

McKelvie Urges Fight Against Townsend Bill

Nebraska Governor Opposes Plan to Establish Federal System of Interstate Roads in Open Letters.

Lincoln, June 14.—(Special).—Gov. S. R. McKelvie in an open letter to Nebraska congressmen and senators today entered a vigorous protest against additional government expenditures in the proposed passage of the Townsend bill, calling for the appointment of a federal highway commission, at a salary of \$10,000 per annum, each, and the expensive establishment of an interstate system of public roads. The primary reason for the protest was the report from Washington, D. C., that the Townsend bill had been reported favorably by the senate post-office and post roads committee.

"The proposal to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the building of an interstate system of public roads undoubtedly would mean the discontinuance of federal aid for the general construction of the roads in the states and would result in the construction of a very few primary highways that would serve a relatively small percentage of the people," Governor McKelvie said.

Continuing, the governor brands the proposal a high-salaried commission, as a "policy of administration that has been thoroughly discredited." He declared that the Department of Agriculture is handling this work capably and suggests that for the present this work be continued with that department. In speaking of the success of the present plan of road construction, the governor said:

"The state of Nebraska is developing a system of 5,000 miles of dirt roads at the minimum of cost. These roads serve directly 65 per cent of the people of Nebraska, who live immediately adjacent to them, while 75 per cent of the travel is either directly upon these roads or originates within one mile from them.

"To abandon the present program in support of the present Townsend bill would be uneconomical and extravagant in the extreme."

Governor McKelvie stated that George E. Johnson, secretary of the Department of Public Works, the Denver-Lincoln-Detroit Highway association, officers of the Nebraska Good Roads association and the National Farm Bureau joined him in the protest.

P. E. O. Delegates Inquire Regarding Platte Flood

Lexington, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram).—Owing to the flooded conditions of the Platte river, many delegates to the P. E. O. convention are phoning Lexington as to safety of train service. The Chamber of Commerce immediately took it up with Union Pacific officials and they advise that there is no danger of their tracks in this valley.

The fill on both sides of the Darr bridge went out Monday and the bridge of a small channel south of Lexington went out Tuesday morning. The commissioners have a pontoon bridge, so that people can cross in safety. The river raised several inches during the night and Commissioner Van Horn stated that he thinks the worst is past.

Former Gob Loses Life In Superior Mill Race

Superior, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram).—Earl Dedrick, a former navy man, was drowned in the mill race here Sunday. He could not swim and had only intended bathing for a short time at the edge of the mill race. He had been hanging to a tree limb which stretched out over the water and as the branch broke, he sank to the sandy bottom.

The Trumble brothers found the body a half hour after he sank and after the water in the race had been lowered. The drowned man was half buried in the mud. Dedrick was unmarried. He was employed in the office of C. P. Dedrick, publisher of the Superior Express. While in the navy he served on the Oklahoma.

Believe Holdup Suspects Robbed Beatrice Store

Beatrice, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram).—In the arrest of Paul Geisler and Cliff Lockard here in connection with the holdup of Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe of the Gilbert theater, the officers believe they have the men who robbed Frank Stanton's store here a few weeks ago of several revolvers, watches and jewelry.

Two watches and a ring taken from Geisler and Lockard after their arrest were identified by Mr. Stanton as those stolen from his store, according to the police. Complaints will be filed charging them with breaking and entering. Geisler is 19 and Lockard, 20.

Postmasters Appointed

Washington, June 14.—(Special Telegram).—South Dakota postmasters appointed: Fruitland, Butte county, William S. Bondurant vice J. Willard Cooke, resigned; Mission, Todd county, Emma Metz vice Claude J. Anderson, resigned.

William spent the first evening of his wife's absence reading a new book on business management. But when his wife got back he was explaining—

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Elk Lodges to Compete In Efficiency in Ritual

The 17 Elks lodges in Nebraska will hold a contest during the coming fiscal year for higher efficiency in the explication of the Elks rituals, it was decided at the final session of the Nebraska Elks State convention in Omaha Monday.

A loving cup will be presented next year to the lodge that has observed the rituals in the highest efficiency during the year, it was announced.

