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NEILL, NEBRASKA

One of the youngest assistants ever appointed by Vassar college, Miss Babson, who has the distinction of being the champion woman high jumper. Miss Babson was recently appointed assistant to President Taylor, graduate of the class of 1906. Miss Babson made her wonderful jumping record in the class games of 1904, when she cleared the bar at four feet two and a half inches, a full inch above the previous record by a woman. Excellence in athletics, however, is not Miss Babson's only forte, for she obtained the prize for the best class poetess in her class.

James C. Dahman, the mayor of Omaha, was talking about bores. "I used to be pestered to death with a bore," he said. "My doorkeeper was a good natured, obliging chap and he could not get it in his heart to turn the bore away. One day, after an hour's martyrdom at the man's hands, I determined to end that persecution. So I led my doorkeeper and said to him sternly: 'Jim, do you know what a bore is?' He said 'No, your honor.' 'Well, Jim,' said I, 'he's your job.' From that day," Mayor Dahman concluded, "I saw no more bores."

When the French government is lauded for having inaugurated a campaign against gambling houses it must be remembered that it is taking action only against clandestine ones. The municipal gaming houses which flourish in the city of Paris are not the resorts for foreigners which exist in order to provide municipal funds. At such places the casino, with its gambling privileges, is left to some speculator, and between it and the Monte Carlo establishment the distinction is that whereas there is cheating at the latter, this can hardly be said of the former.

Honor Brune, an Italian inventor, whose name is associated with wireless telephony, has perfected another device in swift electric communication. His new invention is one for sending phonetic and telegraphic messages simultaneously along the same wire by means of an arrangement setting in motion electric waves of varying intensity which neither overlap nor mingle. The control is so complete that messages can be exchanged between any two points, notwithstanding that other communications intervene.

Lower marriages, fewer births and fewer deaths among the English and Welsh, as compared with the former. In these countries there are 600,000 males and 17,600,000 females. Thirty-five years the marriage rate decreased 22 per cent, and there has been a steady rise in the ages at which marriages have taken place. In 1905 77.8 bridegrooms and 217 brides, 1,000 were minors; in 1905 these figures were respectively 43.8 and 146.9.

Educational plans credit the report of Andrew Carnegie and his colleagues as behind the announced incorporation of the Andrew Carnegie university at Chicago, which is to be the site of the new institution. The plan is to establish a university for the teaching of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, science, arts, law, theology and all kind of branches of learning, and that it will not be conducted for profit.

The latest novelty in bazaar attractions is that introduced by the Springfield Wesleyan chapel, Rawtenstall, Lancashire. A wedding cake was cut and in one portion was concealed a knife fashioner. The knife was announced by the bachelors and spinster using the "chunk" containing the argument had the opportunity offered to married free of cost within the twelve months by the Rev. Sonnets.

The most curious story told of old Bunyan's life in Bedford jail is that to pass away his gloomy hours he took out of his stool and with a knife fashioned it into a variety of shapes repeatedly searched his cell for the cause of the music, but when he found them coming he would always face the leg in the stool, and they discovered how the music had been produced.

Elephas, an island in the Malay archipelago, has the distinction of being home of the smallest living reptile in the world, the garter snake. It is extremely diminutive in proportions, as the animal in question, which has some of the characteristics of the buffalo, is called, may be gained in that it is stated that its height at shoulder is only three feet and six inches.

At the top of the dome of London's Criminal courts building is 135 miles of lofty for London. The condemned cell it is 8 1/2 feet high. The main entrance is in the "Recording Angel." The judges in several courts will have telephone connection from the bench with the judge who has the power to regulate the temperature of the room to suit each.

A remarkable court decision in a case, Italy, where Charles Ballori, a tailor, was accused of having two wives on the ground that he had two hearts. Four physicians testified that Ballori had two hearts, the court at once decided that this was a sufficient reason for him to marry women.

