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POLITICS AND TAXES

The new tax bill reduces taxes. That is about all that can be said for it. In that respect it is in line with the republican program of tax reduction—it is the second slash in taxes within four years.

Most of all the chopping off of revenue, which this measure provides, is a proof of the splendid handling of the treasury and its problems by Secretary Mellon.

President Coolidge and other statesmen at Washington can find comfort, therefore, in these two outstanding facts of republican accomplishment. They will bear resting:

1. Taxes have been reduced twice during the four years of republican control, and
2. This has been possible only because of Secretary Mellon and the budget.

The new tax bill itself, in the language of President Coolidge, "does not represent a sound, permanent tax policy." The Mellon plan sought to lift the burden of taxes from productive industry and to bring back into productive activities the millions of dollars that now escape taxation through tax-free securities.

Congress, however, was more intent upon politics. "The passage of the bill," said the president, "has been subjected to unfortunate influences which ought not to control fiscal questions." Taxation is difficult at best, particularly is it difficult for the people generally to understand. It is governed by laws as definite as those which govern all financing. Demagogues can and do take advantage of this fact.

The democrats in congress sought to make for themselves a campaign issue by misrepresenting the Mellon plan. They have overlooked the president's clear thinking and courage. It is Calvin Coolidge who has been given a campaign issue.

Politics should not govern in fiscal matters. Unfortunately it has. The president will move at once for a better, a scientific tax bill. The people of the country will be with him. The people are growing more impatient with demagogues every day.

America is a self-governing republic. Demagogues are able to hold sway only for a time. The people rule in the end. They know the difference between the real and the specious. The coming presidential campaign is going to drive out many goats from the flock.

SELL NEBRASKA TO NEBRASKANS.

The Nebraska City Daily News, one of the 16 daily newspapers of this state now engaged in the great work of talking Nebraska to the outside world, offers a suggestion that meets with The Omaha Bee's hearty approval.

"Now let's encourage Nebraskans to 'sell' Nebraska to themselves," urges the News.

If it wasn't Pope it was somebody else who said, "The proper study of mankind is man." It is equally true that the proper study of Nebraskans is Nebraska, for, as the News truthfully adds to its bit of advice, "what Nebraskans know about their state is pitifully meager."

Genuine state pride can be built only upon a knowledge of the state's resources, and this knowledge may be gained only by study and by personal observation.

The automobile tourist season is here, and thousands of Nebraskans doubtless are preparing for their annual tour to the mountain and lake regions of other states, in utter ignorance of the fact that right here in Nebraska are beauty spots and climatic comforts equal to those of neighboring commonwealths. Thousands of Nebraskans annually drive to Colorado, ignoring the scenic beauties of Pine Ridge, the canyons of the Niobrara, the mountains of Scotts Bluff county and the beautiful lakes of the sand hill country. They either do not know or are forgetful of the fact that western Nebraska, nearly a mile above sea level, has a summer climate equal to that of the far-off mountains, and that scarcely a summer night passes without making the traveler pull the blankets up under his chin.

A two weeks' automobile tour of Nebraska during the coming summer would not only be a liberal education, but it would be a stimulus to state pride.

"See Nebraska First" and "Know Your Own Nebraska" are two good slogans for Nebraskans to adopt.

POLICEMAN'S LOT STILL UNHAPPY.

The results of an experiment in applied psychology on the police force at Los Angeles might be repeated in almost any city. Still, the result would not be conclusive as to any of the real qualifications for a police officer. Psychologists lay much stress on the "I. Q.," which is their formula for "intelligence quotient," the result obtained by a series of tests. Such tests may indicate the capacity of the person undergoing them as to facility of mental reaction to specified impulses, but as yet they are not accepted generally as an infallible index of the working of the mind, or of its capacity for assimilating, analyzing and co-ordinating impressions.

What the Los Angeles experiment may lead to lies along quite a different route. The best policemen are born, not made, yet training is a very essential factor in the general problem. In Europe for centuries much attention has been paid to the education of the police officer in the science of his business. For there is a science in police work, as interesting and in some regards as exact as psychology itself. Police trained in this are more effective than the untrained. In the United States the mat-

ter of training has not reached the stage it has abroad, yet it does have its effect. Gradually the need for this is extending, and a better grade of police work is resulting.

