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NEBRASKA'S NEW LEGISLATURE

Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, who almost single-handed put through the amendment to the United States constitution, abolishing the "lame duck" session of Congress and changing the date of inaugurating our Presidents, scored another victory in the elections held this month.

The Senator sponsored an amendment to the constitution of Nebraska, which abolishes the present legislature and sets up, in place of Senate and House, a single body of from thirty to fifty members, preferably non-partisan. The voters of the State adopted the idea at the polls and the present legislature, including thirty-three Senators and one hundred Representatives, will divide the State into districts to set-up the new legislative body which will meet for the first time in 1937.

One of the advantages of the American system of the state government, as pointed out by the Englishman, Lord Bryce, and other writers on government, is that a political experiment can be carried out in one state and its results noted by others, which can then follow the example or not as deemed expedient. So the other states in the American Union will watch the Nebraska experiment with considerable interest.

Contrary to sound advice the man who puts off doing things very often finds that he does not have to do them.

It won't be long before the head of the house will have to take another walloping from Old Man Santa himself.

BUSINESS PLANS FORWARD STEP

The information comes from Washington that leaders of private business in many fields have determined that something should be done to shorten bread lines in this country and that private business should do it.

As a result of the recent election, with its vote of confidence in the administration, these leaders realize that there will be no immediate change in public policies and that, in order to prevent further objectionable legislation, it is up to business to show that the country can recover without new changes and even without some of the emergency laws now on the books.

This is encouraging. Everybody hopes that in some manner business will acquire that confidence for which it seeks and that financial, industrial and economic leaders of the nation will get together, pull together and put the United States on its feet again. In such a move lies the best prospect of preventing radical demands in Congress and the possible threat of ill-advised relief measures.

NO PLACE FOR THEM

Those few Democratic Senators who claim superwisdom—just a few of them from our own Southland, even the Old Dominion and the Old North State furnishing one each—must feel a bit cheap, because the recent vote of the people has fully demonstrated that they are thinking for themselves and are no longer satisfied to trust these fellows who are so wise and who are always so friendly to the arch-enemies of democracy.

We can hardly see any place for such fellows. Their home folks refuse to trust them, and they will be worthless to the gang that seems to have given them their precious wisdom and inspiration. It must be a rather sad time for those fellows who have preached democracy and practiced hypocrisy.

Now is the time for democracy to rid itself of all its leaders who are trying to lead it in the wrong direction.

Next Sunday would be a good occasion to demonstrate that your religion is backed by heavy contributing.

Not everyman with good intentions is intelligent enough to accomplish the good of mankind.

CLARK'S COMMENT

IT'S A FAMILY STORY

(Greensboro Daily News)

While his remarks before the Institute of Government on North Carolina election laws and the administration thereof, with special emphasis on the balloting of absentees, deserves commendation, one might think that the chairman of the state election board had not enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with our election methods prior to his heading the election board, notwithstanding his campaign management in the last gubernatorial selection.

Without undertaking to go into the history of North Carolina elections it may be said that most of the present day evils had their origin in the unrestricted negro vote put over by the federal government, with the corollary that it was an act of righteousness not only but of self-preservation to defeat the purpose. With us that had a marked effect in making elections in large part, the execution of methods of sharp practice. With that the desire to overcome didn't pass when a contest was between whites in a convention and all these and more that have come out of new conditions are found in the primaries. So that it is the fault of the primary. It isn't the method but the folks.

In the days of precinct meetings and conventions Republicans were used on occasion by contending Democratic factions, sometimes negro Republicans. Let it be said, as all and sundry know who will see, that all Republicans appearing in Democratic meetings are there by the insistence of Democrats. There would be no trouble in keeping them out if Democrats didn't so often try to beat Democrats with Republican votes. Major McLendon is disturbed by the knowledge that 1,700 persons voted twice on the same day, once as Democrats and once as Republicans. Reference is of course to the vote in the famous judicial primary. The only reason the election board chairman hasn't seen that before is because Republican primaries are almost unknown. In this case there were Republican candidates to be voted for and neighbor Democrats and Republicans mutually agreed to exchange votes. The Democrats were of course responsible. Which brings up the chairman's declara-

tion that so many people in our state "seem to think that primary elections are not supposed to be conducted according to law or rule." They don't if they have occasion to ignore the laws and rules, as they frequently do in a heated contest. Why should they? They have been educated that way, no effort has been made to educate them away from such practices, and nothing is done to them for violating the laws. Under the conditions they feel that they are more at liberty to cheat their own folks than they are to cheat Republicans in the general election, or at least it is less dangerous. The Democrat who is cheated by his own folks has to submit. If he creates a disturbance he loses party standing.

