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The British income tax is not only the heaviest, but the most iniquitous in the world. The three-year average having been done away, a man now is assessed on his profits or gains during the year of assessment. The death duties are a fearful burden on all classes. Since they were imposed in 1894, they have yielded over £220,000,000. Many landed estates have paid twice or three times within five or six years, and the result that they are utterly crippled. Fine houses have gone to ruin, and hundreds of agricultural laborers have been thrown out of employment. For a so-called free trade country, the duties are very high.

Even the kitchen can boast its martyrs. Chief among them was "Cats," chief cook of Conde, who ran himself through the heart with a sword because the fish had not arrived in time for a banquet which his master was giving Louis XIV. Vatel's pareyrie is to be found in the extensive volume of the "Almanach des Gourmands." "So noble a death insures you, venerable shade, the most glorious immortality! You have proved that the fanaticism of honor can exist in the kitchen as well as in the camp, and that the suit and the saucery have also their Cats and their Decluses."

The Argentine government, during the last year, has begun the development of a new petroleum field at Comodoro Rivadavia, on the Bay of St. George, east coast of Patagonia. The first oil bearing stratum was found at a depth of 170 feet in the extensive formation. The government well yields 13 or 14 tons of oil per day, without pumping. The oil is dark brown and very heavy, and seems especially adapted for fuel.

The Floyd county commissioners, it is reported, "have ordered 10 dozen suits of pajamas for the county convicts." Is there another county in Georgia or another penal institution in the United States that condones its prisoners with the fashionable "nighties?" says Savannah News. Who wouldn't rather be a pajamaed prisoner in the Floyd county chain gang than a nightshirt "reeman on the plains of windy Kansas."

No longer is the Bank of England the greatest institution of its kind. In volume of business transacted, at least, it is surpassed by the National City Bank of New York. Rightly millions of dollars rush through this millrace every day, and not one penny is misplaced. The giant safe, which is protected by a door with 24 bolts, contains a fortune of \$98,000,000 in gold and a half billion dollars in first class securities.

The traveler exhibited a peculiar nervousness on seeing the long legged, slim, fierce looking hogs that roamed at will over the country. At length he asked a native sitting on a fence by the roadside: "Aren't these razorback hogs rather dangerous?" "I never heard of none of them doing any harm," remarked the native. "I think they must be safety razorbacks."

A young woman, a public school teacher in a New York suburb, has formed a lunch club for the mothers of her pupils, to assist them in putting up suitable school lunches for their children. She noticed that the majority of her pupils brought a few cents to school each day and with the money bought their lunch at a shop nearby. As a rule they bought the very things they should not have.

The chief justice of the supreme court to Melville W. Fuller, and the associate justices are: John M. Harlan, Kentucky; David D. Brewer, Kansas; Edward D. White, Louisiana; William R. Peckham, New York; Joseph McKenna, California; Oliver W. Holmes, Massachusetts; William R. Day, Ohio; and Charles H. Moody, Massachusetts.

At the battle of Marengo, the French army was virtually defeated; and, while Bonaparte and his staff were considering their next move, Dessaix suggested that there was yet time to reverse the disaster. Napoleon rallied his men, renewed the battle, and won a great victory over the Austrians, though the unfortunate Dessaix lost his own life on that field.

The biggest map in the world will be constructed by the celebration committee on the south side of Queensboro bridge, in New York. It will be 3724 feet long and 69 feet high. The principal towns and cities affected by the bridge will be shown by green lamps, electrically lighted, and at night it can be studied at almost any point along the East river.

His wife's mother had been visiting at the man's house steadily for seven months. On towards Christmas time she said to him: "John, I am going to have my photograph taken as a Christmas gift for you and Minnie. What dress do you prefer me in?" "Your traveling gown, dear mother," the son-in-law replied.

Scotland long ago lost its forests in the time of James VI. It was lamented that the country was almost naked and "money yairs ago spoiled of all the timber within the same." Within the last hundred years, however, great tracts, notably in Perthshire and Forfarshire, that once were bare, have been reclothed with "timber."

Two London cabbies were glaring at each other. "Aw, wot's the matter with you?" demanded one. "Nothing's the matter with me, you blooming fool!" "You give me a narsty look, but I don't get the first." "Me? Why, you certainly 'ave a narsty look, but I didn't give it to you, so 'elp me!"

