

COUNCIL BLUFFS OFFICE 15 SCOTT STREET. BOTH PHONES 43. TAX RULING STARTS TALK Officials Think it Will Result in Passage of More Equitable Tax Law. NEBRASKA STATUTE FAVORED Treasurer Says if Railroads Paid Their Share the City Would Have Plenty of Revenue to Maintain the Departments.

The Grand hotel. The program of talks will include the following: "Bee and Bee Culture," Edward Kretschmer of the Kretschmer Manufacturing company. "Things the Commercial Club Should Do," Thomas J. Brundage, president of the Commercial club. "Steamboat Reminiscences in the Days of the Past," James W. H. Brown, secretary of the Commercial club. "The City of Omaha," Captain A. Overton, an old-time steamboat man.

Members of the Commercial club are invited to bring their friends to the meeting and lunch. MINOR MENTION. David, drug. Stockert & Co. carpets. Ed Rogers, Tony Faust beer. Lewis Cutler, funeral director. Phone 52. Woodring Undertaking company. Tel. 23.

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Matters in District Court. The trial of John and George Hatfield, indicted on the charge of assaulting S. V. Dowds with intent to inflict great bodily injury on an entry defendant, was held in court yesterday before Judge Thornell. The alleged assault is said to have been committed during a public dance in the town of Neola, where the Hatfields and Dowds are on the night of November 21 last.

While the defendants charge Dowds with being the aggressor in the assault, yesterday in his opening statement to the jury put forward the claim that as his clients had already been tried and punished for the alleged offense they should not be put in jeopardy of their liberty again. On account of the adjournment of court yesterday afternoon but little testimony for the state was introduced, and the trial will be resumed Monday morning.

Extension ladders, step ladders, straight ladders—all kinds of ladders. C. Hafer Lumber Co., Council Bluffs, Ia. Iowa News Notes. MARSHALLTOWN—Fire in the Bernstein Bros' bottling works at an early hour this morning, causing damage to the machinery, stock and building of \$1,500. The fire was caused by a stove in the building. The property is fully insured.

Talks on Sabbath Schools. Rev. F. F. Fitch of Des Moines, field secretary of the Iowa Sabbath School association, will occupy the pulpit of Trinity Methodist church this morning and will deliver an address in the evening at the First Presbyterian church. A mass meeting of teachers and officers of the Sunday schools of the city will be held at 3 p. m. at the First Baptist church, at which E. R. Jackson, county superintendent of schools, will speak on "What More the Sabbath Schools Can Do Than They Are Doing to Assist the Home in the Teaching and Training of the Youth."

Real Estate Transfers. These transfers were reported to The Bee February 1 by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs. Ernest E. Hart and wife to Council Bluffs Real Estate Improvement company, lots 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Marriage Licenses. Licenses to wed were issued yesterday to the following: Name and Residence. Age. Marie Jensen, Council Bluffs, Ia., 24. Chester A. Hillier, Council Bluffs, Ia., 25. Mad Neufville, Missouri Valley, Ia., 25. Ed Mack, Silver City, Ia., 25. Essie Green, Silver City, Ia., 25. Commercial Club Luncheon. The regular monthly meeting of the Commercial club, with accompanying luncheon, will be held next Wednesday evening at the Grand hotel.

NO COLLECTOR YET NAMED Nebraska Delegation Has Two Sessions, but Reaches No Conclusion. ANOTHER MEETING WEDNESDAY

Confidently Believed that by Then Delegation Will Have Reached an Agreement and Someone Named for Position. (From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—After two conferences extending over a long period of time members of the Nebraska delegation adjourned their caucus at 1:30 Saturday until Wednesday next at 1 o'clock, when they are to select a successor to Elmer H. Stephenson, collector of internal revenue for the District of Nebraska.

