

News from Over the State

Attacks on Revenue Law.

The attacks on the revenue law in the supreme court and the fear of prominent attorneys that the law will be declared unconstitutional, coupled with the further fact that Gov. Mickey has no reason for calling an extra session of the legislature even though the law is declared invalid, has created fears in some quarters for the safety of the state's credit. Under the old law with the seven mill levy, which was created by the last legislature for this one year, with a total valuation of \$188,458,000, the income was \$1,135,721.69. Next year if the old law is in effect the levy will be five mills and it is figured under the same assessment the revenue will be \$376,916 less than last year, leaving a net income from the general fund assessment for the two years of \$1,894,527.38. The appropriations which must be paid from the general fund for the biennium are \$2,854,342.72. This leaves a deficit for the biennium of \$959,715.34. To this must be added the interest on the outstanding general fund warrants for the two years, estimated at \$160,000, making a total increase in the floating debt for the biennium of \$1,119,815.34. The increased appropriations made by the late legislature were based on the new law, which was expected to at least double the total valuation of the state. But in the meantime should the law be knocked out there will be no taxing machinery for the enforcement of the old law, because under the statute relating to elections the section providing for the election of precinct assessors is repealed.

In the meantime personal and railroad taxes will probably not be paid into the treasury by December 1 as anticipated, because the taxpayers are loth to pay until they know for sure that the new law is valid. Under the old law they were not required to pay until February. This, however, will not necessarily discommode the treasury under normal conditions, but the enormous appropriations made by the late legislature has resulted in an unusual issue of general fund warrants, which for some reason their holders are showing an unusual readiness to present to the treasurer.

Beatrice Girl Chokes Mother.

A mild sensation occurred at Beatrice when Len Thompson, a painter, swore out a warrant in police court for the arrest of his daughter, Miss Pleura Thompson, on the charge of assaulting her mother. The affair involves a married man named J. C. Harbert, of Kearney, because he was with Miss Thompson when the trouble occurred. It appears that Harbert arrived in the city and called at the Thompson home. As he and the young woman, who is about 18 years of age, went to leave the premises Mrs. Thompson appeared upon the scene and remonstrated with her daughter, whereupon Miss Thompson choked and struck her mother. Immediately after the trouble the couple disappeared and were not seen again until next morning, when they were arrested as they were leaving a restaurant and taken to the police station.

Burglar Alarm on Rampage.

The alarm recently attached to the vault at the state treasury at Lincoln went on another rampage a few minutes after ten o'clock the other night, scared the wits out of two couples who were enjoying moonlight spoons near the west entrance, dragged residents of the vicinity of the capitol out of bed, gave Night Watchman Van Houtan several visions of handcuffed prisoners and did several other things before the racket was stopped. How it started no one seems to know. The register shows that it was set off from the inside of the vault, probably because a book had been shoved against the sheeting.

Sues an Alleged Thief.

The Farmers and Merchants bank of Byron has begun a novel suit. It is to recover the sum of \$1,000 which it alleges was fraudulently obtained by the defendant, Frank Gordon. Gordon is one of the men arrested on the charge of robbing the Gordon bank and the money is partly that which was found on the premises where he was arrested and partly funds deposited by him in the Shelton bank. It is alleged to have been stolen from the Byron bank.

Incorporate Guessing Company.

The St. Louis Fair Guessing association, of Hastings, which tried and failed to do business under the banking laws of the state has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The association agrees to give away \$25,000 to parties guessing on the number of persons who attend the St. Louis fair on the first day and then to continue in the business at so much a guess.

Ask Place for Nebraska Man.

The republican members of the Nebraska delegation presented the name of Crawford Kennedy, of Lincoln, to Doorkeeper Lyon, of the house, for a position on his roll.

Dietrich Scores Sumner.

In an interview in Washington, Senator Dietrich commented on the report that the grand jury in session at Omaha would in all probability be called upon to consider charges made against him that he sold the Hastings post office appointment. The senator was greatly indignant. He characterized the action of United States Attorney Sumners as malicious in the highest degree and gave reasons for his belief. He stated that for upwards of a year Mr. Sumners had been endeavoring to besmear his character and standing for no other reason than that the senator was supporting another candidate for United States district attorney; that ever since Senator Dietrich had announced that he was in favor of another for the place Mr. Sumners had endeavored to club the senator into submission to his retention in his present office. Senator Dietrich added that threats of like character were made while he was governor of Nebraska by Joseph Bartley, defaulting state treasurer, said Bartley being a bosom friend of W. S. Sumners and whom he believes is inspiring the course now being pursued to employ the machinery of the courts vindictively. "The Hastings post office auction fake," said the senator, "was exploded months ago. Its revival at this time is transparent because the final settlement of the United States district attorneyship fight is at hand."

