

Gasoline Tax Bill to Raise Fund for Roads Introduced

Takes Place on Docket With Measure to Repeal Present Statute on Intangible Securities.

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The present law, which has been the center of a political cyclone ever since its passage, provides that the tax on intangibles shall be 25 per cent of the tax on tangibles. There wasn't a ripple over confirmation of the code secretaries at a joint session of house and senate this afternoon. Democrats and republicans voted to confirm. T. E. Williams, the governor's selection for state tax commissioners, will be confirmed by the senate at a later date.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Following a motion made in the senate to adopt former Governor Bryan's budget message, Senator Cooper, republican, Douglas county, entered a substitute motion providing that the former governor's reference to the "price of coal reduced" and "saving of \$10,000,000" to taxpayers of Nebraska, "be stricken from the record of the senate journal." Senator Cooper, in his motion, declared that the "saving of \$10,000,000" mentioned in former Governor Bryan's budget message, "is not founded on facts deductible by any reliable method of computation. It is grossly misleading and is intended to camouflage the people of the state into a false belief of economy."

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Considerable interest was attached today to the bill for the abolishment of capital punishment in Nebraska, which Representative Axtell of Lincoln county plans to introduce in the lower chamber in the near future.

Attention has been centered upon the bill by the fact that two convicted slayers under sentence death—Walter Ray Simmons of Boyd county and Sol Wesley of Omaha—will escape execution if the measure is passed.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Abolishment of the "10-day notice" marriage statute in Nebraska was proposed in a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Wood of Scottsbluff. Senator Wood's bill would substitute the "10-day notice" with a requirement that the parties to the marriage, if underage, obtain written consent of parents or guardian.

Bills Introduced

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—A summary of senate and house bills introduced today follows:

- S. F. 1, by Wittie—Increases intangible tax rate from 25 to 40 per cent.
- S. F. 2, by Wittie—Allows clerk of district court a fee for preparing witness.
- S. F. 3, by Wittie—Gives court discretion in granting of separate trial to persons charged jointly with a felony.
- S. F. 4, by Wittie—Provides no person shall be excused from testifying against another, but testimony, unless voluntary, shall not be used against the person testifying.
- S. F. 5, by Wittie—Provides that Lancaster and Douglas county courts shall not have jurisdiction in juvenile cases except during the absence of the district judge or judge.
- S. F. 6, by Wittie—Makes abounding or rebelling with imprisonment of not more than 100 days.
- S. F. 7, by Wittie—Provides that violators of prohibition laws may be penalized both with \$100 fine and three months imprisonment.
- S. F. 8, by Wittie—Provides county judge may give judgment in misdemeanor cases, where the defendant pleads guilty, of a maximum six months sentence or \$100 fine, or both.
- S. F. 9, by Wittie—Provides that in cases where the district and county courts have concurrent jurisdiction, where the penalty is three months in jail or \$100 fine, both may be imposed.
- S. F. 10, by Wood—Amends the law relating to fire insurance companies.
- S. F. 11, by Wood—Repeals the hail insurance law.
- S. F. 12, by Wood—Increases mill levy limit for municipal purposes from 15 to 18 mills in cities of 5,000 to 25,000 population, in the discretion of city council, and abolishes 5 and 6-mill limit for maintenance of police and fire departments, respectively.
- S. F. 13, by Wood—Reduces the agreed maximum rate of interest from 15 per cent to 8 per cent.
- S. F. 14, McGowan (by request)—Enlarges powers of state fire marshal in fire prevention where there is no local fire department.
- S. F. 15, McGowan (by request)—Provides that the three-eighths per cent tax on gross premiums of fire insurance companies shall be appropriated and used exclusively by trade and commerce department for fire inspection and prevention.
- H. R. 1, by Beck—Provides that 15,000 pounds, instead of 17,000, shall be minimum weight for mixed carloads of livestock in cars of feet.
- H. R. 2, by Bailey, Keams and Gilmore—Imposes a tax on each gallon of gasoline and motor oil.
- H. R. 3, by Keams and Bailey—Repeals intangible tax law.
- H. R. 4, by Denmore—Permits to change of venue in justice courts.
- H. R. 5, by Denmore—Limits school term to 20 weeks in cities of 3,000 population or over.
- H. R. 6, by Denmore—Reduces high school tuition rate for nonresidents from \$10 to \$2 a week.
- H. R. 7, by Beck—Duplicate of H. R. 1, with emergency clause.
- H. R. 8, by Keek—Provides for appointment of city attorney in second class cities and for election of police magistrates in villages.
- H. R. 9, by Keek—Provides four-year term for county judges, beginning with those elected in 1926.
- H. R. 10, by Keek—Allows cattleshed more than nine inches long to be caught; law now 11 inches.
- H. R. 11, by Keek—Provides for ouster of county attorneys and police officers for failure to enforce motor vehicle laws.
- H. R. 12, by Thompson—Relates to articles' laws on machinery.
- H. R. 13, by Wildman—Provides for filling register of deed to real estate.
- H. R. 14, by Beck—Limits speed of motor vehicles across highway intersections to 15 miles an hour.
- H. R. 15, by Keek—Relates to method of registration and cancellation of oil and gas leases.

