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Nebraska FLAWS PICKED IN TAX LAWS

Two Sets of Recommendations Present Acts Fall to Reach Many Professions Yielding High and Having Small Investments.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The report of the state tax commission is nearly ready for delivery, and while the voters of the state refused to adopt the proposition regarding a better method of taxation, the commission will make its report to the legislature anyway, and the following is a summary of the same.

Defects of the Tax Law. The chief defects of the present law grow out of the attempt to raise nearly all the public revenues from a tax on all property according to its value.

The law fails to recognize the fact that many professions and businesses which yield a large income require little or no property, thus permitting many to escape their fair share of the tax burden.

Other defects are due to inadequate administrative provisions. While the law has the appearance of providing a centralized control over assessments, the control is only nominal.

The present law fails because it commands the local assessor to do some things no assessor can succeed in doing, and asks them to perform other duties which can be properly performed only by a well equipped state board of assessors.

Recommendations for Reform. In view of the fact that an amendment to the constitution is pending which if adopted will give to the legislature power over taxation, the commission has constantly in mind what can be done under the present constitution and what may be done in case the amendment is adopted.

In Case the Amendment Falls. The recommendations of the commission for changes under the present constitutional restrictions may be summarized briefly as follows:

The creation of a permanent state tax commission with power to supervise the local assessors; to assess all public utility corporations, and in time all corporate corporations, and in time all corporations doing business in the state; to study the operation of the revenue law; to collect and publish information relating to the revenues and expenditures; and to recommend to the legislature needed changes in the law.

That the office of assessor be abolished; that the county assessor be made in fact as well as in name the assessor of all property that is to be locally assessed, aided by many deputies as may be required.

That the fractional assessment (one-fifth of the actual value) be abandoned and that all taxable property, unless otherwise specifically provided for, shall be assessed at full value.

That an effective method of assessing corporations be adopted, especially for the "intangible" or "franchise" value connected with their operations.

That the method of taxing express companies be abolished and all local occupation taxes and imposing upon them a gross earnings tax to be paid into the state treasury.

That similar changes be made in the method of taxing telegraph companies. That the method of taxing sleeping car companies be so changed as to reduce the "franchise" value, and not merely the value of the cars used in the state; that local occupation taxes on these classes and that the proceeds of such taxes be paid into the state treasury.

That greater publicity be given to all questions relating to revenue and expenditure, assessments and exemptions. That the inheritance tax law be amended by increasing the rates in the second and third classes of beneficiaries, by improving the administration in the matter of appraisal, etc., and by turning the proceeds of the tax into the state treasury.

Appropriate Educational Work. In case the constitution is amended so as to give the legislature authority to act, the commission recommends:

That a suitable tax be imposed upon the manufacture and sale of malt and spirituous liquors and tobacco, the proceeds to be paid into the state treasury.

And, finally, the commission recommends for future action, but not by the next legislature, that provision be made for an income tax law. In the opinion of the commission the attempt to enforce such a law in any other way than through an efficient state board would prove futile. The first step toward ef-

fective administration of an income tax law lies in establishing such a board.

Norfolk Woman Given Judgment Against Four Saloon Keepers

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The jury after three hours' deliberation on the case of Laura A. Forrest against Sporn, Koehn, Beverages and Adams, Norfolk saloon keepers, returned a verdict of \$2,700 against all the defendants and their respective bond companies.

The plaintiff's son lost an arm by being run over by a Minneapolis & Omaha passenger train at the Union station, Norfolk in August, 1911. Mrs. Forrest was awarded this verdict as damages for having been deprived of her son's support. The son procured judgment for \$2,100 for loss of his arm.

Custer Sends Car of Flour to Belgians

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Belgian relief organization, instituted by the Public Service club of this city about three weeks ago, is getting rapid returns from over the country. Already one car has been loaded with 1,300 sacks of flour and left here Friday night by way of the Burlington railroad for New York. It is expected that at least two more cars will soon be on the way.

The county is responding generously. Tuckerville, one small community southeast of here, having neither corn nor wheat, contributed cash to the amount of \$10. Other communities are contributing in proportion.