Boys Fail to Return Home.

The Lincoln police captured the two runaway boys from York, Lester Wiley and Donald McDonald, who were kept over night and owing to their youth were placed in care of the police matron. Each one being searched had a revolver in his possession and when questioned as to who they were and where they came from neither would tell. When information was received by the police from York about two runaways, the boys weakened and seemed very penitent, promising if furnished tickets they would return home where they wanted to go. They were put on the first train to York, and nothing more has been heard from them. Somewhere between York and Lincoln they left the train. They are the sons of well-to-do parents who are anxious to learn their whereabouts.

Held for Abandoning Child.

About two months ago the sheriff at York brought back from Minnesota William Wilkins, who was charged with abandoning his wife and child. He was held to appear before the district court for abandoning his child of eight years. Wilkins was married recently to the present Mrs. Wilkins, who was a widow with seven children, and found that too much to support the family, so he decided to go away and stay for good. One of his stepsons testified that Wilkins had earned good wages at different times and never paid one cent to support the family, and of \$35 which Mr. Wilkins received at one time for money earned he had spent \$20 for livery hire. Wilkins was released on the charge of deserting his wife, but was held on the charge of willfully abandoning his eight-year-old boy.

Survey for Drainage Ditch.

The survey of the Forest City drainage canal near Papillion has been completed and bids will be received for ditching and dredging and for other work connected with making the canal. Two hundred and sixty large cottonwood trees will have to be removed, as they stand directly in the path of the canal. This ditch will be 7 miles long, 6 feet deep, 6 feet wide at the bottom, 12 feet wide at the top and will drain over 5,000 acres of land on the Elkhorn river bottom.

No Extra Session.

Gov. Mickey denied emphatically that he would call an extra session of the legislature in case of an adverse ruling by the supreme court against the revenue law enacted a year ago. "The effect of a decision against the new revenue law," said the governor, "would merely put into effect the old law and no emergency would be created, nor would the taxing machinery of the state be affected. I was misquoted."

Fourth District Fares Well.

Congressman Hinshaw has been informed by the fourth assistant postmaster general that the Fourth congressional district of Nebraska has had more rural free delivery routes established during the past summer than any other district in the United States; that he has now nearly 190 routes in operation, 90 of which were put in since Mr. Hinshaw was elected to congress.

Office Pays Its Way.

The pure food commissioner has demonstrated that his office is not an expense to the state, but rather a paying investment. Since he took charge of the office he has paid into the state treasury \$3,009, while the salary for the entire year will amount to \$2,400, leaving the state just \$609 ahead of the game.

BANDED TO FIGHT VICE.

Over 500 Delegates at Cincinnati to Attend the National Convention of the W. C. T. U.—Gain in Members.

Cincinnati, Nov. 14.—The thirtieth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union began a session of six days here Friday with a very large attendance, the 500 delegates constituting only a small part of the visitors.

The report of Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry, the corresponding secretary, contained the following: "The national organizers report 332 unions organized with 9,547 members. This does not include the work of state or local organizers. The receipts of the Willard Memorial fund were \$4,138.

The report of Mrs. Helen M. Barker, the treasurer, showed the gain in membership for the year was 6,954. The total receipts were \$26,177, and the expenditures \$25,399, the balance on hand being \$778.

FIRE IN A SHALE MINE.

It Baffled All the Efforts of the Employees to Subdue It Yesterday—Eight Men Overcome at One Time.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—Fire of mysterious origin in the shale mine of the Kansas City Hydraulic Press Brick company, at Diamond station, six miles southeast of Kansas City, baffled the efforts of the employees of the mine all day yesterday and last night. It was still burning early this morning. Eight men were overcome at one time in the depths of the mine shaft. They were dragged to the open air in time to prevent suffocation only by the heroic efforts of their comrades. Other men went down through the smoke to fight the fire from time to time. They would stagger up and fall in a dead faint on the brick paving outside. There they would lie and writhe until their lungs cleared.

WOMEN IN THIS CASE.

Irving McDonald, Son of a St. Joseph Millionaire, Slain During a "Lark" with Two Actresses.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 16.—Irving McDonald, a young business man and wealthy, was shot and killed yesterday by J. F. Furlong, a traveling man, whose home is given by him as at 2332 Howard street, St. Louis.