At the close of the second conference to-night Representative Hinshaw, secretary of the delegation, announced that no meeting has been reached relative to a plan looking to the distribution of state-wide patronage, but that things looked bright for an agreement next Wednesday. In a vague and mysterious manner the congressman from the Fourth district said he had hoped that the collectorship fight would be settled amicably by "somebody higher in authority." When asked if he meant "somebody higher in authority" to be the president, Mr. Hinshaw refused to say, hiding his mind behind a proper authority and not on the authority of the delegation. I have hopes of a satisfactory settlement of the collectorship matter very shortly.

When the delegation met this morning at 10 o'clock it was known that the fight over the constitution, as the delegation has denominated the plan for patronage distribution, would be on in earnest, and that the report of the subcommittee, consisting of Senator Burdick and Representatives Norris and Boyd would be made, which would develop the strength of the two camps within the delegation. Providing for Both. After some general talk looking to an agreement on the terms of a plan a sudden recess was taken until 1 o'clock this afternoon. The delegation has been in session more than an hour and a quarter when this sudden halt was called in the proceedings and the members mysteriously disappeared. Everybody was sworn in secrecy, but like the secrets of the city today, the secrets here and there a leak was discovered and The Bee correspondent is in a position to say that the recess was taken for the purpose of ascertaining what positions, if any, could be had for either Mr. Rose or Mr. Hammond, whichever should be defeated. Whatever was ascertained, however, is still the property of the delegation, for their information was of a character that could not be divulged at present.

Upon reconvening at 4 o'clock the delegation got down to the real business of making a constitution which shall give the members in the future as to the distribution of state-wide patronage. Two distinct propositions were presented. One by Senator Brown, dividing the state into halves, while Congressman Norris offered a resolution that the state should be divided into districts, each representative and each senator to have one vote. Judge Norris offered this resolution because he believes the western part of the state is not fairly treated in the matter of patronage and that Omaha and Lincoln secure the larger proportion of the patronage, which, according to the representative from the Fifth district, was never contemplated when the state was created, and that an equal division of the patronage is the only square way of securing equal representation in the commonwealth. These two propositions were debated until 7:30 tonight, when the caucus adjourned until next Wednesday. From talks had with the members and in view of the seriousness of the continuation of this fight upon the coming of the caucus there was expressed generally a feeling that the delegation would be able to get together upon harmonious lines and that by next Wednesday they might be in a position to say what compromises would be accepted.

Necessity for Harmony. A national campaign is on in Nebraska and several of the delegation realize the importance of complete harmony in the state. Then there are one or two congressional districts in which there are signs of revolt, and in order to heal the wounds already made it was generally said wisdom to bring this fight to a termination as quickly as possible. In point of fact the president is greatly agitated over the situation and he has tendered his kindly offices to put a stop to dissensions by doing with the aid of placing two camps in the Nebraska delegation. It would therefore seem a good guess to make that Wednesday will see an agreement upon the Nebraska plan for state-wide distribution of patronage and the selection of a successor to Elmer Stephenson. Nebraska's Body Sent to Crete. Governor Smith has cabled from Manila that he has caused to be sent to Crete, Mrs. Jackson, at Crete, Neb., the body of Miss Anna E. Hahn, the American school teacher who was murdered in Batangas. Persons who knew the murdered woman are convinced that the motive of the crime was robbery, as she was known to have considerable money and lived alone. Minor Matters at Capital. John Lane and wife of Wynore, Neb., are visiting in Washington. Nebraska postmasters appointed: Mullen, Hooker county, Clara C. Jeffords, vice J. K. Kudra, resigned. Robert, Hayes county, Elton R. Sagar, vice H. E. Boehm, resigned. Sweetwater county, Theodore E. Olson, vice F. O. Pickett, resigned. Rural carriers appointed for Iowa route: Blencoe, route 2, Ernest Shea, carrier; Walter W. Shea, substitute; Havelock, route 2, William J. Rodda, carrier; May Rodda, substitute; Iowa Falls, route 2, Willie A. Mitchell, carrier; Albert W. McWhirter, substitute.

