

Education Is Biggest Tax Item

Forty-Two Cents of Every Dollar Raised Last Year in Nebraska Used for Schools.

Danger in False Thrift

By PAUL GREER.

Today's article on taxation deals with school finances, with the Omaha school district as an example.

The biggest item in the tax bill of Nebraska is education. The state over, the schools consumed 42 cents out of every tax dollar in 1921.

Fifty-Six Schools Here.

Omaha has the largest unit in the state, but the forces at work here are so much like those outside that to consider them is like putting the smaller districts under a microscope.

There is the way each dollar collected for taxes in Omaha was divided last year: Schools, 37 cents; city, 34 cents; county, 14 cents; state, 12 cents; and water district a little less than 3 cents.

Explanation of Increase.

That is enough tax figures; let us now try to find out the reason for this 275 per cent increase in school taxes in seven years.

Denies Ford Can Make Fertilizer at Profit

Washington, March 13.—Charles L. Parsons, formerly chief chemist of the bureau of mines, and technical adviser on fixation of nitrates to the government during the war, testifies before the House military committee, which is considering Henry Ford's offer to take over the Muscle Shoals project, denied that fertilizers could be produced there at a profit.

Hastings Autoist, Racing Train, Seriously Injured

Kearney, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram).—Racing a train with his automobile may cost H. Crowley of Hastings his life. Two passengers, George Emmert of Hastings and Owen Rummert of Omaha, were only slightly bruised.

Genoa Meet Set for April 10

London, March 13.—(By A. P.).—The conference of British, French and Italian foreign secretaries in Paris to discuss the program of the Genoa conference has been fixed definitely for March 23; it was announced today.

No Allowance, Elopers Move to Modest Flat



Geneva Mitchell.

New York, March 13.—Robert Savage, 29-year-old graduate of the Milford Conn. Preparatory academy, saw "Sally" once more, while his bride of a few days, Geneva Mitchell, did specialty "pogo stick" dances on the stage.

They had moved from the Baltimore to more modest apartments and there they waited all day for a kind word from Robert's mother, Mrs. John A. Savage, who is convalescing at La Jolla, Cal.

It didn't come, according to Miss Mitchell, or Mrs. Savage as she is now, but newspaper correspondents who saw Mrs. Savage at La Jolla and broke the news of her son's sudden marriage and elopement cast that Mrs. Savage had remarked rather enigmatically:

"Well, Bobby'll wait a long time before he hears from me."

Meanwhile the publisher who is getting out Savage's first book of poems, entitled "The Road's First Turning," was asking how about corrected proofs.

But the bride herself, between acts, said she intends to remain on the boards "for the present" as Robert "doesn't object very much."

"I love my husband and I love my art, too," she said. "So the thought I'm going to stick to the stage for a while, at least."

Rail Cashier Says Woman Got Money Shared in Thefts.

Fairbury, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram).—With an unimpaired check of his accounts, F. S. Tucker, Rock Island cashier here, is reported about \$2,000 short.

One Jurymen Passed in Trial of Arbuckle

San Francisco, March 13.—One juror temporarily passed—was the record of the first day's session in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) C. Arbuckle, on manslaughter charges arising from the death of Virginia Rippie, movie actress, and one of the guests at a party given by him here Labor day.

Bank Runner Robbed; Four Shot in Chase

Philadelphia, March 13.—Robert McGirr, a bank runner, was held up and robbed of \$15,500 as he left the Southwestern National bank at Broad and South streets this afternoon. Two men waylaid and black-jacked McGirr.

Court Rules Government Cannot Revoke Ship Sale

Washington, March 13.—A bill of sale given by the government cannot be subsequently cancelled, the supreme court held in effect in its decision of the suit brought by Morris Levinson to compel the navy department to turn over to him the steam yacht Wadema. Levinson's bid for the boat was the highest presented at the sale and it was accepted.

Crimean Palaces to Be Offered Former Owners

Riga, March 13.—Because the expenses of maintaining the Crimean palaces of the czar and the grand dukes last year amounted to 14,000,000 rubles the soviet commissariat of health has decided to lease the palaces to workers' organizations and to private concerns, and to offer the world-famed hotels of the Crimea back to their former owners.

Coal Strike Considered Inevitable

Government Chiefly Interested in Maintaining Sufficient Supply of Coal for Country.

Mediation Is Abandoned

Washington, March 13.—Government officials were represented today as being without hope that the threatened coal strike can be averted or that the proposed conference between the operators and miners would be arranged.

Holding that a strike call April 1 is almost inevitable, government officials, according to the view presented today on high authority, now are chiefly interested in seeing that a sufficient supply of coal is maintained for the country as a whole.

Ten Weeks' Supply on Hand.

The situation with respect to coal supply, it was stated, is not acute. There is now at the surface of coal mines and in stocks at consuming centers, it was declared, enough coal to last the country for 10 weeks, with the prospects, it was added, that this supply will be augmented by production from nonunion mines and from operations in union territory which Department of Labor reports show are covered by district settlements between the miners' union and local associations of mine owners.

