

### G. O. P. Fails to Join with Gas Tax Bills

#### Governor Cochran's Relief Emergency Measures Introduced Minus Some Republicans.

Three republican representatives and one senator refused to join in the introduction of Governor Cochran's one cent additional gas tax for relief when the bills were presented in the house and senate. For reasons which they set forth Representatives Marion Cushing, James E. Reed and E. Preston Bailey declined to permit their names to be attached to the bills. Senator Schultz, republican, withdrew his name from the tax bill in the senate. Senator Howard, republican, said he desired to have his name on the bill.

Howard said he believes a tobacco or cigar tax is a much better way to raise relief money, but that he is on the special tax committee and he proposes to add his name to stand on the bill. "That is no assurance I will support it, as I shall support some other form of taxation if I get an opportunity," said Howard.

The governor's bills were introduced in the house but introduction in the senate was to come later in the day.

"It is to be regretted," said Governor Cochran, in his message to both houses, "that party politics should enter into a matter as vital to our people as emergency relief as evidenced by the refusal of three members of your committee (house finance) to join in introducing this bill. I do not believe it will be the policy of this legislature to permit monopoly in regard to any commodity to dictate the source of legislation."

Continuing the governor said in his message that all parties are against new forms of taxation. His message says:

"As to new forms of taxation, we all promised by party platforms, both democratic and republican, to oppose such new forms. I shall keep my promise. This is not at all hard to do in view of the fact that to adopt substitutes such as a general sales tax or use of property taxes, which have been or may be collected, would be a blow to the wage earner, the home owner, the farmer, and the business man."

"If, as the legislature proceeds with its labors, it becomes apparent that your committee and myself have estimated the liquor revenue too conservatively and that it might be reasonably expected that a larger amount will be available than we have estimated, I will recommend and introduce a bill terminating the use of the gas tax at an earlier date than that specified in the bill hereto attached."

"On Feb. 7 I recommended to your honorable body that emergency legislation be enacted to meet the conditions which have been set up by the federal relief administration.

"These conditions are first, that the state government of Nebraska and its local governmental units provide at least 4 million dollars per year for relief in its various phases. "It is expected that a continuation of the present relief by counties now participating together with a few remaining desiring to participate will make up for one-half of this amount. "In any event, there is a certainty that the state itself must raise at least 4 million dollars during the next two years. Your committee has worked with me in the preparation of two bills. I am attaching one bill, the provisions of which are that the gas tax be increased one cent per gallon and that it be operative only between March 1, 1935 and July 1, 1936.

"Your attention is called to the fact that the estimated revenue from this proposed legislation will be approximately one million dollars short of the required amount to carry thru to Jan. 1, 1937 and approximately two million dollars short of the amount necessary to carry thru to the end of the next biennium (July 1, 1937). However, it is our opinion that this can be made up from other sources of revenue such as beer tax and liquor taxes collected during the next biennium plus unexpended balances of beer and liquor taxes existing at the end of the current biennium.

"Your attention is called to the fact that it will be impossible to use the unexpended balance in the state treasury generally without increasing the property tax during the next biennium. To increase property tax at this period of time is quite inadvisable and would only result in delinquency in collection of taxes in an already overburdened field.

"I am submitting also to the house a bill which will provide the necessary authority and organization for the expenditures of the funds raised by the state together with funds received from the federal government. "I need not remind you of the necessity for early action and that we should do our part to the end that our destitute people may not be without assistance after March 1."

Gas county farmers produce a full share of the foodstuff of the nation. It is to your interest and mine that their business of producing be placed on a profitable basis, for then we will all share in that prosperity.

### HOLD ELECTION

The Federation of the women's organizations of the First Presbyterian church, held their annual election of officers this week at their meeting at the Fellowship room of the church.

The officers selected by the ladies comprised the following:

President—Mrs. Raymond J. Larson.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Phillip Rehne.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. H. F. Nolting.

Secretary—Mrs. P. T. Heineman.

Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Cappell.

Missionary Chairman—Mrs. Wiley Sigler.

The Federation represents the five circles of the church organization that carry on the various units of the woman's work of the church.

The ladies of Circle No. 2 were the hostesses of the occasion and served dainty and delicious refreshments.

