

# SPEAKERSHIP IS LINING UP

U. W. Jarnagin, the Review's Special Legislative Editor, Tells of Lineup for the Speakership

## LABOR WANTS SOME NEW LAWS

Most Important of These is a Series of Amendments to the Present Compensation Law

By J. W. JARNAGIN

DES MOINES, Jan. 6.—(Special to the Review)—Members of the coming session of the general assembly are drifting into town and the lineup for speaker is becoming somewhat confusing. Arch MacFarlane, of Black Hawk county, seems to have the largest following, but whether he will have votes enough to land the job is a question. His friends claim that he has enough already pledged, but the other aspirants doubt this and it now looks like there might be a combination of the supporters of the other four candidates against him. No special issue seems to be involved. A few special places left over from the session two years ago are discovered occasionally but no marked factional lineup is in sight.

John W. Wormley, of Plymouth, is the only Pitt follower who seeks the position and he has said that the road question, which was the issue that caused the alignment two years ago, will not be an issue this session. It is hinted that he is willing to throw his strength to which of the other three candidates has the largest following in order to defeat MacFarlane. Wormley and MacFarlane "locked horns" on several occasions two years ago and this has not been forgotten by either party.

The candidates for subordinate places in both the house and senate are distributing cards and soliciting votes. Most of the clerkships will go to stenographers and those aspiring must submit to an examination in order that their ability may be determined.

### Only One Contest.

While there are a number of members who received a very scant majority at the late election there is no notice of only one contest on file with the secretary of state and that comes from Tama county. T. E. Mann, the democratic candidate, was elected by a majority of 14 votes on the face of the returns. Then the soldier vote was recorded and this reversed the case, giving F. W. Ingersoll, the republican nominee, a majority of one vote. Mr. Mann will base his contest upon the result of the soldier vote, claiming that the act providing for this vote is unconstitutional. He has secured legal counsel and the contest will be referred to the committee on elections when it gets before the house.

### Sports Want Boxing Legalized

Among the prominent athletic stunts featured in the various army camps was the art of boxing. The war department encouraged this on the grounds that it laid the foundation for superior bayonet warfare. Boxing makes prominent the ability to think an act quickly. It is claimed that it made soldiers sure footed and self composed under trying conditions. Boxing instructors were provided at all of the camps. Those who have been trying for several sessions to get a bill passed that will legalize the sport feel greatly encouraged in view of the prominence given in training the men. A bill will be introduced at the coming session providing that a limited number of rounds may be fought purely as a sporting venture.

### Teachers Want School Laws Revised

At the annual meeting of the state teachers' association it was voted to instruct the legislative committee to work for a revision of the school laws. It is well known that these laws are mostly out of date and there is great need of a complete revision. Some of the things the teachers want drafted into law are:

No foreign languages in elementary schools.

Adequate teachers' training facilities.

A minimum salary of \$1,000 for teachers.

An adequate retiring fund for teachers.

The repeal of the present law and the passage of a new bill providing for consolidation of schools.

Better teachers for county schools. More vocational training.

Promotion of public health.

Inauguration of a national campaign to stamp out illiteracy.

Favoring of equal suffrage and national prohibition.

Stockmen Want Better Protection

Dr. J. I. Gibson, state veterinarian, at the head of the animal husbandry department, asks for a number of enactments. First and foremost is an appropriation that will indemnify the owners of cattle condemned because of the presence of tuberculosis. The national department of agriculture will meet half of the expense if the state of municipality will meet the other half. Among the other things that the animal husbandry department will ask are:

Appropriation of \$50,000 annually for testing herds for tuberculosis.

Another appropriation for \$50,000 to enable state to co-operate with the U. S. bureau animal industry in control of cholera.

Official veterinarian in every county to supervise cholera control.

Game Laws Again Under Fire

The Iowa Conservation association, local organization of sportsmen, is contemplating an effort to obtain the repeal of the bill providing for a five year closed season on quail and prairie chickens, which was passed by the last legislature, and which will be effective for three more years unless changed.

In all probability legislation will be introduced and adopted making the Iowa game laws conform to the federal restrictions now in force on the shooting of migratory birds.

The present Iowa law permits spring shooting, which is forbidden by federal statutes. Several birds pro-

hibited by the government may be legally shot under the Iowa law.

The federal law protects mourning doves, which may be shot in Illinois under the same measure.

A fishing license bill will also probably be introduced, no license of resident fishermen being required. This bill was up two years ago, but was defeated, and while it will have some support at the coming session its passage is not likely.

By virtue of a law passed by the 37th general assembly the Iowa Conservation association is to have \$50,000 a year from the hunters' license fund to invest in state parks and the saving of beauty spots along streams or lakes. The placing of quail and prairie chickens in a closed season for five years prevented the usual number of sportsmen from taking out a hunter's license and this has taken away a large part of the revenue from the game warden's department so that when the Conservation association makes a draft of \$50,000 upon the fund there is not money enough left to keep up the work of the department.

### Organized Labor Wants Change in Laws

The most important of these is a series of small amendments to the workmen's compensation law. One of the series provides that compensation shall be 60 per cent of the average weekly wage, instead of 50 per cent as at present. The changes proposed are being drafted into a bill by Henry Sampson, former assistant attorney general, and represent an agreement between the Iowa Manufacturing association and the State Federation of Labor. The other two measures are one to license steam engineers, and the ancient shot firers' bill, to benefit coal miners.