At the election of state officers, C. W. Norton of Kearney was elected president, succeeding Judge Robert W. Patrick; W. W. Jenne of Falls City, was elected first vice president; Carl Kramer of Columbus, second vice president; J. M. Haverly of Hastings, third vice president; J. H. Cuddy of Chadron, secretary; C. B. Nicodemus of Fremont, treasurer and C. A. McCloud of York, Dan B. Butler, Omaha, Walker Hamline, Grand Island, directors.

It was not decided where the convention will be held next year.

Behin Work on \$30,000 Road Near Oshkosh, Neb.

Oshkosh, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—The contractors have commenced moving dirt on the low grade road to the South Table. This road when completed will cost more than \$30,000 for the 11-2 mile and will give an average grade of 4 per cent for the 500 feet elevation, with not more than a 7 per cent grade at any point.

Engineers have been working on this proposition for several years trying to work out a route that would give these results which would not be at a prohibitive cost. This new road is being made to line with the new permanent bridge which will be built across the North Platte river at this point during the next 18 months.

Smithfield Boy Drowns In River Near Arapahoe

Arapahoe, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—While fishing with a party near the dam on the Republican river near Arapahoe, Bernard Winheim, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Winheim of Smithfield, Neb., fell into deep water and was drowned. Some boys who were swimming near by were called but were unable to save him and he was picked up after a long search in shallow water near the bank.

Bridge Worker Injured

Beatrice, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram).—H. F. Hawks, 45, member of a Burlington pile driver crew, fell from a 20 foot embankment east of Filley today, where workmen were repairing a bridge. He struck his head. His nose was broken and he was otherwise injured. He was brought to a hospital here for treatment.

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Nebraska City Boosts Man For National Legion Head

Nebraska City, June 14.—(Special).—A campaign was launched at the meeting of the local post of the American Legion for Capt. Earl M. Cline of this city for national commander of the organization. Captain Cline was the first state commander of Nebraska. Delegates to the state convention were instructed to use all honorable means to secure a solid Nebraska delegation endorsing the candidacy of the local man at the Kansas City convention at Kansas City in November.

For Pueblo Relief.

McCook, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—McCook has contributed to the relief of the Pueblo flood sufferers, \$500 having been raised in the sacred concert given Monday night by the

McCook band in the Temple theater for that purpose.

Grandmother Would Adopt Children of Valley Man

Application to adopt Ernest and Russell Steele, 12 and 14, was made to county court yesterday by their grandmother, Mrs. Louis Sweevil of Valley, Neb.

These are the children taken from their foster father, Albert Hedberg of Valley, by Judge Sears in juvenile court last Saturday because of alleged mistreatment and neglect.

Boy Breaks Leg

Beatrice, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—Perry Slominger, 14, fell from the top of the tabernacle at the Chau-tauqua park yesterday and broke his left leg. The accident happened while he was playing with a number of other boys on the grounds.

Missouri Firm To Publish New Statute Books

Columbia Printers Are Awarded Contract for 4,000 Copies of Nebraska Laws Upon Bid of \$34,650.

Lincoln, June 14.—(Special).—The E. W. Stephens Publishing company of Columbia, Mo., today was awarded a contract to publish and revise the Nebraska statutes. The contract price is \$34,650 for 4,000 copies bound in buckram.

If the books should run more than 3,000 pages, the state is to pay \$7.55 for every additional page and if it should run less than 3,000 pages the company must deduct a like amount for every page less than 3,000 under the terms of the contract signed by Attorney General C. A. Davis, H. C. Lindsey, clerk of the supreme court, and Henry P. Stoddard, supreme court reporter, in the name of the state. These officers were designed by the last legislature as a commission to receive bids and award a contract for a new and badly needed statute book for Nebraska.

Clinton O. Bunn of Ardmore, Okl., official codifier of the Oklahoma statutes, will edit and compile the Nebraska statutes. He is to receive \$12,000 for his work which will be paid by the Missouri firm from the \$34,650 it is to receive from the state of Nebraska.