The rise of banking in London may be said to date from 1672, when the king confiscated the amounts outstanding at the credit of the wealthy goldsmiths, said Charles Warh, recently speaking at the London institution.

India's accumulated hoards of wealth locked up in strong iron boxes and secreted, amount to \$1,500,000,000, and this vast sum is being expended annually to the amount of \$50,000,000.

The island of Mauritius has a new industry, the manufacturing of oil from pineapples. It sells for 2 cents a quart and is useful as a substitute for 3rd and inferior olive oil.

GOVERNOR WILL APPOINT BOARD UNDER NEW LAW

Will Name New Normal Board—March 30 Will Be Date of Adjournment.

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—The house in committee of the whole, yesterday afternoon voted to abolish the requirement that foods sold in packages must be branded on the outside of the packages with the amount of the net weight or volume. It was amended to provide that amount of contents need not be stated, but if stated such statement must be correct. The intention of Governor Shallenberger was behind the amendment, which carried by a party vote.

The senate recommended for passage the Byglund bill, H. R. No. 23, providing that county commissioners shall be elected from districts instead of by the entire county. It also recommended for passage the Talcott bill, H. R. No. 286, providing for the appointment by the governor of a new normal board of five members.

The committee of the senate appointed to meet with a like committee from the house and confer on a day for adjournment reported that March 30 had been agreed upon. The senate decided that it could not finish business by that time, and instructed the committee to confer again. The house had already adopted the report.

NEBRASKAN GOES TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Washington, March 30.—Several important changes affecting the personnel of the interior department were yesterday announced by Secretary Ballinger. Joseph R. Webster, of Nebraska, was appointed an assistant attorney in the office of the secretary at a salary of \$2,750. Fred H. Barclay, of Wyoming, was promoted to be assistant attorney in the office of the assistant attorney general at \$2,500 per annum.

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—Joseph R. Webster, appointed yesterday to be assistant attorney in the office of the secretary of the interior, is a pioneer settler of Nebraska and still claims Lincoln as his home, although employed in the government service at Washington for a number of years. He was attorney general of Nebraska in the early days of the state, and has been a leader in the councils of the republican party since the close of the civil war.

FIND BUFFALO HEAD FAR UNDER GROUND

Norfolk, Neb., March 30.—A bulldozer dug up out of the earth a Norfolk houseyard Thursday afternoon. It was at the home of Frank H. Beels, Sixth street and Parkside avenue, and eight feet underneath the surface of the earth that the head of the animal, once a rover of these plains, was found. The horns on the head measured 13 inches across.

WIDOW ASKS \$50,000 OF RAILROAD COMPANY

Emerson, Neb., March 30.—The widow of Eremann Stouffer, who was killed in the railroad wreck at Thurston several weeks ago, has sued the railroad company for \$50,000 damages.

QUARREL OVER FENCE LEADS TO MURDER

Grant, Neb., March 30.—Advices from the town of Phoebe, in this (Perkins) county, say that James Jones and Joseph Rowley, neighboring ranchmen, quarreled yesterday over a division fence and Jones shot Rowley, killing him almost instantly. County authorities here were notified and the sheriff was asked to take up the pursuit of Jones, whom it was alleged, had fled to Chase county following the killing.

EX-STATE OFFICER IS FOUND DEAD

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—Frederick W. Miller, of Falls City, Neb., until recently deputy secretary of state for a number of years, was found dead in a room last night at the Royal hotel. He had locked himself in the room on Wednesday and the exact time of his death is unknown. His death is declared, was due to natural causes. He was a man of considerable prominence in the state for many years.

THIEVES CARRIED STRONG BOX AWAY

Ewing, Neb., March 30.—All efforts to secure a trace of the parties who robbed J. E. Bauer, an old farmer, aged 70, living near here, have failed, although it is suspected that local talent did the work.

TEXAN FLIES IN AEROPLANE 30 MINUTES; GOES 12 MILES

Galveston, Tex., March 30.—Prestley E. Newman, of Boxer county, made a successful flight in his aeroplane, remaining in the air 20 minutes. The machine carrying its inventor, rose to a height of about 150 feet and covered a distance of 12 miles over a prairie. Newman appeared to have perfect control of the airship and circled around with apparent ease. He said he could have remained in the air longer but for some of the machinery being a little stiff.

