

This Week in Washington

Washington, May 18 (Autocaster)—It is easy to poke fun at the august representatives of the people of the United States sitting in congress assembled on Capitol Hill, and it is quite reasonable at times, to ridicule the peculiar antics in which both the senate and the house of representatives frequently indulge, especially as election time approaches and the boys are talking for the voters in their home districts.

But once in a while the senate of the United States justifies its proud boast of being "the greatest deliberative body in the world." It is showing signs now of qualities more statesmanlike than it has exhibited for a long time. The house, in effect, threw up its hands when it came to consideration of the new tax bill and tossed into the senate's lap a document upon which both friends and foes of the administration for once find themselves in agreement. They are unanimous in declaring the bill providing for taxing undistributed corporation surpluses to be a hastily thrown together mass of incomprehensible and unworkable clauses.

Senate Goes to Work

The senate finance committee has gone at the job in a serious way. It has practically discarded everything that the house did. More than that, it has gone down to the bottom of the whole question, as to whether any kind of a tax upon corporate surpluses would yield an increase in government revenues over those obtainable under present tax laws, as well as whether such a law, of general application, would not work to the benefit of the big corporations and seriously injure smaller enterprises.

The senate committee has listened with great seriousness to analyses of the proposed measure, by friends and foes alike. One by one, senators who had earlier declared themselves in favor of the plan have announced that they had been convinced by the array of facts and arguments against it, until now it seems reasonably certain that the senate will produce a tax measure which will work, and which will not result in handicapping business enterprise.

While the suggestion of this new method of taxation was originally made by the president, it is understood that he has told the senators of the finance committee that they can do as they think best, so long as they bring out a bill that will yield the \$620,000,000 additional revenue the government needs. Inside the administration, as a matter of fact, the original plan had no friends except among a very small group of Treasury advisors. More or less openly the president's strongest supporters are expressing their opposition. The best judgment here is that the outcome will be a moderate increase in general corporation taxes and a very moderate step in the direction of taxing corporate surpluses, instead of relying upon the latter tax to raise all of the required additional revenue.

Convention Talk

The political pot boils with increasing vigor as convention time approaches. Discussion is shifting from the question as to who will be the republican candidate toward his chances of election, whoever he may

be. Gov. Landon's friends are claiming that the defeat of the Hearst-Merriam effort to elect Landon-instructed delegates in California has helped the Kansas governor's chances. Opinions differ sharply on that. The view is held by some experienced observers that the result of the California primaries brings Mr. Hoover more strongly into the convention picture, not so much as a candidate as an influence, and Mr. Hoover's influence will be against Gov. Landon's nomination.

Whenever the republicans may nominate, he will have to carry 15 doubtful states, if the political observers are right. The best of these give Mr. Roosevelt 248 electoral votes from the states which are regarded as certain to go democratic. The republicans are conceded only 72 sure electoral votes. It takes 266 electoral votes to carry the election. There are 211 electoral votes in the 15 states which are regarded as doubtful. In some of these states the shift of only a few thousand votes from the democrats to the republicans, compared with 1932, would suffice to carry them. They are: New York; Connecticut; New Jersey; Maryland; Ohio; Michigan; Indiana; Illinois; Iowa; South Dakota; Nebraska; Kansas; Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho.

The GOP Problem

Republican politicians studying these figures are, naturally, more concerned about the agricultural west than about the industrial east. The republicans, however, must carry New York to win, while Mr. Roosevelt could be elected without it if he could carry three or four of the larger middle western states in addition to those of which he seems to be assured.

The nominations for president and vice-president and the framing of the republican platform will be done with a constant eye on these figures. The party's candidates must be men who have the best apparent chance of winning the support of voters in the agricultural states without being offensive to the voters of the eastern industrial states, while the platform must be progressive enough to please the agrarian west without being radical enough to offend the conservative east.

The situation is complicated by the fact that all the recent and most accurate polls of political opinion indicate that the president's greatest strength is in the big cities and the western farming districts. Nobody is talking yet about any possibility of any of the states of the "Solid South" going republican.

Only Eighty Per Cent of the Wheat to be Cut

Panhandle Farmers Abandon More Than Half of Acreage—Rains Improve Outlook.