In the present time the greatest demand is for autographs of the English celebrities, some of which bring thousands of dollars. Keats and Shelley command such high prices that they are best abroad, where there are more actions. In London, Berlin and elsewhere there are continual autograph fairs during the season.

Hon. Mrs. Beresford, better known by her stage name, "Kitty Gordon," recovered from an insurance company \$5,000 in an English court, the fur coat stolen from her when she was on her way from York to England.

A copy of Goldie's painting of the great St. Francis Xavier—the great apostle missionary to Japan and China in the sixteenth century—has been ordered in London by the Japanese government for the public library at Tokio.

Professor at Berne University is Gertrude Wolke. She is twenty-one and passed all her examinations at the age of 13 with great distinction. Her lectures on physics and chemistry were very fine. In Russia over 15 years ago smokes about 150 cigars a week, according to a British consular report from Poland and Lithuania. One pound of tobacco suffices for 1,600 cigars.

The last six years in the course of twenty-three wars or military and naval expeditions in Asia and Africa, 1,739 British men killed 22,733 wounded.

A PLATFORM WHICH HAS BEEN REDEEMED

Nebraska Legislature Has Stuck Only on Pure Food Bill.

AND THIS ONE MAY FAIL

Expectation Now Is That Adjournment Will Be Friday—Some of the Measures Signed by the Governor.

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—The Nebraska legislature has redeemed every pledge in the republican platform with a single exception. That is in the enactment of a pure food and dairy regulation law. Such a measure has passed the senate and is now pending in the house. It has been so amended by the latter body, however, that it is improbable that it will be accepted by the senate and if the house does not recede the bill may fail. Included among the most notable enactments of the present legislation are the following laws:

Clothing the elective railway commission with power to control corporations. Anti-pass bill. State wide primary election bill. Two-cent passenger fare bill. Making the maximum freight rate on commodities 85 per cent. of rates in effect January 1, 1907. Anti-lobby bill. Employers' liability bill. Compulsory education bill. May Adjourn Friday.

But few measures of state wide interest remain to be acted upon, though, of course, there are many pending which affect various localities and people. The senate is struggling with the appropriation bill, which will probably go through with this work about Wednesday or Thursday, so that if too much difficulty is not experienced in coming to an agreement with the house on the amendments which are being made, adjournment may be expected Friday. Those who are interested in appropriations which have been cut by the senate or on which the senate finance committee has recommended reductions are making a strong effort to have the bills reconsidered or the reports of the committee not concurred in. The senate is disposed to stand firm, however, and keep the expenditures within the estimated revenue, even though some of the institutions are made to temporarily suffer. No legislation in the past has ever exercised such care and the consequence is that the state was laded up with floating debt of \$2,000,000, which is now being paid off by making a special levy of one mill.

Slashing Appropriations. As the appropriation bills were sent out of the house they carried a million more than the estimated revenue and the senate is using the pruning knife with great vigor. Items for permanent improvements are being most savagely attacked, the state asylum being the heaviest loser. Building appropriations aggregating \$180,000 were cut out of the house allowance, while \$50,000 for a hospital for men at the Lincoln asylum was also stricken out. The house gave the Hastings asylum \$25,000 for a tuberculosis hospital, but the senate turned it down, while the Beatrice institute for feeble minded, which wanted \$60,000 for two new buildings was given \$30,000 for one. Other institutions in various portions of the state entered in like proportion.

Governor Sheldon Saturday vetoed his first bill, it being an amendment to the Omaha charter. The governor discovered that the bill confirmed a number of gifts to parts of streets to railroad companies, the legality of which have been in dispute, and he declined to approve it. He has allowed two bills to become laws without his signature, one doubling the allowance of court reporters for preparing bills of exceptions and the other providing that when flasks are shipped, the container and outer package shall bear in large legible letters the words, "intoxicating liquors."