When a higher degree of efficiency is exacted, and is accompanied by greater security in the way of permanency of employment, and better pay for all grades of police officers, improvement in the general tone of police work may be looked for. A policeman must be something more than honest and able-bodied. He must be a specialist in crime, and to be this he must have an incentive beyond the attractions of an easy job. To make him happy he must be lifted to a higher standard of importance.

TAKING CHANCES FOR SCIENCE.

The tragic death of two army balloonists in quest of meteorological data may be regarded as a sacrifice to science. It may also have consideration from another standpoint. This pair of young men, both well known in Omaha, having received their rudimentary aeronautical training here, were working on a problem of much interest. It had to do with conditions that actually prevail in free clouds during a thunder storm. To obtain this information, they made balloon ascensions just ahead of approaching storms, and took observations.

A balloon filled with hydrogen gas is a ticklish thing to deal with under the best of circumstances. Explosions have been caused by a spark generated in the creases of the silk envelope. Static electricity is the greatest foe of the balloonist. Hydrogen gas ignites readily and explodes promptly and disastrously. Thus it will be clear that these young men were taking great chances when they went up in a balloon, facing a storm of any sort. A single spark of electricity was all that was needed to end their adventure.

Their names will be added to the continually growing list of those who have ventured into the unknown, staking their lives on the off-chance that death would not follow. Science has built its monuments on just such experiments, but not always to the experimenters. Timid souls say stay safe on land, yet lightning has been known to strike one lying in bed at home. Lieutenant Neeley and Dr. Meisinger had already added some little to the accumulating mass of knowledge concerning the air and the storms that disturb it. To their names should be attached a scroll of honor such as befits the life that gives itself that man's mind may be broadened and his understanding increased.

CHILD LABOR EVIL VANISHING.

Friends of the child labor amendment to the constitution of the United States have reason to felicitate themselves on the passage of the resolution by the senate. Already the house had given its approval. Now it is up to the states. In nearly all the states a session of the legislature will meet next winter, when endorsement may be obtained. A few states will require a referendum vote on the proposed amendment, but in these the sentiment is generally in favor, and they may be set down in advance as almost certain to approve the change in the fundamental law.

The victory is noteworthy. Just two years ago the supreme court gave its decision nullifying the second attempt of congress to legislate child labor out of existence. At that time the principal advocates of the reform felt that a long and arduous campaign of preparation would be required. Experience had shown that about 15 years of agitation was needed in order to get such a measure through congress. Now it has been accomplished in two. This may be accepted as an indication of the power of the sentiment that is behind the movement to abolish the evil of child labor.

Transferring the battleground from the national to the state legislatures gives the friends of the amendment a chance to organize and carry on their campaign more effectively. A large number of states, among them Nebraska, already have such laws, and in these the approval of the amendment may be taken as a matter of course. Another year should see the labor of children entirely eliminated from American industry, so far it may be done by operation of law.

The most important bit of news coming from Washington recently was an item to the effect that Edgar Howard had yielded his two minutes of time on the naval appropriation bill to Pou of North Carolina. Edgar yielding a chance to talk on the floor of the house is worthy of being embalmed in the Records.

A man and a woman in Scotts Bluff county joined in a suicide pact, and of course it was the woman who went through with it and the man who came through with an excuse.

It has been several days since there came from Miami the suggestion of another impossible democratic candidate. This must presage devotion to the preparation of another paramount issue.

Governor Smith announces that he wants to run on a dry platform. And, we presume, with mental reservations as to the moisture content of the basement.

General Pershing says, "It is especially given to the soldier to realize the price of liberty." Yes, and the other folks soon forget all about that.

Parents of the girls sending flowers to Leopold and Loeb are advised that the membership rolls of the Bedst club are always open.

Senator La Follette is not strengthening his political fences by putting obstacles in the way of a speedy adjournment of congress.

Peggy Joyce has just taken a count for her fourth. Wagers are now being made as to when the count will take the count.

Cheyenne county has issued 700 more auto licenses this year than last. It beats all how hard times keep up!

A philanthropist is often a man who has grabbed it by force and given it back with a flourish.

Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Poet—
Robert Worthington Davis

THE TOWN SPORT.

The town sport whistles and laughs and sings, And speaks of all but the worthier things. What is tomorrow in his young life? What is the meaning of earthly strife? The town sport squanders his daily wage, Gladly waits for an heritage; He's not so bad, but he doesn't see Into the deep of Destiny. Old age comes creeping slowly near, And the town sport wakens to see and hear— And the empty years in the vain past, then, He views with the knowing eyes of men. The town sport learns when the tale is told, And the town sport yearns when he's growing old, And his old heart burns as to tell he bends, And his conscience aches his spendthrift friends.

All Right, Judge, Who Is the Rightful and Legitimate Heir



"From State and Nation"

The Real Pacificists.

From the St. Paul Dispatch. Negotiations, interrupted by a revolution in Paraguay, have been resumed between the leaders of the Mennonite colony and the new Paraguayan government, for the establishment of a colony of 6,000 families in the southern American republic. The demands of the Mennonites, to which the government has acceded, are worth attention at a time when leading churches in the United States are declaring against even a war of self-defense.

"Complete religious liberty; exemption from military service; right to administer property on a trust for the communist system in accordance with the tenets of the sect; prohibition of intoxicants in the territory covered by the colony; use of the German language in the schools and churches; exemption for 10 years from the payment of import duties on household goods and farm implements."

Driven from Russia because of their peculiar customs and faith, they were offered and found an asylum in Canada. But when the world war engulfed the Dominion and Canadians found these strange neighbors were "in Canada but not of Canada" and refused to lift a hand to beat back the threat of a military despotism, they became no longer welcome. Long trains of emigrants, at the close of the war, passed through the United States for Mexico, where a new colony was established by the Mennonites who had sold their Canadian lands and shook its dust off their feet. The Mexican colonization was not the success hoped for. Now Paraguay offers a new scene to a sect whose members own nothing individually and whose tenets forbid them the use of the sword even for self-protection. Thus they wander in the fruitless search for peace—Germany, Russia, Canada, Mexico, Paraguay—a people without a country, because they deny themselves the chance to love it by defending it.

Decline of the Judiciary.

From the Baltimore Evening Sun. There was a time, not very long ago, when the federal laws for the most part, were wise, temperate and admitted for the welfare of the people. There were few statutes not having support of intelligent members of the community. That happy day is no more. Within the last few years the federal government has gone far afield and undertaken the regulation of matters not properly its concern. Laws have been passed foisting upon the communities regulations which are contrary to their own best judgment and which make crimes out of things that in the eyes of many men are not crimes at all.

Abe Martin



LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press.

Fred Carroll of the Schuyler Sun, after viewing the landscape over, declares that the biggest nuisance in the nation today is the blatant politician who runs wild with his cut-out wide open.

Charley Botkin of the Gothenburg Independent suggests an "Editor's day," having found room in his dresser drawer for another shirt.

Every time Dale Krebs of the Scotts Register makes a good get score cuts a notch in the editorial desk. Every visitor comments on how smooth and unmarred Dale manages to keep his desk.

Editor Tout of the North Platte Tribune says his frequent visits to a sandbar on the Platte river are for the purpose of studying animal and plant life, and denies the rumor that he keeps divers and sundry concealed thereon.

The Hay Springs News points out that a lot of kiddies who can hear for thousands of miles over the radio can not hear mother when she calls them in the morning.

Gene Westervelt of the Scottsbluff Republican asserts that the people will be well satisfied when congress gets tired and quits.

"We never criticize a man for blowing his own horn," burbs Allen May in the Auburn Herald. "He might have chosen a saxophone."

Noting that it is proposed to manufacture sugar from corn at a cost of 25 per cent less than cane and beet sugar, the Arnold Sentinel man admits that he won't be a bit interested until he is convinced that the consumer gets a part of the benefit of cheaper production.

George Brewer is back on the Broadwater News, and both George and Broadwater are proud and glad of it.