Only 80 percent of the Nebraska acres sown to winter wheat last fall will be harvested this summer, A. E. Anderson, state and federal crop statistician, estimated.

On May 1, condition of the surviving crop was 74 percent of normal and production outlook 35,626,000 bushels, or 738,000 bushels less than last year, and 18,500,000 bushels less than the five year average. Rains improved the outlook since May 1, however.

The panhandle has or will abandon 58 percent of its winter wheat acreage. In the southwest, abandonment averaged 40 percent, but for the state as a whole the average was 20 percent. Effect of rains in the last days of April and early May were described as follows:

"The rains have greatly improved the wheat outlook. Rains received in the panhandle, southwest and south central regions brought relief to areas much in need of moisture. Where dry conditions have caused stands to thin out, even though there is ample moisture temporarily, wheat condition may not improve if the vitality of the stand cannot resist weed growth."

Heavy abandonment due to dry conditions also offset a record planting of 740,000 acres of rye in Nebraska last fall, Anderson reported. The May 1 production outlook was 4,218,000 bushels, compared with 7,250,000 bushels last year and a five year average of 3,150,000 bushels. He estimated rye acreage abandonment at 40 percent, but said the acreage remaining for harvest will be the second highest in the state's history, exceeded only by 1935.

Tame hay on May 1 was 74 percent of normal, compared with 69 percent a year ago and a 1928-32 average of 85 percent for the time of year. Pastures were rated at 72 percent, compared with 60 percent last year and a 1924-32 average of 83 percent.

State Lands Being Closely Classified

State Land Commissioner Swanson Is Now Working on Equitable Reprisals.

Leo N. Swanson, state land commissioner, is in McCook meeting with the county board for the purpose of agreeing upon a new appraised value of state lands for lease in Red Willow county. This reappraisal of state lands is a part of the follow up work of the state land commissioner, who has now obtained classification of lands in 15 counties. Other county boards in southeastern Nebraska which are conferred with by Swanson for this purpose are those in Hitchcock, Harlan and Furnas. After the reappraisal is reached county, the result is submitted by Swanson to the state board of educational lands and funds for its approval.

The state board believes the most important reform adopted is the classification of state lands subject to lease. Every 40 acre tract of such land in a county is mapped and classified as to character and use of the soil, whether for agricultural or grazing or other purpose. Land Commissioner Swanson then visits the county so classified, and reappraisal of the tracts are agreed upon by and members of the county board.

Deputy State Land Commissioner Hough said classification and reappraisal of leased lands results usually in some increase in valuation, although in some cases it has caused a slight decrease. The state has 1,638,000 acres of land of which \$118,876 is under sale contract. Lands not under sale contract are subject to lease. Lessees pay 6 percent of the appraised value as rental money. Lands leased usually are of the poorer class, the better having long ago been sold by the state, before such lands were withdrawn from sale by act of the legislature. Revenue from state lands for all purposes during the calendar year 1935 totaled \$529,717. About two-thirds of this was from rental of leased land. With income from bond interest, about a million dollars a year is derived from state funds and lands, all going to county and school districts to pay expenses of public schools.

Counties in which state lands have been carefully classified and graded are Dundy, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Furnas, Harlan, Franklin, Webster, Kimball, Wheeler, Madison, Hayes, Deuel, Chase, Perkins, Keith, Counties where classification is to be made are Seward, York, Johnson, Thayer, Nuckolls, Richardson, Pawnee, Boyd, Scottsbluff, Morrill. This work and the mapping are done by H. B. Lawson, state surveyor of the land commissioner's office. In indicating the character of land, five types of grazing lands, together with waste lands, together with waste lands, rolling or rough land and timber land, are shown. This enables the state board and county boards to agree on an equitable valuation of every 40 acre tract.

PAVING CONTRACT IS LET

Omaha.—Otoe county is to have a new courthouse and a county jail appended, but there will be no solitary cell in the house, and the jail windows will not be "tool resisting." The courthouse, likewise, will have to go without a tin roof. linoleum on the floors or smoke screens for the chimneys.