The following bills have been signed by Governor Sheldon:

- H. R. 56—By E. W. Brown. Providing for the cutting of ties to real estate.
- H. R. 73—By Cone of Saunders. Prohibiting the employment of night operators under 21 years of age.
- H. R. 82—By C. C. Cline. Providing no liability for villages from defective sidewalks unless notice is given within thirty days.
- H. R. 146—By E. H. Baker of York. Providing for the county board of supervisors.
- H. R. 156—By Bryan of Burt. Making pig stealing a felony.
- H. R. 207—By C. C. Cline. Giving county boards the right to appropriate land for building dykes, dams or embankments.
- H. R. 228—By Hill. A joint memorial to congress asking for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.
- H. R. 371—By Walsh of Douglas. Making chicken stealing a felony.
- H. R. 406—By C. C. Cline. Creating the office of comptroller of Douglas county.
- H. R. 476—By Lee. Providing that the county board of Douglas county shall provide an office and supplies for the county controller.
- H. R. 486—By Shubert. Appropriating funds received from the government as rental for forest reserves.
- H. R. 12—By Fries. Giving county boards power to levy a tax of from 5 to 25 mills for road improvement purposes.
- H. R. 179—By McMullen. Providing the university regents shall hold open meetings in special sessions.
- H. R. 224—By Pfliger. Limiting the amount of rewards offered by county boards for the detection of criminals to \$50.
- H. R. 277—By E. W. Brown. To provide for the conveyance of the interest of an inmate husband or wife in the hands of his or her spouse.
- H. R. 27—By Thiesens. Permitting mutual fire companies to organize on the basis of the fire of risks as well as the number of members.
- H. R. 106—By E. W. Brown. Making it a felony to have custody or control of burglars' tools.
- H. R. 202—By E. P. Brown. Providing any taxpayer may appeal from the levy made by the county board of equalization.
- H. R. 211—By Gilm. Requires abstractors to give a bond to guarantee the correctness of abstracts.
- H. R. 28—By Jones. Amending the drainage law.

CITIZENS FINED FOR SEINING IN THE ELKHORN
Pierce, Neb., April 3.—Several citizens have been arrested and fined for seining in the Elkhorn river. One market man was fined for selling the fish.

MONEY MARKET.
New York, April 3.—Money steady at 3 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@6 1/4 per cent. Sterling exchange strong at \$4.83, 85@4.87, 10 for demand; \$4.75@4.79, 10 for 60 days.

"IT'S A LIE"; "TAINT"; SOLONS SASS EACH OTHER AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—Stinging personalities were exchanged in the house this morning between Walsh, of Douglas, and Cone of Saunders. The house had under consideration H. R. 25, a bill reputed to be in the interest of an eastern syndicate connected with the Omaha Street Railway company which desires to build a number of interurban lines.

One proposed various amendments, to prohibit stockwatering and merging of parallel lines and requiring connection at terminal points with all companies desiring them. The beneficiaries of the bill did not want any of the amendments. After one had been adopted Walsh moved that the bill and its amendments be indefinitely postponed. This was done.

During the debate that preceded this action Walsh charged that a month ago Cone went to Omaha and told the officers of the grain exchange that he controlled sixty-one votes in the house, thirty-one fusionists and thirty republicans, and that the grain exchange could get nothing through that he opposed. Cone denounced this as absolute falsehood. Walsh retorted and the fuss became so great that Speaker Nettleton had to take the chair and quiet the men.

The senate advanced to the third reading the house bill permitting townships and precincts to vote bonds in aid of railroad construction. The senate passed house bill 220 providing for 1,000-mile books to be sold for \$20, good in the hands of the bearer and for as many fares as he wishes to pay; appropriation bills for the South Bend fish hatchery; the investigation of animal diseases; improvements at the Norfolk asylum; and for a cottage at the Kearney industrial school.

The senate also concurred in the house amendments to the Aldrich maximum rate bill.