"The degree of the government's intervention in this strike situation," a high official said today, "must be determined by the extent of the public convenience and suffering which is caused by the strike."

It was intimated that the government did not propose to enter upon any attempt to force conference between the secretary of Labor, Davis has gone as far as he intends to go in that direction, it was said, by repeatedly and publicly pointing out that the government considers the mine operators of the central competitive field to be bound by provisions of the existing national wage contract.

Comment Withheld.

Many operators in the semi-confidential exchanges with the Labor department were said to have taken the position that the wage contract provision with respect to its renewal no longer binds them, because of local or district actions by the miners' unions, which they claim to have been in violation of contracts.

Production Increases.

Production of bituminous coal continues to increase slowly, according to the current weekly report of the United States geological survey. In the week ending March 4 production reached 1,913,000 tons.

Hide Prices Going Up, J. W. Peppertine Says

According to John W. Peppertine, manager of Higgins Packing company, last week's hide market was feature by a broad demand and considerable trading in small packer and country hides throughout the middle west.

Exports of Farm Products Decrease in Value for 1921

Washington, March 13.—Exports of 32 of the principal agricultural products grown in the United States, increased 27 per cent during 1921, but decreased 39 per cent in value as compared with 1920, according to an analysis of official trade statistics made public today by the Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Eva King Liberated on \$5,000 Appeal Bond

Mrs. Eva King, convicted of second degree murder in connection with the death of Robert Murray, railroad detective, in the battle at the Lena Schneider bandit farm last fall, will not be obliged to begin serving her 23-year sentence until the state supreme court has handed down a verdict on her appeal.

British Pay \$50,000,000 Damages to Sinn Feiners

Dublin, March 13.—In 22 months £10,309,341 damages to person and property resulting from the Sinn Fein fight against the British have been awarded in 26 counties and four county boroughs. Awards in the city and county of Cork alone totaled \$4,611,710.

U. P. Carpenter Quizzed in Safe Robbery Probe

C. K. P. Ronberg, carpenter at Union Pacific headquarters, Fifteenth and Dodge streets, was released by city detectives Monday after they had questioned him regarding the \$13,000 safe robbery last Friday morning.

South African Leader Fired on in His Auto



General Jan Smuts.

Shot Fired at Car Bearing Premier of South Africa

London, March 13.—An "agency dispatch" from Johannesburg this afternoon says: "Through the capture of spies and documents it was learned that the money for the 'red revolution' came from abroad."

Shot Fired at Premier.

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, March 13.—(By A. P.).—A shot was fired at the automobile containing Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the premier, yesterday as he was being driven toward the Rand near Potchefstroom. The premier was not hurt, although a bullet struck the car.

Revolutionaries Retire.

Pretoria, Union of South Africa, March 13.—(By A. P.).—Government forces are proceeding with great success against the revolutionaries, according to an official communique issued today. The statement says: "The total number of prisoners taken in the operations in the central area is 2,200. Our forces occupied the high ground around Westcliff."

One Hundred Are Slain.

Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, March 13.—(By A. P.).—At least 100 persons are believed to have been killed in Saturday's fighting here, and the wounded will reach a much larger number.

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Greb Defeats Tommy Gibbons

Wins Decision After Fifteen Rounds of Hard Battling in N. Y. Ring.

New York, March 13.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh defeated Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul in a last round bout here tonight. The Pittsburgher was awarded the referee's decision after outboxing the St. Paul man in the majority of the rounds.

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Farmers More Hopeful.

"The farmer today is happier and more hopeful than for a long time," said Mr. Meyer. "For he is back on a money-making basis. There has been a sharp rise in prices of his products. He has been able to sell, and this money, put into circulation, has brought new blood to all kinds of business."

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Rum Dead Issue. Jefferis' Reply to Query Letter

Many More Pressing Matters Facing Nation, Congressman Says in Answer to Friend Lawyer.

Washington, March 13.—(Special).—Replying to a letter from R. M. Proffitt, attorney of Friend, Neb., as to his views on the 18th amendment, the Volstead law, the enforcement thereof, and the power of congress to legislate on the "dry" question, Congressman A. W. Jefferis, as candidate for United States senator on the republican ticket, expressed opposition to any effort to make this issue a dominant one in the coming campaign and points out the many more pressing matters facing the farmer and business man of the state.

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First Test on Treaty Due Today

Senate Agrees to Vote on Amendment to Four-Power Pacific Pact at 4 This Afternoon.

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Sensors Johnson, California, and Borah of Idaho, both republicans, took the lead in an all-day attack, the former declaring ratification of the treaty would be a national "surrender" under a threat of danger from the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the latter asserting that the proposed four-power arrangement would transfer to the Pacific the old balance of power system that has dominated Europe for centuries.

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The Weather

Forecast. Tuesday, fair and colder. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 44, 6 a. m. 46, 7 a. m. 48, 8 a. m. 49, 9 a. m. 50, 10 a. m. 51, 11 a. m. 52, 12 noon 53.

Highest Monday.

Cheyanne 41, Davenport 40, Denver 40, Dodge City 41, Grand Island 41, Hastings 41, Lincoln 41, Omaha 41, St. Paul 41, Valentine 41.