MAN CONFESSES TO MURDER OF HIS COMPANION

Chased Across Continent, Murderer Admits Killing for Small Sum of Money.

Valentine, Neb., March 29.—The mystery attaching to the murder of Fred Smith, of Grafton, Neb., last October, was cleared yesterday when James Story, of Douglas, (Wyo.) confessed to the sheriff and county attorney that he shot and killed Smith and robbed him of \$45 in cash and a certificate of deposit for \$340. The certificate he subsequently destroyed. The intention of Story was to get the money and travel together and he shot his companion while he slept and threw the body to the Niobrara river, where it was found a few days later. Story was captured after a long chase at LeGrand, (Iowa), but protested his innocence until yesterday.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—The house this morning, by a vote of 52 to 41, passed a bill granting municipal suffrage to women. The senate has killed a similar measure. The democratic majority redeemed another platform pledge this morning by passing a bill appropriating \$100,000 for an agricultural school in western Nebraska, and gave \$2,000 to the Corn Improvers' association to pay the expenses of lecturers and printing of reports.

Another bill passed provides for the summoning of a grand jury in each county. The senate passed the Donahoe bill placing all public service corporations under control of the state railroad commission. The Leitch bill making the supreme court clerk a salaried office at \$4,000 a year, and two deputies at \$2,500. Also the Ketchum bill establishing a state dispensary hospital, and agreed to leave the South Omaha Stock Yards company's railroad property out of those to undergo physical valuation.

AUTOMOBILE DEALER TAKES OWN LIFE

Hastings, Neb., March 29.—William Brummel, 44 years old, a dealer in automobiles, was found dead Wednesday night in his bachelor apartments over his garage here. He was hanging in a noose made of burlap covering for automobile tires, and it is supposed that he hung himself not later than last Friday night. Financial difficulties made him despondent and he contemplated never expressed his intention of committing suicide.

Ten days ago Brummel received a shipment of automobiles, for which he hoped to find a ready sale. One or more cylinders in each car was broken in transit, by freezing water having been left in them when they were shipped from the factory. The defects in the cars caused Mr. Brummel to brood, for they either delayed or prevented negotiations for several sales.

BIGAMIST, PARDONED, PROMISES SUPPORT TO FIRST PARTNER

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—Governor Shallenberger today paroled Bigamist Fred Vaughn out of the Nebraska penitentiary. His first wife is living in poverty in this city. Vaughn promised the governor that he would support her and not take on any more wives.

PRISONER ATE THE ELECTRIC LIGHT GLOBES

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—Wilber Warner, a broken-down vaudeville performer, literally chewed his way to freedom today.

WIRELESS WARNS LINER OF A GIANT ICEBERG

New York, March 29.—The North German Lloyd liner Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which came into port from Bremen, received a wireless message from the White Star liner Baltic, which said: "Look out. There is a big iceberg ahead."

At about 3 o'clock in the morning the lookout on the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm reported a bright light on the starboard bow. When it was nearer it was seen to be the iceberg in question. Captain Frelm estimated it as 1,000 feet long and 400 feet high. The temperature of the sea through which the liner was steaming took a sudden drop and the cold water meeting the warm hull of the vessel produced a sea that fairly boiled.

YOUNG GRAFTER MUST PAY PENALTY FOR FUN

New York, March 29.—George Cheever, son of a former chief of police of Andover, Mass., who has been posing as a Yale man, was arraigned in court today and held in \$2,000 bail for trial on a charge of forgery. Cheever, who is 24 years old, is said to have obtained something like \$20,000 in the last six months by forged checks, mainly from the fathers of college men. He boasted to the press that he had spent \$5,000 in a few months entertaining chorus girls and playing the races.

One of his boldest presumptions happened in April, 1907, when he entered Chicago in a special train he had chartered in Denver, Colo. He got the train through posing as a stepson of Vice President Fairbanks. He was arrested, but the railroad officials refused to prosecute and he was discharged.

PADEREWSKI, SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM, TO RETURN TO EUROPE

New York, March 29.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, has cancelled the 10 remaining engagements of his projected tour and will return immediately to Europe. The rheumatism in his right arm, which compelled him to discontinue his tour at Minneapolis, has grown worse and upon his physician's advice he will stop playing for a month or more.