It has been the custom, at least in counties where political machines are active and dominant—and they are in the most—to see to it that the election board is made up of persons who will be agreeable to the dominant faction and they appoint registrars and judges accordingly, as well as manage the handling of the absentee ballots. They retain big precincts for political reasons. If there is

possibility of heated contests the machinery is arranged to take care of the control. Refusal to divide large election precincts and to order new registrations is based on cost. The politicians become more concerned about spending the taxpayers' money if it is for something that may interfere with their business, such as manipulating at crowded polling places and voting the names of the dead on the registration book.

The whole rotten business is familiar but Democrats who have political ambition don't talk about it, might queer their chances. If political leaders like Major McLendon would devote their efforts to educating the people away from such business, if in all cases election officials were named who would have concern only for a free and fair election at all hazards, and if the law was enforced

on those who regard election laws as of no consequence as among friends, a change could be made. But there must first be the will among the political leaders of the state to have honest elections, and with that will to work on the job. Until that comes to pass conditions will remain as they are, as they have been as far back as memory runs, or is informed by tale or history. So far every effort directed to better election methods has met violent opposition.

PRIVATE BUILDING

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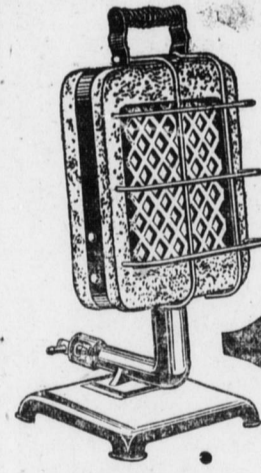
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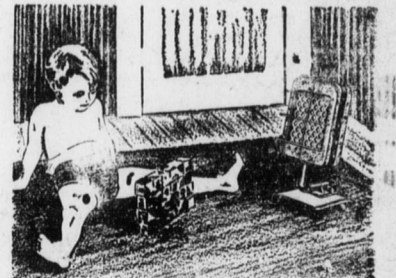
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NOTICE

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NOTICE

Under the power contained in a deed of trust given by Henry C. Gay and wife, Annie M. Gay, to J. P. Bunn, Trustee, on May 1, 1930, recorded in book 306, page 7, Edgecombe county registry, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Tarboro, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 1, 1934, at twelve o'clock M., all that certain lot of land lying and being in Rocky Mount, No. 12 Township, county of Edgecombe, state of North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows: Beginning at a stake in the western property line of Pender

street, 90 feet northerly from the intersection of the western property line of Pender street with the northern property line of Ambler Avenue; thence westerly and parallel with the northern property line of Ambler Avenue 150 feet to a stake; thence northerly and parallel with the western property line of Pender street 60 feet to a stake; thence easterly and parallel with the first line 150 feet to a stake in the western property line of Pender street; thence southerly with the western property line of Pender street 60 feet to the beginning; and being the identical lot conveyed to H. C. Gay (who is the identical person as Henry C. Gay, one of the parties of the first part) by I. C. Zimmerman and wife, by deed recorded in book 235, page 39, Edgecombe county registry. October 29, 1934.

J. P. BUNN, Trustee. (4t-N2—N23)

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by deed of trust executed by Frank Shelly (Widower) dated the 1st day of November, 1928, and recorded in Book 294, Page 207, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Edgecombe County, V. S. Bryant, Substituted Trustee, will at twelve o'clock Noon on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1934 at the Court House Door of Edgecombe County in Tarboro, North Carolina, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following land to-wit:

Situated in the Town of Rocky Mount, N. C., and— BEGINNING at the corner of

Lots 8 and 21 of a plat hereinafter referred to, said corner being in the Western property line of Atlantic Avenue and 150 feet south of the south west intersection of Atlantic Ave., and parallel with thence in a westerly direction right Atlantic Avenue and parallel with Grand Avenue along the back line of Lots 8 and 7, 150 feet to the corner of Lots 7, 6 and 20; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with Atlantic Avenue 60 feet to the corner of Lots 20, 28 and 29; thence in an easterly direction and parallel with the first line 150 feet to the corner of Lot No. 29 in the western property line of Atlantic Avenue; thence northerly along the western property line of Atlantic Avenue 60 feet to the beginning, being Lot No. 21 in Block "C" Logan property, said plat recorded in Book 75 at page 570 in the Edgecombe County Registry being the same land conveyed from Lawrence Boseman and wife, Elvira Boseman to Frank Shelly, by deed dated October 22nd 1910 and recorded in the Edgecombe County Registry in Book 135 at page 595.

This sale is made on account of default in payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, and is subject to all taxes and assessments against said property whether now due or to become due.

A five percent (5 per cent) cash deposit will be required of the highest bidder at the sale.

This the 23rd day of October, 1934. V. S. BRYANT, Substituted Trustee. Loan No. 2318. (N2 to N23-4w)



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