IT'S TAFT IN SOUTH DAKOTA Both Factions Seek Control, Using His Name as Slogan. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Secretary Taft could not possibly avoid getting the support of South Dakota in the Chicago convention. In all seriousness the statement is made that it is doubtful if there is any way by which Taft could prevent South Dakota from giving him its votes in the national convention. The situation as to the secretaryship in this state is indeed rather laughable. The republican party is divided into two bitterly hostile factions. And for the last three months each of these factions has been straining its lungs to shout the louder for Taft. Senator Kittredge, leader of the state, began the game by declaring for Taft even before President Roosevelt had announced the last time that he would not accept another nomination. And now Governor Crawford, Kittredge's opponent in the senatorial contest, leads his faction in sounding the praises of Secretary Taft. All this has come about because each faction wants the prestige of controlling the March state convention to select national delegates. Such wants a name to confer with. Roosevelt is the charmed

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FLEET AT PUNTA ARENAS American Battleships Reach Chilean Port at 12:50 P. M. MET BY CRUISER CHACABUCO Trip from Rio de Janeiro Through the Strait Made Without Incident—Warships Exchange Salutes. PUNTA ARENAS, Feb. 1.—The American battleship fleet steamed into Punta Arenas harbor today and came to anchor at 12:50 p. m. Almost the entire population had gathered on the hill behind the town and the jetties fringing the water-front to witness the coming of the friendly ships of war, and the Chilean representatives who are here to greet the visitors in the name of the republic and bid them welcome were gathered expectantly on the deck of the Chilean cruiser Chacabuco, lying in the roadstead. The American ships were sighted at 11 a. m., steaming in double column. They came slowly from Possession bay, where they had anchored the night before, and at 12:25 were abreast of the port. While yet some distance away a salute to the port boomed out from the Connecticut, Admiral Evans' flagship, and the Chacabuco replied. The British cruiser Sapho also saluted the Connecticut, which responded in kind, and after the Connecticut saluted the Chilean cruiser saluted the American flag and the Connecticut saluted the Chilean flag. Greeting from Admiral Simpson. Before the arrival of the fleet, a wireless message from the Chacabuco was sent to Admiral Evans by Admiral Simpson, extending a hearty welcome from the Chilean navy to the American navy. Admiral Evans at once responded with many thanks for the message of kindly greeting. The run from Rio Janeiro, whence the start was made on January 22 after the Brazilian president had reviewed the fleet and the Brazilian warships had escorted it to the harbor in the sea, was made with favorable weather and without incident. The event of the voyage was the meeting of the division of the Argentine fleet sent out from Buenos Aires to greet the fleet on its arrival. Leaving Rio Janeiro on the 23d, the fleet took up its four-column formation and proceeded directly south for the Strait of Magellan. On the day of sailing from Rio Janeiro Frank Allen Tew, a sailor, died on board the Maine of peritonitis and was buried at sea the following day. Squadrons Meet at Sea. On the morning of January 26 the fleet came into wireless communication with the Argentine division and in the evening of the same day the four ships of the division were sighted again. The Argentine fleet followed during the night and on the next morning, the U. S. Admiral Evans signalled single column. In this formation, proceeding at ten knots an hour, the fleet was passed by the Argentine vessels at a fifteen-knot speed. Salutes were exchanged and courteous messages passed between Rear Admiral Oliver commanding the Argentine fleet, and Rear Admiral Evans. The Argentine warships were the San Martin, the Belgrano, the Nueve Julio, and the Buenos Ayres. They are fine looking vessels and were well handled. The sight of the two fleets steaming side by side on a smooth sea in perfect weather was a splendid one. After the review the visiting ships turned and disappeared astern. The fleet proceeded to the strait without incident, anchoring at Possession bay last night and arriving at Punta Arenas shortly after noon today. The arrival of the American battleships at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, brings them for the first time to a Chilean port. The Strait of Magellan is by international agreement, neutral waters but the bordering shores of this great waterway are Chilean, except at the eastern most entrance, near Cape Virgins. From Punta Arenas onward the fleet will skirt along Chilean shores, first through the westerly narrows of the strait, and then northward along the thin strip of Chilean territory up to Peru. LaGrippe and Pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar cures la grippe coughs and prevents pneumonia. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. For sale by all druggists. See Want Ads—They bring results.

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