HE WINS \$6,000 LIBEL SUIT AGAINST HIM

F. D. Fails Successful in Second Trial of Case Growing Out of Campaign.

Ponca, Neb., April 3.—F. D. Falls has won in the second trial of the \$6,000 libel suit brought against him by T. J. Shebley, of this place.

The action is based on the circulation of campaign matter by Mr. Falls who was republican chairman of the Third congressional district during the bitter fight between J. J. McCarty and Robinson for congress. Shebley had secured affidavits to certain alleged reprehensible acts on the part of McCarty and the congressional committee later made the open charge that the affidavits secured by Shebley had been irregular and were perjured.

Shebley promptly sued Chairman Falls for \$6,000 libel and in the first trial won his case. The matter was taken to the supreme court and the case remanded for new trial on the ground that the burden of proof should be on the defendant to substantiate his claim that the affidavits were perjured. In the second trial the court instructed the jury that the only way it could find for the defendant was if the evidence had shown that these Shebley affidavits were actually secured by fraud. The jury so held and decided for Falls. It is expected the case will go to the supreme court again. Mr. Falls is now a resident of St. Louis, Mo.

NO PICKPOCKET, SAYS CONFIDENCE MAN

Pittsburg, April 1.—"Chappy" Moran, an ex-member of the old Larry Summerfield gang of New York, is in Central station charged with picking the pocket of George B. Squires, a photographer of Allegheny, of \$3 in a crowded street car. Moran, who is known as one of the best confidence men in the United States, denies his guilt.

According to the prisoner he came here a week ago to trim a St. Louis merchant out of \$25,000 by means of the old fake wire-tapping game. The Crescent City Derby run at New Orleans was the race which Moran had convinced the sucker that they could beat. "Chappy" put up at the Fort Pitt hotel with a man who gives his name as William Williams.

They waited for the St. Louis man until late Friday evening and then, seeing that their victim had been lost somewhere between St. Louis and Pittsburg, they became disgusted and got on a drunk. When their money ran out they agreed they started to pick pockets. Moran is disconsolate.

"I would rather be convicted of buncoing somebody than be charged with picking pockets, the lowest graft that is known," he declared. "I cleaned up \$2,500 two weeks ago and went to Syracuse and played it all in on a brace bar bank. Now I haven't got a cent and it looks awful bad for me."

FURNITURE TRUST ADMITS ITS GUILT, SENTENCE DELAYED

Secretary Holbrook Enters Plea on Charge of Acting in Restraint of Trade.

Chicago, April 3.—F. A. Holbrook, secretary of the combination in school and church furniture, who was recently indicted by the federal grand jury on charge of acting in restraint of trade, today entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

Pleas of nolo contendere were entered by the various companies indicted at the same time.

INVENTOR DIES AS RICHES COME

Pittsburg, April 1.—John Brislin, 72 years old, inventor of the modern rolling mill machinery that made possible the great Carnegie fortune, died this morning at an attack of heart disease, brought on by a letter from Andrew Carnegie bearing the news that the old man was about to receive his long delayed reward for his invention.

FAIRBANKS TIES UP WITH BURKETT

Indiana Iceberg Casts Covetous Eyes on the Nebraska Delegation.

BE A SAD AWAKENING

Republicans Are Said to Be Strongly for Taft, but Willing to Give an Attentive Ear to Roosevelt's Wishes.

Lincoln, Neb., April 2.—Vice President Fairbanks is understood to be looking with covetous eyes upon the Nebraska delegation to the next national convention, and has taken steps to place his boom where it cannot be overlooked.

Among the gossips the story is that Senator Burkett is likely to espouse the cause of Fairbanks, but about the only evidence there is in support of this is that all during the last session the vice president was very attentive to Mr. Burkett and that the senator from Nebraska and the first statesman from Indiana became very chummy before the session ended.

The gossip, however, has started a movement on behalf of the square deal crowd to see that the delegation is rounded up for Taft. The big majority of the legislative membership is for Taft, and so are 70 per cent. of the state officers.