### Examination for Postmastership at Weeping Water

#### Five Applicants Here Today to Take Part in Civil Service Examination at Local Office.

From Saturday's Daily  
The examinations for the postmastership at Weeping Water were held today at the local postoffice, Miss Gerda Peterson, secretary of the civil service board, conducting the examinations.

There were five applicants present at 8:30 when the examinations opened, they being Sterling F. Amick, Harold S. Baker, Richard W. Keckler, Ed D. Freeman and George L. Spohn.

The examinations were along the civil service lines and the results will be reported to the civil service commission for checking and the grading of the applicants and from the first three of which the nomination of the new postmaster is to be made.

Weeping Water has one of the most lucrative postoffices in the county and the result of the examination and the naming of the postmaster is a matter of the greatest interest in our neighboring city.

The applicants are a fine group and from which there is no doubt that a most efficient postmaster can be selected.

### THE BARRIERS OF LIFE

As we travel along the pathway of this mortal life, We find on the right bold signs of strife.

Between the rocks and hills and the surface of the ground, That was torn by upheavals in places, and some smooth and round.

Yea to the left there are rifts and flares, Growths of great trees and rocky steeples carved out like stairs, Now moss covered in places where never a man

Could ascend with footsteps such places to scan.

The sun may diffuse its rays of golden light, Into these impregnable places where the eagle takes his flight, Here he views the valley that seems very blue,

And snow white clouds distill into dew.

The hardest flower has to struggle to stand, The drouth and strong winds that sweep over our land, And the strongest beam that in the building is put,

Must stand against pressure and weather and soot.

The strong hills that attract one who passes them by, All covered with stones and springless and dry,

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Lau were in Omaha last Monday, where they were looking after some business matters as well as making purchase of some supplies for the beauty parlor operated by Mrs. Lau here.

Rev. H. R. Knosp and C. F. Weber are in Lincoln this week attending the retreat of the Lincoln district. Bishop C. H. Stauffacher, of Kansas City, Mo., is giving several addresses during the session, at Salem church.

Louis Hornbeck was a visitor with his brother, I. G. Hornbeck, on last Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday went to Plattsmouth, where he was working in conjunction with Henry F. Goss, clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America, in an effort to stimulate the lodge there to increase its membership and become more active.

B. I. Clements Funeral Parlors  
Elmwood, Nebraska  
Expert service. Your patronage solicited. Phones: Office, 91; Home, 65.

Visiting at Baumgartner Home  
Mrs. Carl J. Baumgartner and the two children are enjoying a visit of six months at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baumgartner, of north of Murdock, while her husband, Dr. Carl J. Baumgartner, is at Niobrara as the government physician at the

Just think what would happen if an elephant could be heard in proportion to its size as a small canary bird;

It would shatter our windows and the shingles on our roofs, Would chatter by the concussion worse than an army of horses hoofs.

Thus elaborate on barriers that seem to cross your path, At once it creates humor and you can't help but laugh,

Then turn your vision and view the landscape over, For it is filled with beauty and goodness; how can you ask more?

—J. R. Tremble.

### "Where's your shovel, Joe?" "Not me, buddy. I'm on relief!"



### MURDOCK ITEMS

#### Home from a Visit

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie was a visitor at the home of her brother, Wm. McNamara and family at Fairmont for a number of days last week, and from there went to North Loup, where she was a guest at the home of her son, Harry Gillespie and wife, and also with Miss Viola Everett, who is employed with the telephone company there. On last Tuesday evening, Harry Gillespie came to Murdock, bringing his mother with him and visiting over night with his friends here.

#### Hears Brother Passes Away

On Wednesday of last week, a brother of William Isely was buried at his late home at Hastings, and as Mr. Isely had no car, Henry Amgwert volunteered to take him there for the funeral. On the way, they stopped at Lincoln and picked up a number of other relatives, whom they took along. Mr. and Mrs. Isely have the sympathy of their friends in this break that has occurred in the family circle.

#### Will Work Together

A committee of the Fire Department of Murdock consisting of Lacey McDonald, John Eppings, Bryan McDonald, Henry Amgwert, H. W. Tool and Rev. C. F. Weber were meeting with the Board of Education of the Murdock school a couple of times last week and have called another meeting for this (Monday) evening, at which they will consider the matter of providing hand concerts and also the organizing of a juvenile band for the school.

