

Harding Order On Postmasters Affects Omaha

Congressmen Not Pleased by Rule—Many Have Recommendations Now Awaiting Action.

Washington, May 12.—(Special.)—President Harding's order modifying a former order of President Wilson with reference to first, second and third-class postmasters, issued yesterday, was variously construed in congressional circles today. Some of the members of congress were inclined to cuss while they discussed the order on the ground that political organizations and even citizens' associations had selected persons for postmasters on the theory that the now famous Burleson order was to be wholly nullified, but, instead, the principle of the civil service examination is retained in President Harding's executive order. More weight, however, was given to business and organizing ability of the candidates than to scholastic ability.

Almost every republican congressman is loaded down with recommendations and demands for postoffice places and in some instances congressmen have gone on record favoring the appointment of individuals who must now qualify for the place in a civil service examination. In the final analysis, will be asked to pass upon the fitness of candidates for postoffices who have been certified to the postmaster general by the civil service commission, but even at that the friend most desired for the place may not be included in the first three names submitted and then will come the lottery of an examination. If the order means anything, it means that there will be new civil service examinations for postmasters in Omaha and Lincoln which will be open to the public and any person who has not passed his 65th birthday and who has lived within the delivery of such office for two years is entitled to take the examination. Just when the examinations for the Omaha and Lincoln offices will be held is problematical, certainly not until Postmaster General Hays can get the necessary machinery in operation to work out the new proposition.

Business Men to Aid State In Plan to Save Bond Firm

Lincoln, May 12.—(Special.)—Prominent Omaha business men will endeavor to work out a salvation for the Lion Bonding and Surety company of Omaha, according to an announcement made today by W. B. Young, chief of the state bureau of insurance. Young and J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, returned to Lincoln today from Omaha, where they were in consultation with the officers of the Lion company. They intend to appoint a committee of Omaha business men who will meet with them and the officers of the company each week and go over a weekly statement of the company's business. This will be kept up indefinitely until discovery is made certain whether the company is really in danger of going to the wall.

Civil Service Rules Apply To Revenue Office Jobs

Washington, May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jeffers has been in receipt of several requests from residents of the state of Nebraska for positions in the office of collector of internal revenue under A. B. Allen, who is a nominee for that office. Mr. Jeffers took up the matter with Mr. Allen in an effort to obtain the policy of the new collector in regard to the several positions. In reply, Mr. Allen enclosed an extract from a statement of the present collector, George L. Loomis, to the effect that all positions in the office of the collector are under civil service and applicants are required to take the usual civil service examination and the congressman has so notified his correspondents.

Douglas Bridge Toll Stops Lad, 12, Yellowstone Bound

Excitement! That's what Edwin McGuire, 12, wanted when he ran away from his home in Perry, Ia., and hit the trail for Yellowstone park. But he stopped in Omaha yesterday—detained by police. Edwin hadn't heard that the free bridge bond ordinance failed at the recent election, and he tried to cross Mr. Watties' Douglas street bridge without paying the customary jitney. "Perry's dead as a graveyard," he told the officers. "I'm huntin' for excitement." He was given into the care of the juvenile authorities, who will send him back home to Perry and his "graveyard."

Robbers Continue Wave of Crime Out in Elkhorn

Robberies continue to be an almost nightly occurrence in Elkhorn, 18 miles west of Omaha. A few weeks ago an epidemic started. Wednesday night the mysterious thieves broke a window in the office of the Farmers' union in Elkhorn and stole an adding machine. This was the second time this office has been robbed. Tuesday night a new set of harness, two bridles and two collars were taken from a barn on the farm of Preston Quinn, near Elkhorn. Sheriff Mike Clark is working on clues.

Children's Aid Division of Humane Society Seeks Funds

The children's aid division of the Nebraska Humane society is mailing illustrated leaflets to Omahans, calling their attention to the work and asking for public support. This work is maintained by public subscription. "Our aim is to provide a square deal for every child that comes to our attention," said Guern P. Godard, director of the children's aid division. "We also co-operate with their social agencies."

23 Aliens Naturalized.

David City, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Twenty-three aliens were naturalized in district court here.

Recall Petitions Are Reported in Lincoln



Charles W. Bryan.

Lincoln, May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Reports persisted here that petitions for a recall of the assignments made Monday by the Lincoln city commissioners in which Charles W. Bryan, high candidate for mayor, was appointed street commissioner and Frank C. Zehring, low candidate, was made mayor were being prepared. Bryan refused to discuss a possible recall. Mr. Bryan today declined to approve or accept the action of the Lincoln city commission in assigning to him the department of streets and public improvements. But he does not resign. The commission is in a quandary over what to do with him. Bryan brands the refusal of the city commission to elect him mayor, when he received 652 more votes than Frank Zehring, his opponent for mayor, is a violation of the spirit of the law, and if he should accept this assignment he claims he would be a part to the violation of the spirit of the law.