NEW BILLS ARE TABOOED BALANCE OF THE SESSION

Sitting Committee Makes a Cut Off—Suffrage Measure Lacks Votes.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—Committees from each house of the legislature met Wednesday afternoon and agreed that, beginning this morning, neither house should take up for consideration any more of its own bills. Both houses approved the agreement.

In committee of the whole, the house recommended for passage the bill granting to women the right of franchise in municipal elections. A similar measure has already been killed in the senate. The senate took the Howard house bill, providing for a constitutional amendment allowing women the vote, from the sitting committee and advanced it to third reading. It only has 19 votes, however, and 20 are required to pass a constitutional amendment bill.

The senate also reconsidered the vote by which it had killed the Shoemaker house bill providing for the submission of an amendment relating to citizenship. This bill provides that foreign born men may vote upon making their declaration of intention to become citizens, but if at the expiration of five years, they have not completed their citizenship, the franchise right is to be lost. When this bill was being considered in committee of the whole, Brown had tacked on an amendment cutting out the word "male" and this left it a woman suffrage bill. As such it was killed, but by the action taken yesterday it was revived, and it is thought that, without the amendment, it can pass.

Appropriation bills were considered by the senate, and a number recommended for passage. Among these were the bills appropriating \$40,000 for a new building at the Peru normal; \$50,000 for a new wing to the Kearney normal; \$70,000 for two new buildings at the Beatrice institute for feeble minded.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—Lincoln's new charter, giving it a commission form of government, was beaten yesterday by Douglas county delegates, and today Lincoln's delegation mustered enough votes to prevent the South Omaha charter from getting through with the emergency clause. Senator Tanner, its author, says this practically makes the bill no effect.

The house recommended for passage a bill inspecting all beer sold in the state, charging 1 cent a gallon as fees. It creates one chief and four deputy inspectors, with salaries of \$2,000 and \$1,200 respectively.

The house passed S. F. 18, creating a state board of osteopathy, and H. R. 479, firing the state board of health secretary, now republican, out of office in July and empowering the governor to appoint a successor.

The senate killed the woman suffrage bill passed by the house, 15 to 15, and passed bills appropriating \$40,000 for the Peru normal, \$70,000 for the Kearney normal and \$50,000 for the Beatrice institute, all for new buildings, and \$5,000 for an experimental farm in western Nebraska.

It also passed a bill allowing national banks to reorganize under the state bank guaranty law, which was signed by the governor today.

SHIPPERS WILL CONFER ON COMMERCE RULING

Omaha, Neb., March 27.—A call has been received in Omaha for a meeting of Missouri river valley shippers, to be held in Kansas City, to discuss the recent ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission on rates to western points, which it is said is in the interest of Chicago and St. Louis at the expense of Missouri river points. The call for the meeting has not been made public, and its date has not been announced.

It is intended to keep the matter as quiet as possible. Omaha will be represented at the meeting, which is called for the purpose of talking over the situation with a view to determining whether or not any action should be taken. It is contended the ruling will take a large section of western Nebraska and Kansas and Colorado and Wyoming out of the trade area of Kansas City, Sioux City and Omaha and give it to Chicago and St. Louis. The ruling was issued at the instance of Denver.

ROBBERS HOLD UP AN OMAHA STREET CAR

Omaha, Neb., March 27.—Three men held up a Farnum street car shortly after midnight last night, and took the conductor's watch and about \$11.50 in money. They were so quiet that the passengers were sleeping and did not notice anything unusual was taking place. After the valuables were secured the robbers rang the bell and stepped off the car into the darkness.

CROWN PRINCE OF SERBIA RENOUNCES HIS RIGHT TO THRONE

Belgrade, March 27.—George, crown prince of Serbia, has renounced his right of succession to the Serbian throne. The action is the result of a bitter press campaign in which the crown prince is accused of the recent death of his servants, a man named Kokovitch.

In a letter to Premier Novakovich this morning the crown prince announces he has taken this step rather than rest under suspicion of having murdered his servants; that by the renunciation he foregoes all special privileges and the immunity that attaches to the person of heir to the throne. He expresses a willingness to go abroad for a lengthy sojourn.

WEALTHY WIDOW ELOPES WITH A PRINTER OF 67

Aurora, Ill., March 27.—Mrs. Mary J. Gray, Aurora's wealthiest woman, eloped to Freeport last night with D. W. Tyrrell, 67 years old, a DeKalb printer, and married. Mrs. Tyrrell was a widow of Virgil Gray, horse trader, who amassed a fortune.