Senator Brown is understood to be for the big secretary as his first choice, and is ready to join in any movement to land Nebraska for him. If Roosevelt will indicate his preference it will go with the ruling element in Nebraska politics just now. They say that if Fairbanks believes that the real power is Burkett, he is doomed to a sad awakening.

PULLMAN FARES AND EXPRESS RATES CUT

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—The house passed a bill reducing Pullman fares in the state 33 1/3 per cent.

The senate passed a bill making express companies' charges 75 per cent. of the rates in force January 1 last.

The house this morning devoted practically its entire time to the debate on Senate file 75, the bill permitting interurban railroads to connect with street railway systems.

The opposition claimed that the measure would give the Omaha street railway company a virtual monopoly of the interurban lines of the state. The amendments which will likely prevail provide that there shall be no stock watering of interurban projects, no merger of parallel lines, requiring connections for all companies and specifying that street railroads shall acquire no rights outside of cities and that interurban lines shall acquire no rights within cities.

The house passed the Gibson bill to put brewers out of the retail liquor business.

The senate continues to carve, the slashing of appropriations from the figures fixed by the house continuing today, with the following results: The senate finance committee recommended indefinite postponement of the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the establishment of a tubercular hospital at the Hastings asylum; one appropriating \$20,000 for test borings for oil, gas, etc.; one appropriating \$10,000 to encourage prospecting for coal, and cut the Beatrice feeble minded institute appropriation from \$60,000 to \$30,000.

In the senate the anti-lobby bill passed by a vote of 23 to 11 with the emergency clause.

STATE-WIDE PRIMARY WINS IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—The state-wide primary election bill, the passage of which was promised to the people by the republican, democrat and populist parties, passed the house yesterday afternoon as amended by the senate and probably will reach the governor tomorrow. The vote in the senate amendments stood 62 to 23 against, and only Doran and Wilson of Custer of the republicans were counted with the minority.

TRAVELING MEN WAR ON THE ROLLER TOWEL

National Protective Association Will Seek to Efficace It by Legislation.

Madison, Wis., April 1.—"Individual wipers" is the slogan of the Wisconsin convention of the Traveling Men's Protective Association of America, when it assembles in Madison in April.

The traveling men are becoming fastidious and object to twenty or thirty yards of cotton goods with the ends joined and swung upon a roller as an accessory of the wash rooms in the average country hotel. They are going to bend their energies to work a change by making legislation that the roller towel must go or the country business be boycotted.

GRAFTED SKIN SAVES WOMAN, AGED 106

Philadelphia, April 1.—Skin grafted from two resident doctors saves the wife of Mrs. Sarah Plannery, aged 106, in Hanneham hospital.

She had been badly burned.

KILLS HIMSELF BECAUSE HIS FRIEND DID SO

Fort, Wayne, Ind., April 1.—David P. Murphy, a well known engineer on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, committed suicide today by swallowing carbolic acid.

HALF MILLION I. O. U.'S COMPLICATE COUNT CREIGHTON'S ESTATE

Omaha, Neb., March 30.—Half a million dollars in "I. O. U.'s" form part of the assets of the estate of the late Count John A. Creighton, which is now being settled up by the executors. These bits of paper are made up in several forms, part being in the nature of notes, others a memoranda of loans, while others are mere written "I. O. U." and signed by the borrower.

The money all went to friends of the count when he had staked in various enterprises, probably never expecting to get the money back. The executors find that there are several large amounts of bills receivable, the aggregate of which will make close to a million dollars, and about \$100,000 as doubtful.

There is little doubt but the dead philanthropist knew the exact worth of this paper and carried it simply because of the friends to whom he extended help had refused to accept it without giving some indication of an intention to return the loan.