The books are to be turned over to the state. They will be sold for \$10 per copy, which it is estimated is sufficient to cover all expenses of publication. The Missouri company, under the contract, will keep the type intact for 10 cents a page yearly and the state has the right to purchase this type at any times it sees fit at the prevailing price of type metal.

There were some bids higher and some lower. But, as was announced Saturday, the commission considered the character of the work done and the experience of the compiler, as the chief requisites in the work. The statutes compiled in 1913 cost the state \$55,000.

Form New Fraternal Aid Union Lodge at Aurora

Aurora, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—The officers of the local lodge of the Fraternal Aid union, American Big Four, have been installed here. A delegation of 60 of the Grand Island members came to Aurora and assisted in the installation of the following officers: Frank Miller, president; Henry Kuerth, vice president; John Sullivan, secretary; John Billings, treasurer; Myrtle Stedman, chaplain. They start out with 32 members.

Superior Will Receive New Citizens July Fourth

Superior, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—Tentative plans for July Fourth entertainment here include the formal presentation of final citizenship papers to new made Americans. It is part of the plan adopted by the Superior Order of Shouters in their Americanization work.

A community picnic will be the feature of the day and has been

planned along the lines of a general home-coming and neighborly "get-acquainted" event.

Omaha Woman Heads State Spanish Vets Auxiliary

Lincoln, June 14.—(Special).—Mrs. Ina May Miller of Omaha was chosen as head of the Nebraska department of the national women's auxiliary of Spanish war veterans which was organized here at the annual encampment of the veterans. Other officers are: Mrs. Ella Jackson, Lincoln, senior vice president; Mrs. Fred Lantz, Lincoln, junior vice president; Mrs. A. B. Woellhaf, Lincoln, chaplain; Mrs. Addie Travis, Omaha, instructor; Mrs. Anna Houser, Grand Island, historian; Mrs. Alma Baxter Omaha, department conductor; Miss Virginia Showalter, Omaha, assistant conductor; Mrs. Cora Marlin, Omaha, guard.

Flipped Coin Decides New Lancaester Commissioner

Lincoln, June 14.—(Special).—A nickel thrown in the air which came down "heads up" decided who should be the successor of the late A. H. Hutton, Lancaester county commissioner.

The board appointed to select a successor to Hutton couldn't agree. John R. Bennett and W. L. Dawson both wanted the place.

"Let's flip for it," Dawson said.

"All right," Bennett replied.

"Heads," said Dawson.

"Tails," said Bennett.

"Tails" won.

Editors Will Meet

Norfolk, Neb., June 14.—(Special Telegram).—The Northeast Nebraska Editorial association will hold a midsummer convention here Friday and Saturday. A big crowd of editors is expected to gather for the purpose of talking shop.

Shriners Parade At Des Moines as Conclave Opens

Fifty Temples Represented by 10,000 Marchers; Procession Largest in History of Imperial Council.

Des Moines, Ia., June 14.—Ten thousand Shriners, garbed in all the tints and shades of the color world, passed in review here today before Ellis Lewis Garretson, of Tacoma, Wash., imperial potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The parade was one of the largest in point of numbers which has ever featured a meeting of the Shrine imperial council which opened its session in Des Moines this morning. Fifty temples were represented by their bands, patrols or drum corps. Medinah temple of Chicago, the largest of the units of Shrine-dom, had one of the largest delegations, with 500 marchers in line.

More than 150,000 persons, including about 40,000 shriners in their fezes were packed along the line of march, which was four miles long and completely roped off.

The marchers were led by Za-Gig temple, of Des Moines, hosts to the imperial council, with Afifi temple, of Tacoma, Wash., and Alee temple, of Savannah, Ga., the home temple of Ernest A. Cutts, of Savannah, Ga., who will be elected imperial potentate of the shrine at the Des Moines meeting, having places

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Church Society Elects Officers at Randolph
Randolph, Neb., June 14.—(Special).—The annual district meeting of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church closed here after a three-day session. Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows: Mrs. George Crossland of Wayne, president; Mrs. W. T. Fisher of Randolph, vice president; Mrs. E. S. Blair of Wayne, treasurer; Mrs. Overacker of Norfolk, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. S. W. Mosher of Plainview, recording secretary.

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