HOG CARVER IS CLEARED OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Chicago, March 27.—Patrick Brennan, president of the Independent Packing company, charged with cruelty to animals in that he allowed branding hogs with a scorching knife instead of tagging them, was found not guilty by a jury in the municipal court today.

GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BANK DEPOSIT INSURANCE BILL

Redeems One of the Principal Pledges of His Party—Adjournment Talk.

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—Governor Shallenberger yesterday afternoon signed the bank guarantee bill, house record No. 432.

Upon motion of Diers, a committee of three, consisting of Diers, Tibbets and King was appointed to confer with a like committee from the house on the subject of legislation. It was the sense of the senate that after today that body should take up no more of its own bills and that the house should consider no more house bills. The arrangement on this matter, however, was left to the committee. The senate has not yet decided when it will be ready to adjourn, but the house has accepted the committee recommendation for March 30. It will begin today to hold night sessions.

The senate in committee of the whole recommended for passage five appropriation bills including that for \$75,000 to aid weak school districts to hold five months' school annually. The South Omaha charter bill, the indefinite postponement of which almost defeated the bank guarantee bill, was reconsidered in the house committee of the whole Tuesday afternoon and recommended to pass. The Lincoln charter bill, which has been antagonized by Mayor Brown, was also recommended to pass. It was amended, however, so as to provide that a special election shall be held within 30 days after it goes into effect.

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—The senate today passed a bill providing for a state grain market, prohibiting the sale of cocaine or morphine save on a physician's prescription, and allowing county boards to appropriate \$1,000 to conduct an experiment tract by agricultural school in western Nebraska. A big scrap came up over a bill to appropriate \$1,000 a year to distribute reports of exports in corn culture and to pay expenses of lecturers. Heffner, a farmer member, led the fight against the bill. He said most of the experts were frauds and that the farmers were solving the seed corn question satisfactorily. The bill was recommended to pass.

Attorney General Thompson today gave the railroad commission an opinion that no telephone company could give different rates for the same service without subjecting itself to the penalties of the general discrimination law. The case came up from Alma, where former owners were being served for less rate than the public. The morning session of the house came to a close with a fist fight between Shoemaker, of Douglas county, and Taylor, of Custer. The only blow landed was by Taylor, and his fist fell full upon the cheek of the Omaha attorney. The municipal suffrage bill was under discussion and Shoemaker, speaking in opposition, made a remark about the attitude of women toward gambling which led the peppery Custer county man to ejaculate that if women favored gambling Shoemaker would be supporting the bill. Shoemaker applied an offensive epithet and followed it up with calling Taylor several names. "I won't stand for that," yelled Taylor and made for him. Members separated the two men before any further exchanges.

WILL NEW EXECUTIVE NOTICE THE TRIPLET?

Beatrice, Neb., March 25.—Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Falk and the proud parents of triplets, three boys, born Sunday afternoon, formed and weight eight, seven and six pounds, respectively.

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOCATED AT WINNEBAGO

Winnebago, Neb., March 25.—This place has been chosen as the location for a large Catholic boarding school under the direction of Mother Katherine Drexel, founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARDON IS DUE FOR WOMAN SHOPLIFTER

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—Mrs. Mildred Boles is to escape the year in the state penitentiary sentence given by the Lancaster district court for shoplifting. The prison doctor certifies that the woman has so acute a sense of the shame and humiliation that has come upon her by reason of her crime, that she is unable to sleep nor eat but a little. The doctor has informed the governor that he believes her health will be permanently impaired if she is longer confined in the penitentiary. The governor will give her a pardon Monday.

FREMONT DOESN'T WANT STATE TO BUY THE WAYNE NORMAL SCHOOL

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—A delegation of prominent citizens of Fremont is here to endeavor to convince the governor that he ought not to sign the bill appropriating \$80,000 to buy the normal school at Wayne. Up at Fremont there is a big private normal school run by Professor Clemmons. It is the apple of the eye of Fremont merchants. They figure that if it wasn't for the normal, there would be a whole lot of Fremont, and the dry goods and groceries trades would be in bad shape. The competition of the Wayne normal, when the late Principal Pyle was in his prime, was vigorous, but in recent years the Fremont school has been forging ahead. The argument used by the Fremont business men was that if the state took hold of the Wayne school, it would mean the extinction of the school at Fremont. In time, as it could not compete in the territory from which both would draw their pupils, where the state paid most of the bills. As Fremont doesn't want the normal put out of business, it is urged that if either should be purchased by the state or the Wayne normal proposition passed up.