Contract for constructing the courthouse was approved by State PWA Engineer John Latenser, minus the foregoing. Gilmore & Co., Omaha, was the successful bidder, with a base bid of \$56,400. With \$1,600 deducted for the tin roof, \$2,600 for linoleum, \$200 for the smoke screens, \$1,500 for the solitary cell and \$900 for the "break proof" windows, the cost was cut to \$49,200.

Latenser also approved contracts totaling \$70,475 for street and alley paving in Lincoln. Cochrane Construction company was successful bidder on all but \$23,778 of this work, which went to the Abel Construction company.

NO MORE GAS PUMPING

Miami, Fla.—Roger S. Firestone, fifth son of Harvey Firestone, the rubber magnate, has graduated from his job cranking a gasoline pump and changing tires at a Miami filling station, it was disclosed. The younger Firestone's next step upward in the business world will find him attending a sales class at his father's factory in Akron, O.

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as, like the state, it has paid cash for its gravel roads and other improvements. That's a mighty good policy to pursue.

MURDOCK ITEMS

A. J. Tool and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Work of Omaha on Mother's Day.

Lacey McDonald, the rural mail man, has secured a new Plymouth car, trading in his 1935 Ford V-8 on the deal.

Mrs. J. Johansen, of Weeping Water, has been spending the past week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leo Rikli.

L. B. Gorthey was a visitor in Weeping Water last Tuesday morning, going to look after some business matters.

A young son came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Wilkin on May 7th, bringing much happiness. The mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. Florence Nelson, who conducted the cream station, has closed the same and is employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ohmes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Denning, of Elmwood were visiting in Murdock and attending the funeral of the late Henry Schluster on Tuesday of last week.

Walter Thimgan has purchased a new Chrysler auto through the local agent, Lawrence Race, who drove the new car out from the factory at Detroit.

H. H. Lawton was at Wabash on Mother's Day and visited with his mother and also papered a room for the mother as a greeting for her on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McDonald and Larry were over to Plattsmouth, where they were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Thimgan on Mother's Day.

C. H. Gipson, of Omaha, receiver in charge of liquidating the assets of the defunct Bank of Murdock, was in town one day the past week looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Corbin, of Avoca were visiting on Mother's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean, spending the time from Saturday night until Monday here.

James B. Crawford has been working at Wabash making extensive repairs on the home of William F. Langhorst, which is also being painted and papered by Homer H. Lawton.

At a meeting of the Murdock Fire department, the places on the committee looking after the kitenball games here this year were filled by the appointment of E. M. Miller and George Kruse.

Fred Ruby, of Lincoln, representative of a monument company there, was in Murdock last Wednesday to erect the foundation for a monument to be placed on the cemetery lot of Charles Haertel.

The Elmwood high school baseball team came to Murdock Tuesday of last week for a game with the high school team of this place. The game was won by the visiting team by a score of 12 to 8.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Miller are happy over the arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Frisby of a very fine son, being a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, as the mother was formerly Miss Ruth Miller.

A. H. Ward, the oil man, was in Manly with a load of oil and gas, and also took along his painting apparatus and painted the pumps of his client there, Mr. R. Bergman, leaving them looking epic and span as a result.

Bert Barden, who has been residing in Wabash, has moved to Murdock and is living in the building formerly occupied by Florence Nelson, who conducted the cream station. He will continue the operation of the cream and produce station at this location.

The faculty of the Murdock high school gave a very pleasant reception to Superintendent and Mrs. P. T. Johnson, who are to go to Barneston following the close of the school year here, as he is to be superintendent of schools at Barneston the coming year.

Rev. Ray M. Baker, pastor of the Evangelical church of West Point, will take the examination for advancement from itinerary minister to that of pastor of the church there. Rev. Baker has been taking instructions and examinations from Rev. H. A. Schwab.

John Eppings, wife and son, were over to Murray and from there went on to Omaha for a visit with David Lancaster, who is in the hospital at present suffering from a severe case of sinus trouble which has required a number of operations. They report him still in a very serious condition.