Farmers' Bank at Union Sold. AVCOA, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Farmers' State Bank of Union, which has been established for about eighteen months, retired from business by selling its property interests to the Bank of Union, which takes over all the business, loans and deposits of the retiring bank.

Double Wedding in Cass. AVCOA, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Misses Myrtle and Ida Brown, sisters of Nebraska, were united in marriage this week by County Judge Beeson to Elias Albert Stock of Murray and Care Gregory of Nebraska.

PAVLOVA CREATIVE GENIUS COULD BE A GREAT ACTRESS

IF Miss Anna Pavlova were not the greatest choreographic artist of the time, she would excel in some other branch of creative art, possibly as an actress or as a painter. Her mind is as nimble as her feet, and her talents are manifold; and when she



Mlle. Anna Pavlova in "Rose Mourant."

comes here for an appearance the public will have ample opportunity of judging, for much of the costumes, scenery and coloring effects originated in the fertile brain of the incomparable one. She always suggests in broad outline just what she wants as a fitting background for her ballets and diversissements, but she leaves the working out of details to the great artists like Bakst, Almsfeld, Sims, Malvina Hoffman and Debussinski.

Even Paquin, world-noted as a creator of dress styles for women, listened attentively when the fair Anna suggested the costumes which he has designed and made for the Modern Ballroom Soiree, which will form forty minutes of the programme Pavlova and her troupe of Russian

dancers and symphony orchestra will present here. Pavlova is especially talented as a colorist and is gifted as a painter. She spends many hours in her studio in London working out designs for productions. Her dramatic and interpretative ability is shown in her diversissements and her ballets, among the latter being "Amarillo."

It is this dramatic intensity which imparts so much vitality to her dancing. She makes one feel the character she is interpreting by a dancing and pantomime, although she speaks not a single word.

Huntley Carter, the noted English authority on stage matters, declares that Pavlova could quickly step from the dance world into the mimic world and become equally as great as a tragedienne as she is a ballerina.

STATE WARRANTS CALLED IN Treasurer George Ready to Pay \$130,000 Outstanding Paper.

CUTRIGHT GOES TO NOTTINGHAM Son of Democratic Editor Receives Niece Promotion in Position as Vice Consul in Germany.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—State Treasurer George is making an effort to bring in all outstanding warrants, as far as possible, and today made a call for \$130,000, which includes all numbered up to 31,992. This will take up all outstanding warrants up to November 15 and reduce the amount to \$480,000.

Young Cutrights Promoted. John L. Cutright, son of Editor J. W. Cutright of the Lincoln Star, has been transferred from Coburg, Germany, where he was acting as vice consul, to Nottingham, England, according to advices received by Mr. Cutright from Secretary of State Bryan today. The change is looked upon as for the better, as it takes him from a small German town of about 30,000 to a prosperous manufacturing town of about 250,000 people.

Veterinarians to Meet. The Nebraska State Veterinary Medical association will meet at the Lindell hotel in Lincoln on December 9 and 10 of next week. The session is expected to be well attended and a very important and interesting feature of the session will be on Tuesday evening, when Dr. Condra will give a motion picture show, in which State Veterinarian Kigin will deliver a lecture in accompaniment on "Hog Cholera Eradication, Tuberculosis and Sanitary Milk."

Taylor at State House. Frank H. Taylor, postmaster at Table Rock and a newspaperman of 45 years standing, was a caller at the state house today. Mr. Taylor, formerly published the Table Rock Argus until he was appointed postmaster. He worked on Omaha papers in the early days of Nebraska's history. His term as postmaster will expire a year from next January and he says that as soon as his time is up he wants a democrat to come along and relieve him of the job.

To Issue Trust Certificates. The State railway commission has granted the application of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company for permission to issue \$250,000 guaranty equipment trust certificates according to contract made with the Grand Trust company with the requirement that within thirty days of receipt of any of the equipment which will be purchased with the certificates that a detailed inventory be filed with the commission with statement of payments and on what particular fund such payments were made.

Good Roads Meetings. Dwight S. Dalbey, president of the Nebraska Good Roads' association, and representative-elect to the legislature, has secured State Highway Commissioner Gearhart of Kansas, as one of the speakers for the good roads program, to be given in Lincoln, January 19, during the week of Organized Agriculture.