BOY WEDGED IN FUNNEL, NARROWLY MISSES DEATH

Norristown, Pa., March 26.—Raymond Marple, 11 years old, was playing in the hayloft of his father's barn, at Hickorytown, when he fell headlong down the narrow funnel to the feeding bin, in which he became so tightly wedged that he would have died from suffocation had not a stable man heard his muffled cries for help.

The funnel had to be broken before the unconscious boy could be gotten out. It was at first thought that his neck was broken.

He Could Not Swim.

From the Cleveland Leader.
Mrs. McCarthy's husband went out in a boat alone, the boat overturned and he was drowned. A friend met her some weeks later.

"I hear," said he, "that Pat left you very well off—that he let you \$29,000."

"True," said Mrs. McCarthy; "he did."

"How was that?" asked her friend. "Pat couldn't read nor write, could he?"

"No," said Mrs. McCarthy, "nor swim."

BANK GUARANTY IS ALL READY FOR THE GOVERNOR

House Fights Senate Amendments, but Finally Agrees and Passes Them.

SENATE AGREES TO ADJOURN APRIL 3.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—The senate has agreed upon Saturday, April 3, as a date for adjournment. This will mean that the upper house will work a week longer than the limit for which pay can be drawn from the state. The law has set the time for the session at 60 days and this will expire next Friday. The bourbon members of the upper house have held a consultation in this matter and it has been conceded that the work cannot be completed before the time. No official action has yet been taken by the senate, but the democrats are agreed on the time set.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—The senate committee of the whole yesterday recommended for passage the King bill amending the pure food law, so that the contents and the weight or volume must be stamped on the outside of all food packages. At present the law requires that the contents weight or measure, shall be printed on the Food Commissioner Mains appointed by Governor Shallenberger has construed this to mean that if the name of the contents is printed on the package, it is not necessary to so state the weight or volume.

J. W. Johnson, the former commissioner, ruled that both the contents and the weight or measure must be stated and as a consequence the cracker trust and some other big institutions quit doing business in the state. Since the Mains ruling, the trust has again placed their products on the Nebraska market.

The bank guaranty bill was considered in the house yesterday afternoon, and a warm argument was engaged in in the senate of the afternoon. Taylor bitterly attacked these amendments, but they were adopted by the house and the bill is now ready for signature.

The house passed bills establishing a claims bureau with the state railway commission, creating a commission of state officers to fix rates to be charged by bonding companies, giving the governor the power to appoint the secretary of the state printing board.

The joint committee to fix a date of adjournment reported in favor of March 30, but the senate decided this was too early and took no action. A bill putting sheriffs on a fee basis was passed.

Senate file 346, requiring the net weight and contents of a package to be stamped on the outside, was recommended preliminary to killing it. In committee of the whole the senate recommended to pass bills establishing grain warehouses under state control, prohibiting the sale of dope unless by prescription, and appropriating \$5,000 for an experiment station in western Nebraska.

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ALTERNATIVE WILL IS GAMBLING ACT

Verbal Contract Is Not Binding as Against a Subsequent Conveyance by Will.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—A promise mutually made by husband and wife that they will make their wills in favor of each other, so that the survivor may enjoy the separate property of both, is a gambling contract, contrary to public policy and incapable of enforcement by a court of equity.

Sir Judge Cornish decides in the case brought by Mrs. Jennie Brown, widow of a former lawyer and banker, E. E. Brown, to require his estate to perform a specific contract embodied in the proposition laid down above. Mrs. Brown told the court that Mr. Brown made her the proposition some years ago. Each had about \$100,000 worth of property. The wills were made.

Last fall Brown was visiting back among friends and relatives in Indiana. He fell sick and died before his wife could reach him. Before death he made another will giving all he had to the relatives. She sought to enforce the contract, but the court holds that to permit a will to be set aside by oral evidence of a different method of disposing of a property would be to open all estates to being raided.

There are villages in the Alps and Pyrenees where electric power is so cheap that it does not pay to turn off the lights on leaving a room.