In company with Mrs. Lester Myrick and Grace Holt, of "The Governor's Son" company, and several other friends, Furlong and McDonald went to an Edmond street cafe after the performance of "The Governor's Son." They are said to have been drinking freely, although, so far as any of those supposed to be acquainted with the facts in the case will admit, there was no quarrel while the party remained at the cafe.

NO NEWS OF HUBBARD.

New Yorker and His Party Who Were Exploring the Interior of Labrador Have Probably Perished.

St. Johns, N. F., Nov. 14.—The mail steamer which has just returned here from Labrador brings no news of the expedition to explore the interior of Labrador, headed by Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., of New York, assistant editor of Outing. All the settlers believe the party perished. A tribe of Montagnais Indians, who had been trapping in the interior, recently visited the coast and say they saw nothing of the Hubbard expedition, although the Indians went 150 miles inland.

BIG NEWSPAPER DEAL.

E. E. McJinsey and Other Republicans Purchase the St. Joseph Gazette. Paying \$85,000 for It.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 15.—The Gazette, St. Joseph's oldest newspaper, has been sold by Louis Gaylord and the Kauffman estate to a company headed by E. E. McJinsey, a prominent republican politician whose home is at Maryville, Mo. The purchase price was \$85,000, and the new management will take possession at once. The paper, now a morning democratic organ, will be changed to republican.

FAVOR FOR PHILIPPINES.

Senator Lodge Would Admit Free of Duty All Products of Islands Except Sugar and Tobacco.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Senator Lodge has introduced a bill providing for the removal of all duties from all articles imported from the Philippines into the United States except sugar and tobacco and fixing the duty on those two articles at 50 per cent. of the rate on sugar and tobacco shipped from foreign countries.

Panic in Kansas City Theater.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 16.—A panic at the evening performance of "His Absent Boy" at the Auditorium theater last night was narrowly averted by the prompt action of the managers. Two boys in the gallery came to blows over the possession of a seat and several persons in the gallery shouted "Fight! Fight!" As frequently happens in such instances the spectators in the balcony underneath and those in the parquet mistook the cry for an alarm of fire.

TO FIGHT PANAMA.

Democratic Senators Hostile to Recognition of New Republic.

Will Attack Any Effort to Open Negotiations for Construction of New Canal—Urge the Spooner Act as a Defense for Their Action.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Democratic senators have determined to oppose the ratification of a canal treaty with the new republic of Panama, should the administration enter upon treaty negotiations with that country. The democratic steering committee is said to be unanimous in condemnation of the recognition the United States has given to the creation of a new government on the isthmus. It has been the sentiment of the committee to attack any effort to open negotiations with the new republic and go before the country in support of the Spooner act to show the party is not antagonistic to the building of a canal. It is claimed that the law is on the side of the democratic programme, inasmuch as the Spooner act is a republican measure. This act authorized the president to proceed to the construction of a canal on the Nicaragua and Costa Rica route in the event negotiations with Colombia are not concluded within a reasonable time for the Panama route.

READY TO SHED BLOOD.

Honest Election League of Denver Favors Carrying Winchesters to the Polls That Justice May Prevail.

Denver, Col., Nov. 13.—Citizens of Denver have been advised to use force at the charter election on December 10 next to purify the ballot. At a public meeting called by the League for Honest Elections, facts and figures were presented showing that at recent elections in this city thousands of illegal votes have been counted.

Attorney Ralph Talbot declared in favor of having 100 men, armed with Winchesters go to the precincts in the down-town wards, where crime on election day is rampant, ready to shed their blood for the purity of the ballot at the next election and his suggestion was warmly seconded by Rev. Henry W. Pinkham. Several hundred men and women cheered for several seconds the appeal for an armed force to fight, if need be, for an honest election.

ALONE IN THE WILDERNESS.

Prominent Montana Young Man Has Lost His Way and Friends Do Not Hope to Find Him.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 13.—Llewellyn Roberts, brother of Wynne Roberts, prominently identified with a well-known book concern, is wandering through the mountains in the Owl creek country, starving and possibly dying of exposure and exhaustion. Many already believe him dead. Will Harlan, son of W. E. Harlan, a prominent resident of Como, was rescued by a searching party in a dying condition from exhaustion on the banks of Horse creek along which he had tracked his friend for two days and nights in a vain effort to find him.

SPED THROUGH THE AIR.

Lebaudy Brothers in Their Dirigible Balloon Achieved a Great Triumph, Going 29 Miles an Hour.

Paris, Nov. 13.—One of the greatest triumphs of dirigible ballooning was achieved Thursday by the Lebaudy brothers, whose airship in 1 hour and 35 minutes covered the 46 miles separating Moisson and the Champs de Mars, Paris. The balloon attained an extraordinary high speed, dashing through the air sometimes at the rate of two-thirds of a mile a minute, the mean speed being 29 miles per hour.