Law Shelley of the Fairbury News announces that he is about to install a perfecting press to take care of his immense circulation. When Law first took hold of the News he pulled the lever on an old Washington hand-

The federal judge has been made to subscribe to these errors. He has been put in the position, always prejudicial to dignity and integrity, of being a party to the enforcement of laws which in the minds of many are stupid and silly laws. He has been made to appear the instrument of tyranny and oppression. His own conscience, and which makes a devil of him, has been undermined and he has sometimes appeared in the light of a man doing those things obviously opposed to his own conscience. No office could withstand such a development, and the judgeship least of all. If the federal judiciary is falling in repute it is because its members have been made to appear to be friends of tyranny and foes of justice, rather than allowed to remain as impartial administrators of wise laws.

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SUNNY SIDE UP

Take Comfort, nor forget That sunrise never failed us yet. Calia Thaller

IF BUT A DAY OR YEAR.

If I had but a single year to live And then to pass into the great unknown, I'd not repine, but strive the more to give Some work worth while before my time has flown. Each day for me would be a day apart To scatter smiles and banish doubts and fears; To carry comfort to some aching heart, And bring new joys to dry the falling tears. I may not have a year, nor yet a day, Because I know not when the time may be; And so, let me in ways the best I may Still carry on with talents given me. I do not dread the summons that awaits, Nor fear the final verdict on my case; I'll strive to live so that when I reach the gates I may, erect and unafraid, that verdict face.

The tip moth is working havoc in the pine tree nurseries of Nebraska, and a government entomologist has been sent out to investigate and, if possible, devise some method of curtailing the pest's activities. This reminds us of another pest abounding in Nebraska—the carp. The man who introduced the carp into this country and told us that it had great food possibilities must have had a queer idea of food. We contemplate being a candidate for the legislature at the first opportunity, and our platform will be the Passage of a Law putting a liberal bounty on the scalp of the German carp.

It is our firm conviction that if Leopold and Loeb had been compelled now and then to attend private sessions of the Bedst club, there might have been more physical anguish for them, but less mental anguish for others. We cheerfully admit that we are just old-fashioned enough to cling to the notion that it is now and then necessary to make appeal to the anatomy while paying due attention to the mental.

Since becoming a voter in this glorious republic we have lived 40 years, 16 of them under democratic administration and 24 under republican administration. During that time things haven't been so bad but that they might have been a whole lot worse, and we are thoroughly convinced that every one of the 40 was a blamed sight better than they would have been under this new-fangled idea that party responsibility and party loyalty are reprehensible, and personal whims and schemes the thing to depend on. We'll take our chances under a straight-out republican administration, or a straight-out democratic administration, in preference to an administration of block. We will cling to the notion that everybody knows more than anybody.

Knowing divers and sundry of the gentlemen who are figuring on attending that New York convention as representatives of Nebraska democracy, we are prepared to state of fealty that it isn't the 12-mile limit that will bother them. It is quite another limit.

It was a Missouri banker that told us a few days ago that business was bad. His bank had no outlet for its surplus funds. Nor could we convince him that he was mistaken as to a small part thereof.

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Came Home and Stepped Into a Lawsuit

JASON expected to be in Europe only a week or two, but business kept him there two months.

While he was gone, a problem arose in the management of the Hapgood estate, calling for his decision as executor. He decided by cable, without full knowledge of the facts. The estate lost money, and the Hapgood heirs brought suit against him, charging mismanagement. Virtually, Jason went from the steamer to the courtroom. He was found legally responsible, and had to make the loss good out of his own pocket.

Men often step into estate management without realizing the responsibilities assumed and the exacting work involved. They give permission to friends to name them as executors in wills, and forget the matter, until suddenly called upon to act. Executorship requires business judgment of the highest order, close attention to numerous details, accurate accounting, expert knowledge of investments, and many other qualifications.

It has been found, by experience extending over more than one hundred years, that this is work for an institution, the trust company, rather than an individual, because it has continuous life, and the collective experience and knowledge of its officers and directors is wider than the individual possesses.

Mismanagement of an estate may be unintentional, as in the case of Jason. Through lack of knowledge the individual executor may make wrong investments, hold securities when they should be sold, overlook some important detail of routine business, make a decision that causes loss.

A little-known fact: An individual executor can, at any time, by rendering an accounting and asking consent of court, turn these responsibilities over to a trust company.

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