Anti-Gossip Law Irks Kentucky Magistrate; Women Despise Him

First Conviction Under Freak Statute Was Man Who Criticized Pastor.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 12.—Robert E. Watkins, police judge of this city, is about the most unpopular man in the town in this part of the Bluegrass state. The reason is the anti-gossiping statute that the judge is enforcing.

He fined a woman \$10 as a starter, and says he is going to stop all the gossip in his jurisdiction.

The law was enacted by the state legislature in its last session, and in fairness to the women, it ought to be stated that the first person convicted under it was a man, who lived in another part of the state. He was fined for saying that a minister was friendly with a woman member of his congregation.

The first woman Judge Watkins fined announced in an advertisement in a newspaper that she regretted that the fine was not \$25 at least—the lowest sum on which an appeal could be taken. Until such a case is taken to the supreme court it will not be known whether the law is constitutional.

This particular woman, who lives on a farm, was convicted of having sold 25 cents a gallon on liquor sold by bootleggers.

Two Churches in Aurora to Unite

Congregationalists and Presbyterians Endorse Proposed Federation.

Aurora, Jan. 12.—Congregational and Presbyterian churches at their Sunday morning meetings decided to federate. A joint committee consisting of eight members from each church has been appointed to prepare and present a program of federation.

The federation was favored by Rev. Ervine Onglis, who leaves shortly for his new field as pastor of the Vine Congregational church in Lincoln, and Rev. P. N. Shedd of the Presbyterian church, who has placed his resignation in the hands of his board for the purpose of aiding in the program of union. The vote in the Congregational church was 77 to 18 in favor of the policy of federation. The vote in the Presbyterian church was unanimous for federation. The question voted upon in both churches was as follows:

"We hereby declare ourselves in favor of a federation or a union of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Aurora and pledge ourselves to faithful efforts to perfect such a union and to develop a working plan of procedure."

The committee on procedure will get to work promptly in an effort to prepare the necessary program of union. It is probable that a new pastor will be called.



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SWEET SUSPENDS PRISON EXECUTIVE

Denver, Colo., Jan. 12.—Governor Sweet today suspended Thomas J. Tynan as warden of the Colorado penitentiary at Canon City. He appointed Sheriff Clifford R. Glasson of Fremont county as temporary warden.

The appointment is for 30 days only and "may be continued at the pleasure" of the incoming executive, Governor-elect Morley, who takes office tomorrow. Early today Sheriff Glasson, accompanied by Under Sheriff John Donahoe, went to the penitentiary gates and asked for Tynan. The warden appeared and declared he would not permit them to serve papers on him.

The two officers then nailed the eviction orders on the prison gates and left.

Later Glasson, accompanied by Fred S. Caldwell, former assistant attorney general, and Sweet's counsel, appeared in Judge Butler's district court, seeking for a writ of mandamus, vacating the place and installing the newly appointed warden.

ROADS PROTEST FARM RATE CUT

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Reduction of freight rates on farm products is protested by 10 of the leading railroads of the middlewest in a statement from the western railways committee of public relations made public here today.

Reduction of rates would injure transportation on which the farmer must depend to get his produce to market, the roads argue, and in support of this argument the interstate commerce commission is quoted in a decision that the western roads have not been receiving a fair return.

"The net return of western carriers in 1923 was \$88,500,000 less than in 1917, and amounted to only 3.44 per cent on their property investment," the commission is quoted. "And their net earnings for the first 11 months of 1924 was only 3.87 per cent."

Iowa Feeders Buy Corn in Kansas and Nebraska

Morrowville, Kan., Jan. 12.—Corn is being shipped from this station to points in southern Iowa, always considered the greatest corn state in the union. A carload left here today destined to Donahoe Brothers of Talmage, Ia. The corn was in the ear, and it is said a price 10 cents higher than the market price here for shelled corn was paid for it. It is by the Iowa firm, who are heavy feeders, and who are short of corn on account of the Iowa crop being practically a failure. A few other shippers in Nebraska and Kansas have shipped corn to Iowa this winter.

Former Hartington Bank Head Dies in Colorado

Hartington, Jan. 12.—Word has been received here of the death in Colorado of A. M. Merrill, a former resident and early pioneer of Hartington, who was the first president of the Hartington National bank, which was established in 1883. He is survived by Mrs. Merrill and 19 children.

Dunbar Churches Unite in Sunday Night Services

Dunbar, Jan. 12.—Rev. E. A. Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, and Rev. Charles D. Leiper of the United Presbyterian church, are holding union Sunday night services and having bigger night congregations than heretofore.

Hosiery Salesman Too Personal in Selling His Wares, Women Say

L. E. Jones, Millard hotel, is in jail because he took too much interest in his business.

The police don't object to the interest, but the principle is all wrong. They say he wanted to treat each customer like a personal friend, which was rather embarrassing, as he was a hosiery salesman and too personal.

Jones, police say, took his wares from door to door. He had a fine line of samples.