W. T. Weddell, who has been so seriously ill for some time, but recuperating of late, was able to get down to the office and look after business matters a part of the time during the past few days. Although he is gaining strength, he is still very weak from his long illness and

it will be some time before he is fully restored to his usual health.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rueter, of Grand Junction, Ia., came to Murdock last Tuesday to attend the funeral of the late Henry Schluster, remaining only for the funeral and then hastening home as they are very busy with farm work at this season of the year. They were accompanied by the father of Mrs. Rueter, Fred Deickman, Sr., who will visit there for some time.

Mrs. Fred Kiemme, who has been so seriously ill for several weeks and has been compelled to use crutches in order to get about, is so far improved that she was able to attend the shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell last Tuesday evening. The many friends of Mrs. Kiemme will be pleased to learn of her improvement and are hoping that she may soon be entirely well.

The first band concert of the summer season was held last Saturday night with a large crowd of music lovers on hand to enjoy the same as well as to visit with each other. With a night kitenball schedule lined up for the summer and the Saturday night band concerts, Murdock should be able to draw a considerable number here for amusement and shopping advantages.

The Sheriff Will Come

Unless you who took my garden plow, return same, the sheriff will come and get it and you as well. We know who you are.

J. A. BAUER.

Junior-Senior Banquet

The annual Junior-Senior banquet, which is always one of the most colorful social events in connection with the close of the school year, was held on last Wednesday evening at the Murdock hall. An appetizing meal was served by the ladies of the Evangelical church, who are well versed in the culinary art. A fine after-dinner program was carried out as part of the festivities.

Home from the East

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gillespie, who were called to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, on account of the death of a brother of Mrs. Gillespie some two weeks ago, remained for some time to visit the relatives there. They arrived home last week. The opportunity of visiting the old time friends and relatives was enjoyed in spite of the sorrow they felt over the loss of a brother.

Attending Medical Convention

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Lee went to Kansas City last week to attend a four day convention of the Mid-West Medical association, and while they were away, Miss Virginia Newkirk, niece of Mrs. Lee, was here looking after the home and office and acting as a companion to Larry Lee.

Attending Convention

Rev. Harvey A. Schwab, pastor of the Murdock Evangelical church, together with his wife and son; and Rev. F. C. Weber, representing the Callahan and Wabash churches as minister, with his wife, and Charles I. Long, a member of the Murdock church and lay representative from the Murdock and Louisville churches, went to the church-convention now being held at Culbertson, Nebraska, for almost an entire week's duration. At this convention there will be four district superintendents elected for the coming four years.

Bishop C. H. Stauffocher, of Kansas City, Mo., will preside over the meeting.

Commencement at Murdock

Commencement day of the Murdock schools has been set for Thursday of this week, May 21st, when the class that has been in the high school for the past four years will receive their diplomas and go forth into the world to make a name for themselves. The members of the class are Clara A. Zoz, Jean Tool, Elden Thimgan, Norman Schewe, Roland Rikli, Oris Richard, Morris Richard, Irene Panska, Rhoda Neitzel, Robert Miller, Francis Lawton, Elsa Knaup, Henry Klemme, James Gustin, Dorothy Mae Gustin, Richard Eppings, Voline Brunkow, Louise M. Bornemeier and Robert Borden.

In Honor of Miss Liston

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell south of Murdock was held on last Tuesday evening a gathering in honor of Miss Margaret Liston, which was sponsored by the mother of the pupils of her department of the Murdock schools in honor of the coming marriage of Miss Liston to Ted Hall of Elmwood in June. A very fine time was had and a play in which there was featured a pretended wedding was provocative of much fun and laughter. Mrs. Albert Theil was the bride, while the



Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Arnold
Charles Roberts
One of the largest and most widespread mail robbery cases in recent years was disclosed when postal inspectors uncovered operations of a ring which had flooded five midwestern states with bonds rifled from mail sacks by a St. Paul gang and distributed through a Denver, Colo., group acting as "fence". Charles Roberts, inset, prominent Denver lawyer, and Oliver Arnold, well-known banker, were arrested in connection with the fraud. Arnold is shown leaving the Denver federal building with his wife after posting \$5,000 bond. The bond theft ring was supposed to have been in operation for more than five years, during which the loot was estimated at \$300,000.

part of the groom was taken by Mrs. Lawrence Race. Mrs. F. A. Melvin took the part of the officiating minister and performed the ceremony in due manner.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the bride-to-be, which will come in good stead when she becomes a housekeeper in a home of her own, and all expressed their best wishes for her future happiness and success.

