

IN THE MATTER OF TAXES.

Omaha Bee: In blowing off the top of its state campaign, the World-Herald resorts to an expose of tax rates in Nebraska, and without explaining why, sets out a comparison between the days of John Henry Morehead and the present state administration. It adroitly conceals all the facts in the case, save the one that more money is collected now than during the years of Morehead or Neville. This is purposely done to create the impression that the McKelvie administration has been extravagant.

Let us take a peep under the surface. According to the figures used by the World-Herald taxes in Douglas county for the last eight years totaled:

1913 Under Morehead	.....\$357,470.23
1914 Under Morehead	.....365,333.04
1915 Under Morehead	.....327,486.18
1916 Under Morehead	.....314,223.03
1917 Under Neville	.....457,075.60
1918 Under Neville	.....436,664.59
1919 Under McKelvie	.....776,073.44
1920 Under McKelvie	.....733,363.63

It will be noted that the tide began to rise with the passing of Morehead and the coming of Neville. Taxes under Morehead were collected entirely on a prewar basis, and for that reason no comparison can fairly be made with the McKelvie totals. It will be noted that the sum set down for the second year of Neville' term is \$296,699.04 less than for McKelvie's second year. Now, consider that for 1920 the increased levy in Douglas county for normal school purposes was \$8,953 greater than in 1918; for road building, \$140,289; and for a new capitol \$89,547, a total of \$238,789. This reduces the excess to \$57,910.04, an increase of about 12 1/2 per cent for 1920 over 1918. In the light of everything else, is that excessive?

What housewife but knows that the cost of living has increased far above 12 1/2 per cent in 1920 over 1918?

What is true of Douglas county is doubtless true of the other counties selected by the World-Herald to illustrate its thesis and so for the state. Taxes have increased in Nebraska, just because special levies have been made for specific purposes. The World-Herald has pleaded as persistently, and perhaps as effectively as the Bee for good roads; it surely can not now complain that the money is being raised to provide these good roads. As to the normal schools, the same is true. John Henry Morehead was opposed to erecting a new state house when he was governor; he has not voiced his opposition since he retired from office, so that it may be surmised that now he really favors the plan. This accounts for another large sum in the increase. The rest is chargeable directly to the increased cost of doing business.

Not a state institution can be managed on so little money as when Morehead was governor; supplies of all kinds cost more; it has been necessary to increase the pay of all employees of the state in order that they might live. The World-Herald knows this. It also knows that the salaries of the elective state officers are the same now as in 1913, and therefore no charge can be laid against them of piling up a big bill of expenses. Fewer names are on the pay roll than were there when Morehead was running things, another point that should not be overlooked.

As to the great reduction in expenditures made during the second term of Morehead's administration, it was on paper only. People yet recall with great disgust the quarrel

between the governor and State Treasurer Hall, because the latter would not turn over the fees collected by that famous drug and food department, because the legislature had not appropriated the money and the constitution said it should go into the treasury. The item was left out of the appropriation bill that the democrats might make a pretense of economy; it required an order of the supreme court, at the expense of the constitution, to help Morehead out of the hole. He ought not to brag about such "economy" while the record stands as it does.

Finally, the acid proof of the whole proposition is the tax levy. Here it is for Douglas county for the last three years:

	1918	1919	1920
General Fund	.....3.00	4.80	3.44
University	.....1.00	1.00	1.00
University Building	.....0.75	0.75	0.75
University Activities	.....0.75	0.75	0.75
Normal	.....0.85	1.00	1.00
Bridges	.....0.20	0.20	0.15
Institution Improv.	.....0.48		
Roads	.....0.65	3.00	2.20
Capitol	.....	3.00	2.20
Totals	.....7.68	13.00	10.39

It will be noted the increases are for the specific purposes of roads, capitol building and normal schools, with a rise of less than one-half mill in the general fund for 1920 over 1918.

Just a little examination takes the stuffing out of the straw man the World-Herald has set up.

A HOPEFUL SUGGESTION.

Country Gentleman: "My niece plays the piano entirely by ear," proudly said Farmer Bentover.

"They say Dr. Croak is real good on all kinds of ear trouble," remarked Farmer Field.

NOTHING ELSE TO DO.

Columbia State: At a ball game between a South Carolina negro team and a visiting team of similar color a negro preacher was acting as umpire. The pitcher had gone rather wild, and had permitted all the bases to fill. Another man came to bat, and the nervous pitcher shot one over. "Ball one," yelled the ump. The pitcher tried again. "Ball two," was the decision. Another effort by the hurler. "Ball three," said the umpire. The pitcher saw the predicament, and made one master effort to save the day.