### Custodial Farms Not Practical.

The state board of control recommends the sale of the farm at Clive, purchased by act of the Thirty-fifth general assembly, and also of the farm at Granite, in Lyon county, authorized by the same body. The farm at Granite includes thirty-five acres of granite lands, and was originally intended for development as a quarry. Transportation facilities have been found inadequate and the quarry project was dropped as impracticable.

### Road Legislation Will Come Up

It is announced that a bill is already drafted providing for a bond issue of \$65,000,000 for the construction of permanent roads that will connect a majority of the county seats of the state. This indicates that there will at least be an effort toward a duplication of the Illinois law adopted by a vote of the people at the November election. In order that some definite data may be available a record has been kept of the number and kind of vehicles which pass daily over certain highways. This gives some conception as to what proportion of the population will receive a large share of the benefit from a hard surfaced road program. Working under the direction of the highway commission, representatives this fall made a check of the traffic at thirty-two different stations located in fifteen counties over the state. These checks covered a seven day period and totaled more than 151,000 vehicles.

It is estimated that on an average of 700 vehicles passed daily at a given point on main traveled roads when conditions are normal. The paved road bill is to be introduced by Representative Nebeker of Burlington, who enters upon his first term as a legislator at the opening of this session.

### Des Moines Officials Want More Stringent Vice Laws

Since the establishment of military posts at both Camp Dodge and Fort Des Moines the government has imposed very strict rules for law enforcement. The presence of so many soldiers here has attracted a horde of bootleggers and low women from all parts of the country. This floating population has made it difficult for local officers to locate law breakers, as they come and go before their identity becomes known. At a recent meeting with army representatives Sheriff John Griffin urged a law whereby the state will have authority to sell automobiles seized in arrests for illegal liquor traffic and turn the proceeds into the school fund.

Griffin said there are 10 Des Moines automobiles in St. Joseph now waiting for good roads to make the trip back to Des Moines with liquor.

Ab Day, chief of police, wants a law providing for earlier trial on bootlegging cases. They now go from municipal court to the grand jury and thence to the district court. Day asks that jurisdiction be given the municipal court. County Attorney Arthur G. Rippey urged penitentiary sentences for bootleggers, a thing not now authorized by law.

### Public Utilities Ask for a Commission

In about every legislature for the past fifteen years a bill has been introduced providing for a public utility board. Judge Wade, of the federal court, urges that such a bill be passed. He has had to adjust numerous matters that rightfully belongs to such an arbitration body.

This has been a bad year for public utilities. Materials and labor costs have skyrocketed, under war conditions, and incomes have been bound to prewar volume in many cases by fran-

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chise contracts. Consequently, the utilities are furnished with an unexampled opportunity to fortify their arguments against their control by the cities in which they serve, and for administration by a state commission of some sort. It is reliably reported that the utilities are going to avail themselves of this opportunity; that a fight more determined than any they have waged before in Iowa will be staged this winter, for state rather than municipal administration. The railroad commission has been suggested as a possibility to take over this work. Home rule for cities is an old issue in Iowa, but always heretofore it has been taken much more seriously by members of city councils than by members of the legislature. The Iowa League of Municipalities will have another home rule bill ready to be presented at the coming session. There is no outward evidence at this time that it will get more favorable consideration this winter than it has heretofore.

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Both of the tracts have been farmed with good success and have produced a good revenue. It is recommended, however, that because of the difficulty in transportation and caring for prisoners so far away from the state reformatories that these farms be disposed of and the proceeds used to buy additional ground near Anamosa.

Bills were before the last legislature for sales of both properties. The board report says that both have in-

creased steadily in value, and can be disposed of at a profit to the state. The board of control does not abandon the principle of custodial farms, but insists that they are impracticable so far removed from both of the penitentiaries. An effort was made in the Thirty-seventh general assembly to buy land near Anamosa and dispose of the other tracts.

### KENWOOD ITEMS

J. Mahnke was a business caller in Charter Oak Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Turner, of Denison, spent several days during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner.

Wm. Turner was a business caller in Hornick Saturday.

The Garrett boys were among the business callers at the county seat on Saturday.

The Charley Bristol family are the proud owners of a player piano.

Miss J. Hall returned to her home in Soldier Friday after spend Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. H. Bohner.

Arnold Samuelson spent Sunday at the James Turner home.

Miss Mae Killian, of Dow City, spent Saturday with the Spray Malone family.

A number of friends spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. Bristol.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bohner were guests at the Johnson Brothers home Sunday.

About ten car loads of corn came here the past week to be divided among the farmers. We learn that there is more coming and if anyone wants corn they can call the Kenwood depot agent.

### GOODRICH ITEMS

The Klinker sale took place Monday and although a bad day things brought good prices.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson and children visited at the Harry Anderson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winey and children spent Sunday at the Sam Anderson home.

Herman Newcom was in town Monday.

Vernon and Thelma Myers, of Denison, are spending a few days at the home of their uncle, Albert Winey.

Emil Thoms shipped cattle Monday. Friday was sale day for Billie Huskey. Billie and his family have been down with the flu, but are now on the mend.

L. F. Morris and daughter, entertained their immediate relatives and Professor Kuhn and wife at dinner on Wednesday.

John Hansen has been doing chores for Chas Stang while he has been ill with the flu.

Albert Winey has been out over his territory, Goodrich No. 1, canvassing for the Red Cross this week.

Chas. Jensen was in town Monday. Mrs. Mable Rakeup and Miss Clara Washburn, of Smithland, are visiting at the John Fink home, and visited at the Jensen home Saturday evening.

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