50 Men in Bread Line Daily at North Platte

North Platte, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—The free lunch room in this city, promoted by the Chamber of Commerce and conducted by Rev. J. B. Payne of the People's Mission church, is feeding an average of 50 men a day. Ninety-five per cent of the men fed represent the unemployed passing east and west through the city who are penniless and hungry. About 50 per cent belong to labor unions or railroad brotherhoods. Only two meals are served to the same person. As a result of this lunch room there is no begging on the street or at back doors of residences. As a rule the men deadhead into town on a freight train, get a meal, and then catch the first train out. The room is operated through donations of provender and money from the general public. A meat stew consisting of potatoes and other vegetables and bread and coffee are served.

Hamilton County Farmers Near End of Corn Planting

Aurora, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Corn is going into the ground in Hamilton county rapidly these days. The farmers expect to have all their fields planted within the next week. The seed bed has been prepared for some time and is in excellent shape. Just enough moisture has fallen to make the planting ideal. The corn acreage will be larger than usual because of the smaller acreage of small grain. The winter wheat has been growing by leaps and bounds. Rye is beginning to head out and alfalfa will soon be ready for the first cutting.

Aurora Church to Honor Woman on 100th Birthday

Aurora, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—The women of the Swedish Mission church are making preparations for a large crowd at the birthday reception for Mrs. Anna Rapp, who will be 100 May 19. The public has been invited to gather in honor of this venerable lady. Mrs. Rapp is looking forward with much pleasure to this gathering of her friends. She has been a member of the church all her life. She has 21 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. The reception will be held in the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Anna Pierson.

Ogallala Enters Fight For New State Institution

Ogallala, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Ogallala is making a determined effort to secure the location of the new state reformatory here. The Keith county Community club at Ogallala is working with the business men trying to get the members of the State Board of Control to visit Ogallala and go over the possible locations with them. It is claimed that western Nebraska, especially Ogallala, has been left out of the field in locating new state institutions during the past 10 years, and is therefore entitled to this new institution.

Former Beatrice Sheriff Must Pay Costs of Suit

Beatrice, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—District Judge Colby heard the testimony of several witnesses in the case against former Sheriff J. L. Schick, charged with oppression, extortion and corruption in office, filed some weeks ago by J. W. McKissick. Schick appeared in person and protested, stating that he was not now in office, that the suit had been settled and that the court was prejudiced. Judge Colby proceeded with the case and at the close made a finding taxing the costs against the defendant.

Improve Ball Park.

Randolph, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—The city ball park here is to have a new grandstand and new bleachers. Other improvements on the grounds are also being carried out.

County Sunday School Meeting Convenes Here

Opening Session of Three-Day Annual Convention Held This Afternoon at Grace Methodist Church.

A. M. Locker, Margaret Ellen Brown and W. H. Kimberly were the principal speakers at the annual convention of the Douglas County Association of Sunday Schools, which convened yesterday at 3 p. m. in the Grace Methodist church, Twenty-fifth and E streets. The sessions will continue through Friday. J. L. Duff presided at the opening meeting, at which song service was led by George W. Campbell of the Omaha Y. M. C. A., followed by devotions led by Rev. C. C. Wilson.

Miss Margaret Ellen Brown led the story hour at 3:30. C. J. Shaw led a discussion on "County Work." A. M. Locker, field superintendent of the International Sunday School association, led a workers conference at 6:30 at which dinner was served by the Women's Foreign Missionary society of Grace church. S. P. Bostwick presided at the meeting following the dinner, when Rev. John F. Halwk led the devotions and Margaret Ellen Brown talked on object lessons from a world tour. C. E. Byars of Valley, Neb., will preside at the Friday morning meeting, which will open with a song service led by Mr. Campbell and devotions led by Rev. Arthur Atack. W. H. Kimberly will speak on "Worship in the Sunday School," after which a general discussion will be held, led by A. M. Locker. Dinner will be served at 12 by the Women's Foreign Missionary society.

Friday afternoon will be given over to sectional conferences until 3:30, when a general session will be opened, over which J. R. Cain, jr., will preside. Miss Brown will speak on "Sunday School in the Morning Worship" and W. H. Kimberly will hold another question box and open forum. Election of officers of the association will be held at 5, followed by another dinner served by the Foreign Missionary society. Friday evening a special song service will be given by the Grace Methodist choir under the direction of E. P. Baker. The Rev. Porter A. Ellis will lead the devotional exercises and A. M. Locker will speak.

Council Bluffs Mail Bandits Re-Indicted

Des Moines, Ia., May 12.—New indictments against Keith Collins and Fred Poffenberger of Council Bluffs, now serving sentences for complicity in a large mail robbery last November, were returned by the federal grand jury yesterday afternoon, according to federal officials. It was said the plans were to try the two on the new charges. The new charges against Collins are in five counts, charging taking of five mail sacks. Poffenberger is charged in four counts with extracting registered mail from the sacks.

Man Wanted for \$1,000 Forgery Caught in Omaha

William L. Decker, 1113 Douglas street, said by police to be a notorious forger, and wanted in several southern states, was arrested yesterday by Detective Fritz Franks for the alleged forging of a \$1,000 check in Memphis, Tenn. According to J. B. Burney, chief of police of Memphis, Decker stole a check, forged a signature and got the money at a department store March 19. "I'll go back to Memphis without extradition," said Decker, "but it's none of your business whether I got the money. I'm the one that's taking the chance."