Building to Guatemala.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—Herbert F. Johnson, a rich planter from Mexico, says the Mexican Central railroad, a Rockefeller property now running from El Paso, Tex., to the City of Mexico, is building an extension to the Guatemalan frontier. The route selected follows closely the survey made by the Pan-American railway commission a number of years ago.

To Maintain a Lobby.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 13.—The Kaw-Missouri River Improvement commission has raised \$15,000 to be used in keeping men at Washington to try to secure government aid in protecting land adjacent to these streams from overflow.

Grange Convention for the West.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 13.—A resolution was offered in the convention of the National Grange Patrons of Husbandry, providing that the next meeting be held in Iowa or some other agricultural state in the middle west.

Put Croker with Cleveland.

New York, Nov. 13.—Richard Croker was unanimously elected a life honorary member of the Democratic club last night. This honor is shared only by former President Grover Cleveland.

WERE PAYROLLS PADDED?

One Kansan Returns \$90 "Conscience Money" to the State and Says He Forged a Name.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 14.—State Auditor Wells has received \$90 from an unknown person who said he defrauded the state out of the amount during the last legislature. The name of Sidney Blakezman was signed to the voucher for the money. Blakezman was not at any time an employee of the legislature. The writer admits that he secured the warrants of the amount by forging the name of Blakezman. According to some of the state officers there was a wholesale forgery going on in the legislature last winter. It is thought that the payrolls in each house were padded.

KANSAS LEGISLATOR INDICTED.

D. F. Campbell, of Bourbon County, Charged with Collecting Bribe Money from a County Officer.

Oswego, Kan., Nov. 14.—A warrant was issued yesterday on the indictment returned by the grand jury for Daniel F. Campbell, representative from Bourbon county. The charge against Campbell is that during the last session of the legislature he attempted to collect \$100 from J. W. Weaver, clerk of the district court of this county, for having supported and voted for a bill pending in the legislature to increase the salary of Mr. Weaver's office.

Kansas City Took the Honors.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Kansas City carried off the honors in the preparatory school contest in oratory at the University of Chicago last night. Howard Hudson, of the Kansas City High school, won the first place in competition with 17 young men, and Miss Lulu T. Hayes, of the same school, won in the women's class in competition with 20 others from the high schools of four states.

A Fine Hospital to Be Built in Omaha.
Omaha, Neb., Nov. 14.—The Methodist association of Omaha yesterday let contracts for the partial construction of a new hospital to cost \$250,000. The building, when completed, will accommodate 200 patients and will be one of the most modern concerns of its kind in the country. It will be located in Bemis park.

Using Unbiased Text-Books.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 14.—The report of the historical committee to the annual convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy declares that while the schools of the south until a few years ago used biased histories, covering the period of the civil war, several states are now using unbiased text-books.

Ran into a Bunch of Mules.

Shelbina, Mo., Nov. 14.—Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad train No. 16, which passed Shelbina at four o'clock yesterday morning, ran into 24 mules belonging to C. B. Martin, half a mile east of the depot here, killing 13 and crippling three others. The train ran through the bunch without stopping.

Tried to Steal His Child.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 14.—By attempting to steal his child from his wife yesterday afternoon J. Kirby Dodge, of Clinton, Mo., an engineer, came very near being stabbed by his wife and mobbed by a crowd of citizens on the west bluff at Twelfth street.

Was the Jury "Fixed"?

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 14.—Attorney General Crow is diligently investigating rumors that the jury which tried Senator Frank H. Farris was "influenced" to "hang." It will be remembered that four members of the jury voted to acquit.

Must Plead Property Owners.
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 14.—The supreme court has rendered a decision that a telephone company must make its peace with adjoining land owners before using a country road as right-of-way for its telephone line.

Charged with Mobbing a Lecturer.
Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 14.—Several prominent Grundy county farmers, who are accused of mobbing P. A. Zulin for delivering an anti-Catholic lecture, are made defendants in a \$50,000 damage suit.

Bryan to Visit Croker.

New York, Nov. 14.—When William J. Bryan sailed for Europe it was the avowed intention of becoming the guest for at least a week of Richard Croker at Wantage.

Snowstorm General in Illinois.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 14.—Snow commenced falling in central Illinois Friday. Reports from contiguous counties show that the storm is general.

Snow Covers Nearly All Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 14.—The first snow of the season fell here Friday. Reports indicate that the fall covers the greater part of the state.

The First in Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 14.—A light snow fell over the eastern part of Nebraska early Friday, being the first of the year.