The complete inventory of the estate will be made to the court within a few days, although no valuation will be placed on the estate. This will be done by regularly appointed appraisers. The amount is expected to reach an amount between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Douglas county will benefit by the law which provides for an inheritance tax to the extent of from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

PLUMBERS "STICK" THE OMAHA BUSINESS MEN

Omaha, Neb., March 30.—The Business Men's association has been "stuck" for \$50,000 as the outcome of the union plumbers' strike. Contracts for a year were entered into with outsiders to some here, and the strike.

Now, however, the master plumbers have deserted the Business Men's association and settled the strike. The association is left "holding the sack" and with the contracted sum to "dig up."

SPRAYING EXPERIMENTS ARE TO BE CONTINUED

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—Congressman Pollard has made arrangements with the agricultural department to continue demonstration work in spraying fruit trees in this district that was begun last year. Samples of sprayed and unsprayed fruit were shown at the state fair last fall which clearly proved the value of this work.

The following orchardists will cooperate with the department in the several counties: Michael Meliza, Verdon; Albert Steak, Burchard; Horace Shafer, South Auburn; Ira E. Atkinson, Havelock; Nelson Overton, Nebraska City.

Experiments will also be carried on the development of an improved variety of corn and also in developing a variety of both wheat and oats that will give a better yield and be rust resistant. Still other experiments will be made with forage crops, summer and winter barley. The former is said to be similar to alfalfa. The following parties will co-operate with the department in these cereal experiments.

Oats—Frederick Scholl, Falls City; E. E. Willis, Waverly; E. G. Judy, Tecumseh.

Emmer, spring and winter varieties—John Gonzalez, Elmwood; J. M. Armstrong, Auburn.

Durum wheat, also winter wheat—Clarence Wiltsie, Falls City; H. K. Farnsworth, Prairie Home; J. C. Walker, Dunbar.

Winter barley—F. W. Chase, Pawnee City.

Corn—Charles Myer, Pawnee City; Charles Brush, Auburn.

AGED COUPLE REUNITED; "HAPPIEST DAY OF LIFE"

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—John Elliott, a South Omaha business man, who had been married 52 years, to Margaret Elliott, his 50-year-old divorced wife, Judge Waters pronounced the ceremony, and when he extended his congratulations the man burst out:

"This is the happiest day of my life. I wronged my wife six years ago, and am glad to make this reparation. We are happy again."

He smiled up into his face in confirmation. The couple's grand children brought about the reunion.

COUNTY OPTION IS AGAIN SENT TO MORGUE

Lincoln, Neb., March 2.—For the fourth time this session, county option was killed in the house yesterday. At the beginning of the session a county option bill was introduced in each house, and in the course of time each branch sent the measure to the morgue. Then a modified bill was introduced in each house and a few days ago the senate killed the one presented to it. The house has followed suit. Both houses have also killed bills for the submission of a prohibition amendment.

The senate refused to appoint a committee to confer with a like committee of the house on a day for final adjournment, thus indicating that members do not expect to get through this week.

ANTI-PASS BILL SENT TO GOVERNOR

Nebraska Legislature Finally Gets Together on the Measure.

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—The senate yesterday afternoon, by unanimous vote, concurred in the house amendments to the anti-pass bill and the measure now goes to the governor for his signature. The bill was passed in its amended form by the house.

The governor has signed the terminal taxation bill.

Appropriation bills were up for consideration in the senate today. The committee on finance reporting back a number of the measures for nearly every one of them being quite heavily cut. The heaviest slash was on the state university, which was cut down \$180,000, one item of \$100,000 for an engineering building being stricken out. An item of \$25,000 for additional land at the Kearney industrial school for boys was also cut out, as was \$9,000 of the \$100,000 asked for permanent improvements at the insane asylum at Norfolk. One appropriation which was recommended for passage without amendment was that of \$1,848.42 to reimburse Thurston county for money expended in prosecuting certain Indians, the resources of the county not being sufficient to stand the draft.

Pure Food Bill Weak.

The house has recommended for passage the pure food bill, but before doing so it amended it so as to still further loosen it up and make it more nearly conform to the national law. When this measure was before the senate, representatives of foods, liquors and medicines made a strong fight on it and succeeded in getting it amended so as to partly conform to their wishes.