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Railroad Service Sought By Nebraska Counties

Arthur, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of citizens of Arthur and McPherson counties was held here under the auspices of the Arthur County Commercial club. A plan of organization was mapped out to promote railroad construction through these two counties. Traffic Manager Robinson of the Union Pacific system and Mr. Lester of the Yankton Highway and Bridge company addressed the meeting.

Lightning Artist Creates Sensation at Farnam and 20th Streets

Professor Henry H. Engelhardt, the most rapid landscape painter in the world, has been attracting the attention of thousands of people for the last two weeks at 1921 Farnam street, where he is working before the public demonstrating how simple it is to produce an oil painting in less than five minutes—when you know how. Mr. Engelhardt conducts the largest studio in Chicago, and with one of his sons is en route to Los Angeles, where they intend to establish a western headquarters. They will continue the sale of paintings at 1921 Farnam street until about June 1. Many beautiful paintings are on sale at prices within the reach of all, some of the smaller pictures being sold as low as \$1, including the frame.

Dunbar Man May Enter Race for Congress

Dunbar, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—In the event that Congressman C. Frank Reavis should become a candidate for United States senator, Wilbur W. Annes of this place will probably announce himself as a candidate for congress from the First district. Mr. Annes was a candidate in the famous 1914 congressional primary, in which eight candidates ran for the nomination. "I am not a candidate for Frank Reavis' job, I am for him as long as he may care to serve as representative from the First district," Mr. Annes said. "I know him and like him and would do nothing to embarrass him. If he should become a candidate to succeed Senator Hitchcock, then I might try and make arrangements with the voters for a trip to Washington. It would depend on the strength of the sentiment and the nature of the demand for my candidacy. I might not be the man they would want at all, but if I should average up with the rest of the bunch, perhaps I'd throw my old straw hat in the ring, too."

Omaha Man Elected Head of Medical Body

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.—Dr. B. B. Davis of Omaha was elected president of the Nebraska State Medical association here today. Other officers elected are: Dr. Porter F. Dodson, Wilber, vice president; Dr. P. R. Howard, North Bend, vice president; Dr. E. R. Manning, Omaha, secretary-treasurer, short term; Dr. R. B. Adams, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer, long term. Dr. W. P. Wherry of Omaha, was elected delegate to attend the national convention to be held in Boston in June. Dr. F. A. Long of Madison, was elected editor of the Nebraska State Medical Journal. Omaha was selected as the 1922 convention city.

Kearney Man Accepts Presidency of Normal

Kearney, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A. L. Caviness, superintendent of the Kearney city schools, has accepted the presidency of the Peru State Normal school. He was unanimously elected at a meeting of the state normal board held in Omaha Wednesday at a salary of \$5,000 a year. The local Board of Education felt it could not meet such a raise in pay. M. Caviness was receiving \$3,500 a year here. He succeeds E. L. Rouse, who goes to Scottsbluff next year as school superintendent. Mr. Caviness has been superintendent here for six years. No successor has been named.

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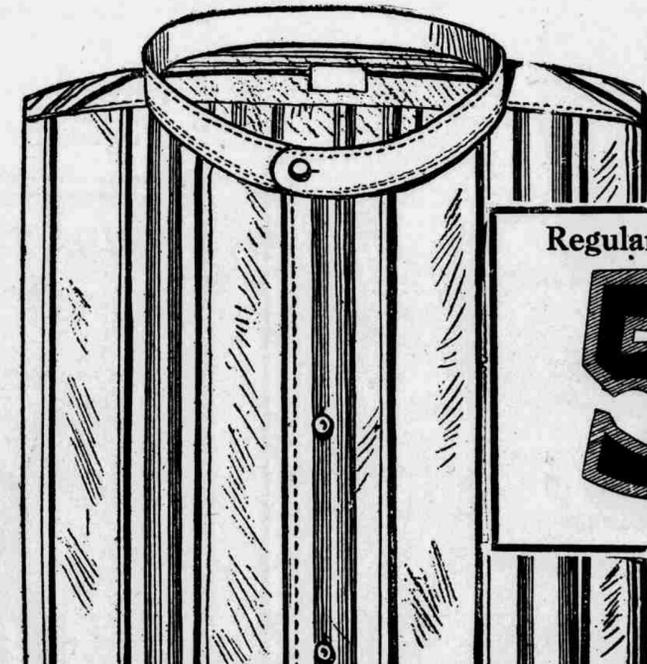
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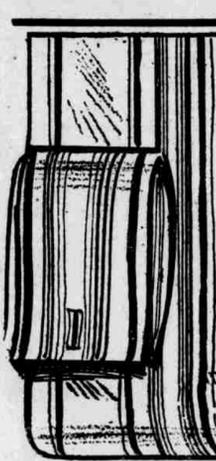
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