A number of important addresses will be given and good roads policies will be discussed. During the last two years, Mr. Dalbey has been very successful in bringing about improvements in the roads in Gage county.

News Notes of Alliance. ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—The Alliance High school basketball team played the first game of the league series at Sidney tonight, winning 21 to 10. The end of the last half the game stood 25 to 23 and in five minutes more playing, Alliance made six and Sidney one. The Alliance team will play Kimbrey Saturday night.

The Alliance High school girls defeated the Chadron High school team here tonight, 47 to 5.

The local lodge of Elks will hold their annual "Lodge of Solow," next Sunday in the Pieta opera house. Rev. H. J. Young of the Christian church will deliver the eulogy.

The county officials of Box Butte county moved into the new court house today. The new building is practically finished and with the exception of furniture for occupancy of the rooms is ready for occupancy. The county commissioners have decided on December 23, as the date of dedication.

Succession, amid continued confusion, most of the members standing, pushing or shouting.

A. E. Agee of Waterloo, a director with greater stature and lung power than President Witka, took the chair. By his efforts and those of County Commissioner A. C. Harte, both of whom tried to make speeches from table tops, a slight semblance of order was restored, and a motion to proceed with the balloting was passed. Then the crowd of almost 500 excited members pressed around the balloting boxes which was taken in charge by Sheriff McShane and his men to prevent fighting or "padding."

Deputies Prevent Double Voting. The crowd was herded between deputies and out into the corridor, after voting, and deputies locked the doors to prevent anyone from coming back to vote a second time. J. W. Shumaker, an old-time member of the society, happened to be late and for a while was locked out in the confusion and could not vote at all.

When the votes were counted it was found that the Benson slate, with only two exceptions, had been elected by an overwhelming majority. The new directors chosen were: Lewis Henderson, John McArde, Paul Flath, S. E. Munson, William Kicha, James A. Walsh, George Pierce, John Dieck, E. M. Eckman, Charles Hatfield, W. E. Wright, A. D. Compton and A. E. Agee. The latter two were the only ones elected by the men from the west end of the county.

Great One Day's Sale of Fine WAISTS

We've too many waists. As a consequence the season's newest and best styles in qualities, such as this store is famous for will be placed on sale Monday at remarkably low prices. It's the waist opportunity of the year—Better come early.

Lot No. 1—Some that fasten high at neck—"Military Collar"—others low neck, full length sleeves; some in the basque models, crepe de chine in ivory (white), flesh, new "sandy" shade, navy and black—messalines in navy, black and open, also some hand stenciled (flowered) chiffons; sizes 34 to 42. Regular prices to \$5.75 Monday for \$3.85

Lot No. 2—A wonderful lot of white wash voile and organdies; some all over embroidery; others embroidered with lace combinations, hand embroidered Swiss organdie collars and cuffs, both long and three-quarter sleeves; 34 to 42. Regular prices to \$3.50 Monday for \$1.85



One lot of slightly mussed and soiled waists that sold up to \$2.50 on sale Monday at— 95c

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Russian Jew Prisoners Observe New Year's



Sol S. Goldstrom, 1213 Park avenue, received this picture from his father in Butov, West Prussia. It depicts Russian Jewish prisoners of war celebrating the Jewish New Year with the customary ceremonies. Mr. Goldstrom's father writes that there are 4,000 Russian prisoners quartered in seven barracks in this town.

Mr. Goldstrom's brother is a second lieutenant in the German army and for three months was on the firing line at

NEED COAST PROTECTORS

Brigadier General Weaver Says Country Should Have More Men. MATERIAL BEST IN WORLD

Artillery Equipment Finest of Its Kind, but There is a Sad Need of Over Ten Thousand More to Man It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Ten thousand more men and 54 more officers for the coast artillery were declared necessary by Brigadier General E. M. Weaver, chief of that service, who appeared today before the house military affairs committee, considering the army appropriation bill.

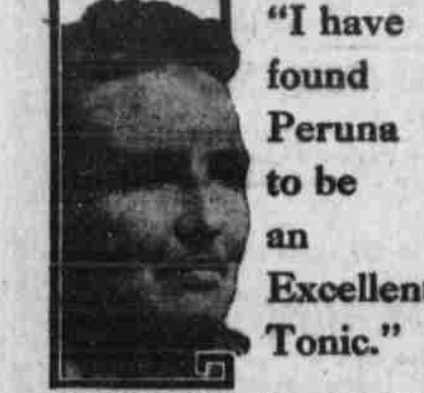
"I think we have the best coast defense material in the world," said General Weaver, "but I think it is not efficient, simply because of the lack of efficient men to man the defenses."

General Weaver said the necessity of manning coast defenses in Hawaii, the Philippines and the Panama canal zone had depleted the available force of coast artillery troops in the United States.

Questioned by Chairman Hay, General Weaver said that the guns now on the coast defenses were of a pattern designed in 1890. He asserted, however, that the superior range-finding facilities of the coast defense service, its heavier projectiles and a longer range, which might be secured by altering the present carriage, would put the coast defense on equal terms with any attacking fleet. He declared that the supply of ammunition on hand for the coast defense guns was, in his opinion, "reasonably prudent."

General Weaver said the department's plans had not so far taken into consideration in coast defense work the great stage guns now in use in the European war.

Peruna Will Stop That Cough



"I have found Peruna to be an Excellent Tonic."

Do not stop a cough by taking depressants or opiates. A cough stopped that way will return. Stop a cough by taking a tonic, like Peruna. This rids the system of the irritation that caused the cough.

Cough is an effort on the part of nature to clear the bronchial tubes. It is a mistake to stop a cough, except by assisting nature in clearing the tubes. Opiates and depressants simply numb the nervous system and the cough stops, leaving the poisonous and irritating materials in the bronchial tubes. This will soon affect the lungs. Let us stop the cough out with Peruna, that strengthens and builds up and removes the irritation.

Mrs. Perry, of 319 18th Avenue N. E., Minneapolis, Minn., is the wife of Commander Freeman G. Perry and well known in G. A. R. and society circles. She is the author of "Mingebaha, Laughing Water." She says: "I have tried Peruna and found it an excellent tonic and cure for catarrh. It is good for all catarrhal affections of the stomach, and all diseases leading to consumption. Also for bronchial troubles. I believe it to be one of the best medicines on the market. Thousands can testify to its cure with the same pleasure that I can."

I Had the Grip. Mr. C. Happy, Hardin, Ray Co., Mo., writes: "I can safely recommend Peruna as a remedy that will cure all catarrhal troubles. It was of great benefit to me as it cured me of catarrh of the throat, and I took a very bad cold and had a gripe last February. It settled in my throat and lungs. I took three bottles of Peruna, and it cured me. I highly recommend it to all who are sick, and I am glad to add my endorsement to that of others."

Another Case of Grip. Mrs. Jane Gift, R. F. D. 1, Athens, Ohio, writes: "I think I would have been dead long ago if it had not been for Peruna. Six years ago I had a gripe very bad. The doctor came to see me every day, but I gradually grew worse. I told my husband I thought I would surely die if I did not get relief soon."

"I told my husband I wanted to try Peruna. He went directly to the drug store and got a bottle of Peruna. I could see the improvement in a very short time, and was soon able to do my work. I continued using it until I was entirely cured."

Catarrh of the Bronchial Tubes Chronic Cough

Mrs. Wm. Hohmann, 3764 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes: "I suffered with catarrh of bronchial tubes and had a terrible cough ever since a child."

"I would sit up in bed with pillows propped up behind me, but still the cough would not let me sleep. I thought and everybody else that I had consumption."

"So reading the papers about Peruna I decided to try, without the least bit of hope that it would do me any good. But after taking three bottles I noticed a change. My appetite got better, so I kept on, never discouraged. Finally I seemed not to cough so much and the pains in my chest got better and I could rest at night."

"I am well now and cured of a chronic cough and sore throat. I cannot tell you how grateful I am, and I cannot thank Peruna enough. It has cured where doctors have failed and I talk Peruna wherever I go, recommending it to everybody."

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