postponement For Municipal Court Bill

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The senate judiciary committee voted today to postpone indefinitely the Randall-Hascall municipal court bill which provided for wiping out police courts in Omaha, electing five municipal judges and having them sit on police court cases, maintain a small debtors' court and attend to regular functions of the municipal court in Omaha.

House Concurs in Senate Amendments to Boxing Bill

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The lower house today concurred in the senate amendments to the American Legion boxing bill by a vote of 55 to 36. The principal amendment added by the senate struck out the \$1 admission limit to matches put in the bill by the house.

Supreme Court Rules On Y. M. C. A. Taxation

Lincoln, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—The Nebraska supreme court today held that portions of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A. building used for other than "charitable, religious or educational purposes" are subject to taxation. The court found that the association leased a portion of the building for a cafeteria and it was this part which is subject to taxation.

Furnace County Boy Killed By Ball Thrown by Playmate

Beaver City, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Hilding Hockinson, 8, was hit by a ball thrown by a playmate, while at play on the schoolhouse grounds of a country district near here and died almost instantly. The ball was thrown at random by a boy of his own age and struck him at the base of the brain. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hockinson.

County Fair Tax Measure Is Approved by House

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The lower house accepted a conference committee report on the bill providing for a one-fourth mill levy in counties maintaining a county fair, providing such levy does not raise more than \$7,500 in Douglas county, \$3,000 in Lancaster county and \$2,000 in other counties in the state.

Conference Committee on Censorship Deadlocked

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—The motion picture censorship conference committee is deadlocked today. House members are demanding a straight censorship bill, while senate members insist that the Beebe high license substitute shall be reported out.

Genoa Modern Woodmen To Initiate Large Class

Genoa, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—A class of 40 or more candidates will be adopted by the local camp, No. 293, Modern Woodmen of America, April 25. The class was obtained

Supreme Court Rules on Losses Caused by War

Firms and Persons Upon Whom Loss Naturally Falls Must Bear Added Burden.

Lincoln, April 20.—(Special.)—Losses suffered during the war by contractors and people who were having buildings constructed must be borne by those upon whom the loss naturally falls, the supreme court of Nebraska said today, in an opinion handed down in the case of the Home Builders company against Andrew C. Busk and others.

The court gave special consideration to losses resulting from strikes and the greatly and unexpected increase in building materials. Busk & Wind, building contractors, entered into an agreement to build a certain portion of the Morris apartments for the plaintiff, the work to be completed before March 1, 1917. The building situation in Omaha in the spring and summer of 1917 provided the theme for the court's opinion.

The building was actually delayed several weeks in completing it and the plaintiffs brought suit to recover. The court found that strikes and war conditions were actually to blame for the delay in completing the building and that neither side should recover. The defendants in a cross-petition had asked judgment for \$5,000, claiming that the building had cost that much more, owing to the unexpected increase in wages.

Barn Near Beatrice Burns; Loss Estimated at \$1,500

Beatrice, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the barn on the E. W. Abner farm near Beatrice together with 500

South Sioux City School Head Buys Newspaper

South Sioux City, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—A. O. Eggenberger, superintendent of the South Sioux City public schools, has purchased the South Sioux City Mail and will take possession as editor and publisher June 1. The board of education has selected E. N. Swett of Homer to succeed Superintendent

Black Hills Trail Road Will Be Marked Soon

Grand Island, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Representatives of the community interests of St. Paul, North Loup, Scotia, Elba and intermediate points were in the city in conference with local road committees, and made arrangements for the marking of the Grand Island and Black Hills trail between this city

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"Free" Bridge Facts

The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, operating the present toll bridge across the Missouri river between Omaha and Council Bluffs, addresses, through this medium, a few statements of fact to the voters of Omaha on the proposition of voting bonds for a so-called "free" bridge between the two cities.