"Ball four," yelled the ump, "and the man's out."

"How come, I see out?" inquired the enraged batter.

"I see repelled to put you out, nigger. Don't you see dar's nowhere else to put you?" reasoned the umpire.

LITTLE LECTURES OF GINGER JIM



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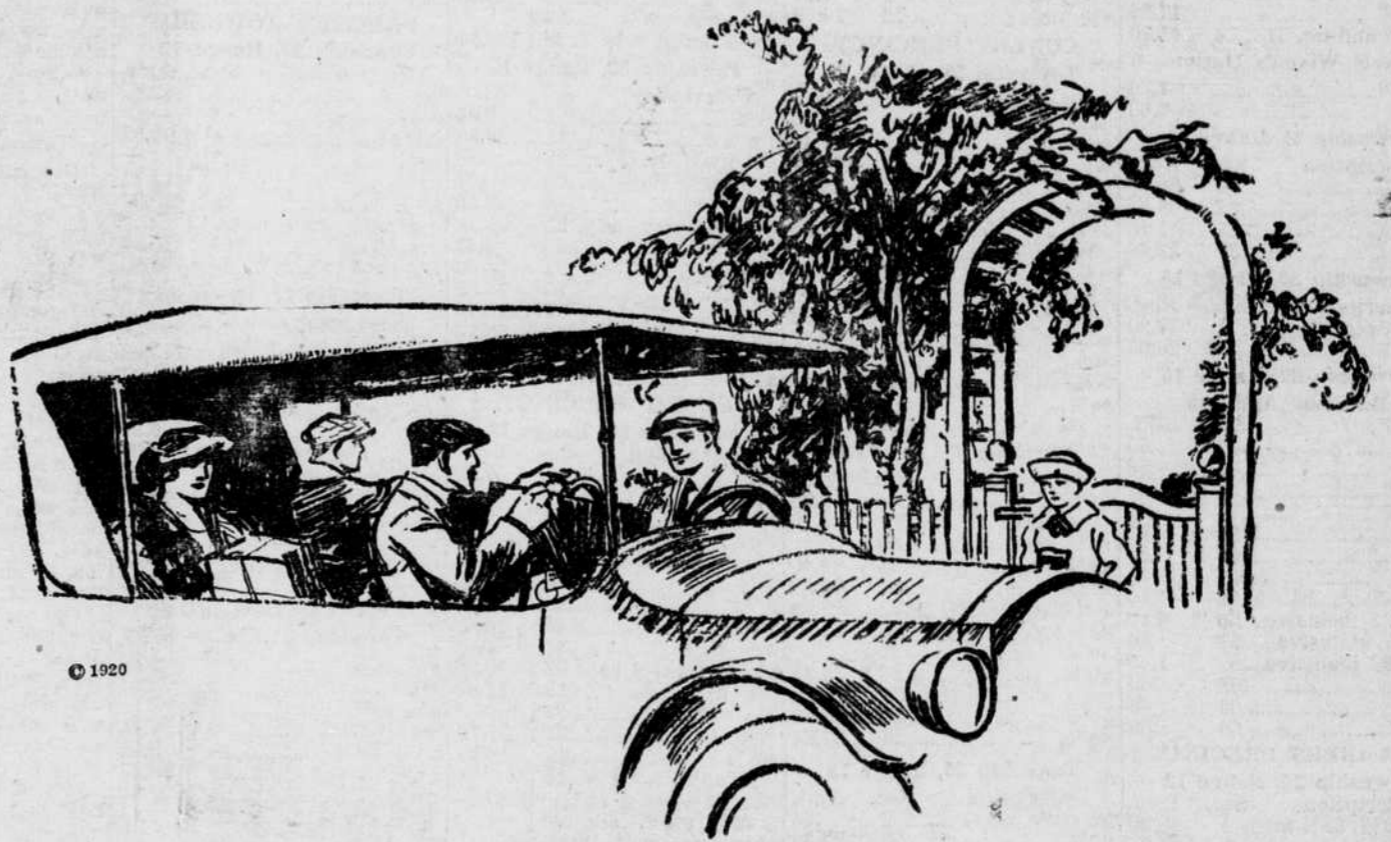
We urge that every De Laval user bring his complete separator to our store for a careful inspection, which will be made free of charge. Should any part, due to unusual wear or accident, need to be replaced this will be done, the only charge being for the price of the new parts used, no charge for service.

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Warner & Sons

Friday, October 15, 1920.

O'Neill, Nebraska.



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The less a man has to spend on motoring, the more important it is that his tires should be of *first quality*.

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