When it went to the house they immediately went to work on the members of that body, and the bill comes very nearly sulking them in its present form.

The senate passed a bill prohibiting boys under 18 years of age from smoking and chewing tobacco in public and prescribing a fine of \$10 for two days in custody of the probation officer, or both.

BILL CUTS EXPRESS RATES 33 1/2 PER CENT.

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—In the senate this morning the finance committee reported back the bill for appropriations for current expenses with large amounts lopped off the sums that the house had allowed.

Keifer's maximum rate bill applying to express companies, which reduces all rates uniformly by 33 1/2 per cent. from those in existence on January 1, was passed in the house by the unanimous vote.

The railroad bond bill, No. 528, by Hamer, of Buffalo, went through, 68 to 14. It provides that any township, precinct, village or second class city may vote a subsidy in bonds to a steam railroad as an inducement for constructing a line. This bill repeals house roll No. 31 passed earlier in the session, which took away the privilege.

The telephone lobby has won out through the defeat of Jensen's anti-frank bill. The word "service" is what killed it. The telephone lobby insisted that it meant that no service granted to one company could be denied to another, which would mean compulsory connection. The real intent of the measure was to keep any company from giving free service.

A committee of the house presented the speaker with a fine silver, gold-lined, berry dish and a silver carving set. Speaker Nettleton congratulated the members upon the fact that every pledge made to the people in the election had been kept by them.

COST THIS MAN \$6,000 TO FIRE BOOKKEEPER

Lincoln, Neb., April 1.—It cost R. E. Moore, Lincoln's richest citizen, about \$6,000 to employ as his bookkeeper, Clarence Reckmyer. Mr. Moore turned in an assessment of nearly \$90,000 last summer to the assessor, which figure represented, he said, a fifty per cent. property value, the basis upon which tax matters are adjusted in Nebraska.

Later Reckmyer, who had left Mr. Moore's employ because of some differences of opinion about ethical and financial questions, appeared before the assessor and signed a sworn statement which he said he copied from Mr. Moore's books, showing that in mortgages, etc., Mr. Moore had turned in only a portion of his holdings. Reckmyer demanded an increase of \$60,000 in the Moore assessment. The county officials and the city tax commissioner got together and figured out that Moore had returned a portion of it, but that he should pay taxes on \$400,000 more.

Mr. Moore strongly protested, and after a lot of negotiations it was agreed, today that the assessment should be increased \$200,000, actual value, or \$40,000 taxable value. At the present tax rate Mr. Moore will have to pay \$6,000 additional taxes for last year. He did not admit that he had returned a wrongful assessment, and he had been advised by his attorneys that he could beat it in court, but he said he would rather contribute that much money to the city and county than pose in court as a tax dodger.

MILLIONAIRE REDUCES HIS LIVING EXPENSES

Omaha, Neb., April 1.—"Tax Title" Seaman, the eccentric Omaha man who has a fortune of about \$200,000, and has boasted that it cost him only 15 cents a day to live, has decided that his living expenses are too high for a man of his means and that he must cut them down. He never buys any but second-hand clothing, but he says that this year he shall buy none at all.

Seaman goes to Denver, Kansas City and other places to buy tax titles. He always walks when he goes on these journeys and eats and sleeps at farmers' homes along the way, generally getting food and lodging without paying for them. He lives alone in a little dilapidated one-room hut near Benson, six or seven miles west of Omaha, walking to the city in the morning and back to his home at night.

PAUPER TO LEAVE FORTUNE TO PAUPERS

Omaha, Neb., April 1.—One hundred thousand dollars will be given by Patrick Mulligan, an inmate of the Douglas county poor house, to establish a home in Omaha for old men. This amount has been left to Mulligan by the death of a wealthy uncle, and he has provided in his will that the entire amount shall go to the building and support of a home of this nature.