Talk No. 4—The St. Louis "Free" Bridge

There is much valuable food for sober thought in the experience of the city of St. Louis in the promotion and construction of the "free" bridge across the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

The agitation for this bridge was commenced about fifteen years ago in a manner quite similar to the agitation which is now on for a "free" bridge between Omaha and Council Bluffs.

The principal promoter of the "free" bridge at St. Louis was a man, engaged in the real estate business, by the name of Gerhart. The same arguments were advanced there as are now being circulated here in favor of the "free" bridge proposition. Resolutions of real estate exchanges were procured, and commercial organizations were solicited and in some cases passed resolutions in favor of the "free" bridge idea. An estimate of \$3,500,000 as the cost of the St. Louis bridge was made by an engineer, and after a more or less spirited campaign on the part of the promoters bonds for \$3,500,000 were voted at a special election held on June 12, 1906.

Opposition to the voting of these bonds was strongly urged by some of the officials of the City of St. Louis and by some of the leading newspapers. The St. Louis Republic on April 5, 1906, stated editorially as follows: "The blunder the City of St. Louis would commit in spending millions to build a so-called free bridge is more apparent today than it was when the agitation for that chimerical project first began. Mr. Wells (the mayor) cogently and forcibly explained in his message the absurdity of the scheme to remove the expense of river transfer by saddling the burden on the municipality."

But the bonds were voted and all of the money expended, only to find that the bridge was far from being completed. Only the main spans had been constructed with the amount estimated for a completed bridge, and the additional sum of \$2,750,000 was asked to complete the structure. AT THREE SUCCESSIVE ELECTIONS THE VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS IN DISGUST VOTED DOWN THE PROPOSITION TO ISSUE THE ADDITIONAL BONDS NECESSARY, AND FOR

FIVE OR SIX YEARS THE HALF-COMPLETED STRUCTURE STOOD IDLE, A MONUMENT TO THE FOLLY OF FOLLOWING THE ADVICE AND ESTIMATES OF IRRESPONSIBLE PROMOTERS. In November, 1914, more than eight years after the original bonds were voted, the additional bond issue of \$2,750,000 was authorized to complete this structure, and this vast sum did not suffice to complete it.

Mr. Player, who was Comptroller of the City of St. Louis at the time the agitation for a free bridge was started, has publicly stated that "the municipal bridge was a stupendous blunder from the beginning." In his report, made in September, 1916, after commenting on the so-called "free" bridge, he states as follows: "A big debt does not make a big city; the expenditure of public money for the advancement of private interests does not make a great city; the erection of municipal bridges, markets, etc., that cannot meet the cost of operation and maintenance does not make a great city. Good men in public office and in civic organizations do make a great city."

When the question of voting bonds for the erection of the St. Louis bridge was under discussion many of the level-headed business men of that city expressed their opposition to the project, but their opposition was drowned by the voices of those who were clamoring for the "free" bridge. Mr. Andrew J. Riley, President of the St. Louis Board of Public Improvements, warned the voters that the bridge would just double the amount of the estimate. His warning was unheeded, but his prediction has proven to be correct.

If the St. Louis bridge cost over \$7,000,000 when the preliminary estimate was \$3,500,000, how much would the Omaha bridge cost when the preliminary estimate is \$1,400,000?

Mr. Voter, take your pencil and figure it out for yourself. The proposed Million-Dollar bond issue to be voted on May 3d is only a starter, and unless you are prepared to vote one or two additional bond issues to complete the bridge, then you and all your friends and neighbors should vote "no" on this proposition.

WATCH FOR FURTHER "FREE" BRIDGE FACTS

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

VOTE FOR

CHARLES A. GRIMMEL

For City Commissioner

Charles A. Grimmel has been a resident of Omaha for thirty-four years, during most of which time he has been intimately in touch with the vital matters effecting the growth of Omaha. He is a member of the Omaha Real Estate Board and is Vice Chairman of the Municipal Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Grimmel is indorsed by the Committee of 5,000, but is not pledged to vote, if elected, for any specific assignment of departments by the new city commission.

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