Henry F. E. Schleuter, Sr.

Henry Fred E. Schleuter was born September 20, 1848, near Lippe, Detmold, Germany, and passed quietly from this life last Friday, May 8, at 8 o'clock p. m., at his home in Murdock, Nebraska.

He grew to manhood in Germany and at the age of 32 years, in June, 1880, came to the United States and settled, with his wife, near Plattsmouth, Nebraska. That same year he settled on a farm southeast of Murdock and remained on the farm until 1911, when he moved into the village of Murdock.

Mr. Schleuter was married to Caroline Klee in March, 1875, while still in Germany. After a wedded life of eighteen years, his companion passed away on November 21, 1893. On March 13, 1896, he married Amalia Moeller, who is now bereft of his companionship and love after forty years of wedded happiness.

Besides his beloved wife, two children, Mrs. Charles Bornemeier and Henry Schleuter, Jr., of Murdock, ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews and a large circle of friends are left to sojourn for awhile without the encouragement of their loved one among them. Likewise, an only sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Bornemeier, of Lincoln, and William Westphal, of Alvo, who became a member of and was reared by the Schleuter family from the age of 11 years, on into young manhood, experience the loss of their brother and foster father. Five children preceded their father in death.

Brother Schleuter confessed his Lord and Saviour during the pastorate of the Rev. William Althaus and joined the Callahan church in 1894. He became active as a Sunday school teacher in Callahan and was a living witness of the vital faith. Then, on March 11, 1906, with his family and foster son, he transferred his church affiliation to the Murdock Ebenezer Evangelical church, where he became an exhorter, expounding the truths of God, and served on the board of stewards. He loved the church and his Christ. He served well and faithfully when duty called him to serve in special ways. He was an earnest listener and a useful scholar in the Sunday school class. During the past three years, when his physical affliction prevented his attendance in the class, he eagerly awaited the coming of his teacher to proclaim the weekly message of God. Often he would say with confidence, "The Lord is my Shepherd." His church membership remained constant in the Murdock Evangelical church until his departure.

He has been a quiet, patient sufferer for many years. The community has had his honored presence for twenty-five years. He sought to pro-

vide a Christian atmosphere during his pilgrimage. Now that the life of 87 years, 7 months and 18 days has closed, we confess our family and community loss of a loved one, a friend and Christian comrade.

May the Shepherd of the Christian fold lead us on through this life until the gates open for us to receive our redeemed souls at last.

The funeral services for Mr. Schleuter were held Monday, May 11th, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., from the Murdock Evangelical church by the pastor, Harvey A. Schwab, assisted by the Rev. F. C. Weber.

Interment took place in the Callahan cemetery near Murdock.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Amalia Schleuter and family desire to express their sincere gratitude to the many relatives and friends for their floral tributes, their heartfelt prayers and words of comfort; for the quartette music and the many other kindnesses extended during the recent illness and departure of their husband and father, Mr. Henry Schleuter, Sr. Everything done for them is deeply and sincerely appreciated by everyone.

Mrs. Amalia Schleuter
Mrs. Charles Bornemeier
Mr. Henry Schleuter, Jr.
Mr. William Westphal.

Callahan Church

F. C. Weber, pastor
We have come to the last Sunday before conference, and as we were thinking about the past year's work, we were pleased with the kindness and courtesies of the Callahan folks and we are encouraged with our church work and the response of our people. We trust we shall be able to be of service to this people for many more years. You will always find a warm welcome and a helpful service awaiting you at this church. If you are tired of the load of your sin, let Jesus come into your heart.

Last Friday night the Mothers and Daughters banquet was held at the Callahan church. Eighty mothers and daughters were present to relish a splendid dinner and then enjoy a fine program under the direction of the program committee. The men also had a fine time as servants sampling the food and washing the dishes.

Rock surfacing of farm-to-market roads this winter will be of benefit to every resident and land owner in Cass county.

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