He made a mistake Saturday. He called at the home of Mrs. J. F. Daly, 1822 Chicago street, and she allowed him to come in.

Jones produced an elaborate line of samples. He showed her stockings of every color and size. He emphasized the fact that they were all silk, from the toe to the top.

"They aren't cotton at the top, like cheaper stockings," he said. "Now, those you're wearing. . ."

In pure scientific curiosity, police say, he made a move to see whether Mrs. Daly's stockings were silk all the way.

But Mrs. Daly had been sleeping when he arrived, and she swung it and Jones' feet went out from under. Then Mrs. Daly ran from the room, locked the door on him and telephoned police.

So the police put him in the jail house and charged him with disorderly conduct. Later, they say, several other women in the same neighborhood called to complain of Jones' familiarity. His case is set for Friday.

Mystery of Fatal Iowa Farm Fire Cleared by Note Relating Plot

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Arnolds Park, Ia., Jan. 12.—A vow to "exterminate" himself and his entire family "by the worst of deaths—fire—on New Year's morning," was made by Ben Eastman, living north of Lake Park, Ia., as revealed by a letter which he mailed in the rural mail box December 31, and which has just been opened.

The vow was partly carried out by Eastman, who was burned to death in the fire, but his married daughter, her husband and six other children escaped.

Blaze Awakens Daughter.
Early on New Year's morning the daughter was awakened by the smell of smoke. She roused her husband, who ran downstairs to Eastman's room. When he opened the door a sheet of flame drove him back.

Running back upstairs, he succeeded in getting all the family out of the burning house, and they walked, barefoot, in their night clothes, to a neighboring farmhouse, a quarter of a mile away.

House and contents were destroyed. Late in the afternoon the charred body of Eastman was found beside an empty five-gallon gasoline can. Opening of the letter which he mailed completed solution of the fire mystery.

Eastman was reported to have been acting queerly some time ago and complaint was made to the sheriff, who wrote him a letter of warning. He evidently had taken this to heart and made his extraordinary "New Year's resolution."

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CREDIT MEN HERE FROM LINCOLN

Fifty Lincoln credit men will arrive in Omaha on a special train at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to be the guests of Omaha credit men at a banquet Tuesday evening at the Rome hotel.

The Lincoln men will be taken on a tour of the city immediately after their arrival in the city, and will then be taken to the Omaha Retail Credit Men's association rooms before going to the banquet. They will leave for Lincoln at midnight.

Evan Davis Dies at Home of Daughter Near Pawnee City

Pawnee City, Jan. 12.—The funeral of Evan Davis, who died Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ward Chapman, east of here, will be held in Pawnee City. Mr. Davis, who was over 70, was born in Wales and had been a resident of Pawnee county for over 50 years. Besides his daughter, two sons survive. One, Davis of Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Melvin Davis of this city, and a sister, Mrs. George Flory, of this city, and a brother, Titus Davis, of Lincoln.

Miss Eileen Devenney Dies.

Tecumseh, Jan. 12.—Funeral services were held at St. Andrew church here today for Miss Eileen Devenney, 32, who died Friday. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ellen Devenney of Tecumseh, Frank Devenney of Omaha, Grover Devenney of Minneapolis, Mrs. Mamie Crawford of Cameron, Mo., and Mrs. Anna Anderson of Memphis, Tenn.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

In things at once not understood some people will admit no good—Old Mother Nature.

Another Fish Disappears.

So many things happen every day to the young people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows that they do not think of any one thing very long. Two days after the mysterious disappearance of his big fish the young Otter had stopped thinking about it. He had made up his mind that he never would know what became of that fish and that the matter was no longer worth puzzling over. There were too many other things to think about and do.

On the third day he caught another big fish and climbed on the ice with it near the place where the other had disappeared. This fish wasn't as big as the one that had disappeared. But it was a fine fish for all that. The young Otter was hungry and he intended to eat that fish right there. But he had taken only a bite or two when his sharp eyes saw another fish in the water. Two fish would be better than one. He dropped the fish he was eating on the ice, plunged into the water, and like a brown streak shot after the other fish.

Swift as a fish in water, there isn't much chance for it once an Otter gets after it. The young Otter had quite a chase, but in the end he caught the fish. Then with it in his mouth he swam back and climbed on the ice at the place where he had left the other fish. He was feeling very well satisfied. With two fish



There was only one fish and that was the one he had just caught.

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Milling Company Plans to Broadcast Program

A special radio program will be broadcast by the Nebraska Consolidated Milling company Thursday night from station KFKX, Hastings. A. R. Kinney, president of the company, is to deliver an address on "Flour and Flour Milling." Several good musical numbers are also planned.

The program is planned to be of especial interest to bakers and millers throughout the country.

Hamilton County Fair Association Incorporates

Aurora, Jan. 12.—At the annual meeting of the Hamilton County Agricultural society, which conducts the county fair, it was decided to incorporate. For 50 years, the organization has been a voluntary society, life members controlling it.

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- Plain Linen Sheeting—Bed Spreads—Longcloth—Lingette—Nainsook—Flaxon—Dimity—Batiste—Perline Lawn—English Voile—Handkerchief Linen.
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