#### Attended County Tourney

The basketball teams of Murdock, both the school and the town team, were in Elmwood during the tournament last week, which lasted from Wednesday until Saturday night. It is expected to have the results of the tournament in its time for publication elsewhere in this issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal. Most of the school teams of Cass county were entered.

#### Holding Revival Meeting

A regular old time revival meeting was started at the Callahan church last Sunday evening. At the close of a very short evangelistic talk, burning with zeal for the unsaved, a hearty invitation brought eight young people to the altar, who made confession to the saving power of Christ, their Savior. God's time to save man is "today."

#### YOUR INCOME TAX

##### Deduction for Business Expenses

Deductions for business expenses form a large item in the return of many taxpayers and must have certain qualities to be allowed. Such deduction must be for an expenditure in connection with the maintenance and operation of the taxpayer's business or business properties; it must be an ordinary expense and it must be a necessary expense. In insisting upon the latter qualifications, the Bureau of Internal Revenue is upheld by the Board of Tax Appeals and the courts. Ordinary and necessary expenses are only those which are usual and essential in the case of similar taxpayers, "and do not include extraordinary and nonessential expenses."

The farmer may deduct all amounts paid in the production, harvesting, and marketing of crops, including labor, cost of seed and fertilizer used, cost of minor repairs to farm buildings (other than his dwelling), and small tools used up in the course of a year or two. A taxpayer may deduct more than one business and claim the business deductions of each.

#### HAVE PLEASANT MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lowell S. Devoe, who was assisted in entertaining by Miss Matilde Soennichsen, Mrs. J. B. Farnham and Mrs. James G. Maupay as associate hostesses.

After the disposal of the business of the afternoon the ladies were treated to dainty refreshments to add to the pleasures of the occasion.

The Auxiliary are preparing to stage a get-together party on Friday, February 22nd, to which the Legion and all eligibles are cordially invited.

W. M. S. News.  
The Woman's Missionary society

C. C. C. camp near that place. He has been appointed for a term of six months.

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### PRIZE ESSAYS

The following is the first prize winning essay in Class I of the recent contest sponsored by the Plattsmouth Ad club, which was awarded on Wednesday. This essay is that of Betty Jo Libershal, sixth grade, St. John's school:

#### Why Should I Trade in Plattsmouth?

Isn't it a grand feeling to have an old timer that had long years ago lived here, come back for a visit and grasp your hand and say: "Gee, but its great to be back in the home town. It's a fine old town."

There is a feeling you can understand in that hand grasp provided you helped make it the town you call "home." If its our home town we should do all our trading there. There is no fooling yourself; when you buy from your local merchants you see and examine whatever you buy and have the service of very courteous and willing clerks who are always ready to oblige. All the merchants (in whatever business they are conducting) deliver goods of superior quality plus quantity and are always willing to trust you, when you are unable to pay cash. The home merchant is interested in the advancement and development of our city he has served perhaps for years. He is vitally interested in your future patronage and his service to you is a determining factor in maintaining it. He is ready and eager to back up his merchandise. Do you realize that when the local merchants advertise an article in the newspaper you are getting triple guarantee. But when other firms advertise you never get triple guarantee. When you buy of your local merchants there is no delay, no uncertainty and no disappointment in this transaction. On the other hand if you buy through an agent or mail order house you wait perhaps a week or two before the goods arrive and then it is a complete disappointment. We have churches of all denominations, also high and grade schools, and a public library in our home town. We also boast of our home industries, namely packing company that produces a good line of canned goods; basket factory that makes a variety of baskets; besides other industries as brooms, honey, cigars, butter, beautiful flowers and corn meal.

Why should we have any reason to trade out of town. By trading at home we help the merchants to meet expenses and also help build up our town and in return get goods that satisfy and get them when we need them most. Our retail merchants have also made very many purchases by their co-operation on gift night. Our civic organizations also do their share in the line of entertainments during the year. It's always one's duty to their town to trade at home, and if you do you will always be glad to welcome anyone to Plattsmouth. When you are complimented of your town, you can feel your pride that you have tried to do your part to make it what it is and you can if you trade in Plattsmouth the best town in the state.

Following is the essay awarded second prize in Class I, Grades 5 and 6, written by Lloyd Taplett, Central building:

#### Why Should I Trade in Plattsmouth?

Plattsmouth, the county seat of Cass county, is one of the finest business centers of its size. People from many parts of the county come to the city to do their shopping and why? Because the merchants carry a complete line of stock of almost everything you may wish to purchase and if he does not have it in stock he will be glad to get it for you in a very short time. It is not necessary to leave our city for the merchants have all the goods you need. People from many parts of the county come to the city to do their shopping and why? Because the merchants carry a complete line of stock of almost everything you may wish to purchase and if he does not have it in stock he will be glad to get it for you in a very short time. It is not necessary to leave our city for the merchants have all the goods you need.

Trading in Plattsmouth brings more for your dollars than trading in any city away from here. Every dollar spent in Plattsmouth is a boost for Plattsmouth as a certain portion of that dollar remains here to build a better Plattsmouth.

Many good reasons can be given for the people of Plattsmouth and the adjoining community, why they should patronize merchants and industries of Plattsmouth. Plattsmouth has a population of four thousand people enjoys many advantages which has been made possible by our merchants and professional men who are our civic leaders. Everything that Plattsmouth enjoys today has been accomplished by them. Its splendid churches, schools, Carnegie library, industrial institutions, good roads and many others are a result of their efforts.

They made it possible for two great railroads to route their main lines through Plattsmouth, for the Burlington Refrigerator Express to locate their shops here where many people are employed.

Their efforts were successful in getting the Norfolk Packing company another large main office, and one of their packing plants here, who operate the entire year and employ many people. Many smaller industries, bakeries, basket factory, creamery, cigars, brooms and many others employ more people. It was their efforts that located the county seat here and the court house.

The efforts secured the Carnegie library with its great benefits to the entire community. They made it possible to get a splendid government post office building and free mail delivery twice daily.

They entered into a contract with the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power company who furnish light, gas and ice to the community, who maintain twenty-four hour service and who also furnish employment. The Platt-

### Beauty Behind Bars



Joan Redell  
Pretty frocks and finery were the passion of Joan Redell, once winner of a New York beauty contest. She was held in Los Angeles, suspected of stealing \$1,200 worth of clothes.

mouth Water corporation furnishes wholesome water for household use and for your fuel protection. A good telephone system, located here and employ many people.

Their efforts in behalf of our school, churches and good government were used and they give much of their time in maintaining civic organization for the very purpose of making a bigger and better Plattsmouth. The railroads, industrial institutions and your merchants make the major portion of all these advantages possible and you can show your appreciation by trading in Plattsmouth.

#### BRIGHTENED CLUB MEETING

The Social Workers' Flower club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger and assisted by Mrs. Walter Martin on Wednesday afternoon, Febr. 13th.

Our club president, Mrs. Evelyn Stamp, fashioned multi-colored crepe paper hats for each member. There were streamered stamens, tri-cornered colonial hats with sweeping plumes and chic overseas caps and tailored rosettes. Numbers corresponding with numbers on the hats were drawn by the members. Then with proper ceremony each member was escorted to the "beauty parlor," where skilled cosmeticians, Mrs. Georgia Creamer and Mrs. Lillian Sack, plied their art. Rouge, lip stick and powder were lavishly applied with amazing results. Under so vivid a mask who could be gay? The return of each one from the "beauty parlor" was greeted with shouts of laughter, as she was acclaimed a second Queen Marie, Gloria Swanson or Mae West.

The meeting progressed merrily and the project lesson for the afternoon borrowed color and spontaneity from the women's cheeks.

A delicious two course luncheon was served by the hostesses. The decorations were in keeping with Valentine's day.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Philip Lepert on Wednesday, March 13th, with Miss Helen Johnson assisting.

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### A CHILD'S LAXATIVE SHOULD BE LIQUID

(Ask any doctor)

For your own comfort, and for your children's safety and future welfare, you should read this:

The bowels cannot be helped to regularity by any laxative that can't be regulated as to dose. That is why doctors use liquid laxatives.

A liquid laxative can always be taken in the right amount. You can gradually reduce the dose. Reduced dosage is the secret of real and safe relief from constipation.

The right liquid laxative dose gives the right amount of help. When repeated, instead of more each time, you take less. Until bowels are moving regularly and thoroughly without any help at all.

The liquid laxative generally used is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It contains senna and cascara, natural laxatives that form no habit—even in children. Its action is gentle, but sure. It will clear up a condition of biliousness or sluggishness without upset. Every druggist has it.

Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN