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## STATE TAX PLAN- NED ON MONEY AND CREDITS

### SENATE BILL WOULD PUT THEM ON SAME BASIS FOR TAX- ATION AS REAL ESTATE

Money, cash money and credits will not be as attractive in this state if the senate file No. 65, the new taxation law emerges from the opposition it now has onto the statute books of the state. This bill has some radical changes from the present system of taxation and has been in the hands of the committee on revenues and taxation for some time but is expected to be reported out soon.

Money and credits—all intangible property—have hitherto been practically untaxed in Nebraska, say most of the legislators. The present law provides for taxing them on the same basis as real estate, that is, on a one-fifth valuation. But it is conceded that nobody ever lists any money with the assessor to speak of. The new law provides for a straight tax of 4 mills on the dollar of actual valuation. Members of the legislature who are in accord with the bill declare that this low rate will have the effect of bringing out the listings of money since the people would rather pay the small tax than leave themselves liable to perjury.

Iowa has had practically the same law for some years. Money and credits are there also listed separately but the state tax is placed at 5 mills on the dollar instead of 4 as proposed by the Nebraska bill.

The mortgage taxation law is also amended by the bill. The present law places the tax on the property mortgaged and leaves the mortgage itself tax free. This was done to avoid double taxation. The new law would tax the mortgage at the rate of 50 cents on each \$100 of actual value.

State, county, city and township bonds are to be taxed at 1 mill on the dollar of actual value.

The following is the new section on intangible property:

"Money, credits, corporation shares or stocks, cash, United States legal tender notes, and other notes and securities of the United States, payable on demand, notes (other than notes secured by real estate mortgages), accounts, contracts for cash or labor, bills of exchange, judgments, choses in action, liens of any kind, (other than real estate mortgages), securities, debentures, bonds, (other than those of the United States, or of this state or governmental subdivisions of this state), annuities, and all other demands for labor or other valuable thing, whether due or to become due, and all other intangible property, shall be separately listed and shall be taxed four (4) mills on the dollar of actual valuation thereof, the same to be assessed and collected where the owner resides."

Then follows the remainder of the section making exception of bonds of the state, county, city or township and fixing the rate at 1 mill on the dollar of actual valuation. These bonds are assessed as other property on a one-fifth valuation. The straight tax on mortgages is to take the place of the existing law which sought to avert double taxation by placing the tax on the property mortgaged and leaving the mortgage tax free. This was on the contention that if the owner of the mortgage and the holder of the property mortgaged both paid a tax there would be a double tax on the same property value.

There are many amendments to the bills which have been formulated and hashed over in the committee but no action has been taken on any of them. It is expected that amendments will be submitted today at 10 o'clock.

## SIGNS OF SPRING

One of the mediums by which the arrival of spring can be ascertained is the activities of Hans Selvers, custodian of the court house and this morning when Hans was found preparing the garden plot just east of the court house grounds we decided that truly spring was here in all its glory and in but a few short weeks lettuce, radishes and other of the early vegetables would be out in full bloom in this little bit of a garden plot. Incidentally Hans has discovered other signs of spring in the vicinity of the court house as a ladies powder puff was picked up on the lawn yesterday morning and which proves that the billing and cooling season is truly "mit us."

## MAKES APPOINTMENTS

From Friday's Daily. County Assessor William Rummell yesterday presented to the board of county commissioners the names of Peter Hansen and George K. Staats as assessors for Plattsmouth city and George H. Olive as assessor for Weeping Water city. The county board approved the names presented and the gentlemen will have charge of the work of listing the taxable property of the county at the next assessment.

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## CHILDREN START FIRE

From Thursday's Daily. Shortly before noon a small fire occurred at the residence of C. A. Johnson on Wintersteen hill and which was caused by one of the small children of the family securing some matches and lighting a candle which the child dropped on a feather bed and which caused a rather lively blaze for a few minutes. The members of the family and the neighbors soon had the blaze out before the fire truck reached the home and little damage was done aside from the destruction of the feather bed.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO BURGLARY

### Paul Hackenholz, of Omaha, Arraigned in Court on Charge of Taking 128 Shirts.

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon in the county court, Paul Hackenholz of Omaha was charged with having broken into and entered the Missouri Pacific freight house in this city on the night of February 2nd and taken therefrom 128 shirts, the property of the M. E. Smith company and of the value of \$192.

The defendant on hearing the information read, entered a plea of not guilty and through the agreement between County Attorney A. G. Cole and William Lovely, attorney for Mr. Hackenholz, the preliminary hearing was waived and the bond fixed by Judge Beeson at \$1,000. The father and mother of the defendant came down this morning and supplied the necessary security for his appearance and he was released from the custody of Sheriff Quinton.

Mr. Hackenholz was brought to this city on Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Quinton from Omaha following the discovery of 128 shirts in the property that was owned by the defendant and which was unearthed by the Omaha police when searching the place a few days ago.

The man denied having taken the shirts or having any knowledge of how they came to be in the shed at the rear of his home. He was perfectly frank in his statements to the officers and did not offer any conflicting stories, but just how the shirts came to be on the property of Mr. Hackenholz is a matter that has as yet not been cleared up.

## RETURN FROM WINTER SPENT IN THE WEST

From Thursday's Daily. Yesterday Mike Lutz and wife returned from their extended visit to the Pacific coast and the west, during which time they have enjoyed the opportunity of visiting with relatives and friends and seeing the sights of the nation's wonderland. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have been absent some three months and as Mike well stated, money could not buy the wonderful time they have enjoyed in seeing the many interesting spots of the west. From this city they traveled to the Pacific coast over the southern route and visited with a sister of Mrs. Lutz, Mrs. E. Siegletz, at Calexico, California, and also with Charles Lutz and family at Los Angeles and from there they journeyed to the north, taking in the many points of interest and returned home via Salt Lake City and Denver, where they stopped for a visit with a brother of Mrs. Lutz. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lutz are feeling very much improved in health and Mr. Lutz will return to his duties as street commissioner with renewed vigor.

## MEET WITH MRS. W. C. SOENNICHSEN

From Thursday's Daily. The Q. Z. society of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting yesterday afternoon and were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. W. C. Soennichsen at the Coronado Apartments. There was a large number of the ladies in attendance, who spent a very delightful afternoon. Social conversation, interspersed with various other amusements made this afternoon's entertainment a most enjoyable one. At a suitable time the hostess served a dainty luncheon, which was likewise thoroughly appreciated. This being their regular meeting, a very interesting business session was held.

## LOYAL WORKERS MEET

From Thursday's Daily. The Loyal Workers of the Christian church were very pleasantly entertained yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the church by Mesdames A. G. Hollowell and W. C. Clark and the event was one most thoroughly enjoyed by the very large number who were in attendance. During the afternoon the ladies were treated to a very interesting reading by Mrs. Oscar Sandin that was much enjoyed and the remainder of the afternoon spent in sewing and visiting among the members of the society. At a suitable hour the hostesses served very dainty and delicious refreshments.

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## TO REMAIN AT THE COUNTY FARM

### County Commissioners Close a Contract with J. H. Tams and Wife to Continue Work

The residents of the county will be pleased to learn that the board of county commissioners has secured a contract from J. H. Tams and wife to remain in charge of the county farm west of the city for the coming year and continue the good work they have carried out in the past few years.

In recognition of the excellent services that Mr. Tams has given the county and the tax payers the county board has voted to increase the salary of the office of superintendent to \$125 per month and appointed Mrs. Tams as matron of the farm at a salary of \$50 per month. During his service at the farm, Mr. Tams has given a splendid business like administration of the affairs of the institution and the farm has been managed in a very able manner and no one in charge of their own personal business could have been more devoted to the interests of the farm than has Mr. Tams and his estimable wife.

Cass county has a county farm that they can well feel proud of, and the county commissioners have seen that it has been kept at the high standard that has won for it the rank of the best county institution in the state of Nebraska and their efforts have been ably assisted by Mr. Tams who has been on the job to see that everything was being operated with as little expense as possible and with the best of results.

## CELEBRATE THEIR 52D ANNIVERSARY

### Mr. and Mrs. James W. Seivers Observe Wedding Anniversary at Frank Rennie Home

The fifty-second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Seivers, former well known residents of this community, was observed on Thursday, February 24th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Rennie, near Madrid, Nebraska, where they are making their home. Mrs. Rennie being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seivers.

The years have dealt kindly with this estimable couple since the happy day more than a half century ago in old Virginia, when Miss Martha Snyder became the wife of James W. Seivers and they have reared a splendid family of boys and girls who share with the parents the happiness of the wedding anniversary. On this anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Seiver number among their descendants, ten children, twenty-two grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## TO GIVE AWAY ELECTRIC AUTO

### Store of M. Fanger is Announcing Splendid Opportunity for Boys of the City and Vicinity.

The store of M. Fanger in this city is announcing the fact that they will present to the most popular boy of Cass county, under 13 years of age a fine electric miniature automobile, which auto is now on exhibition in the store window of the store.

Votes will be given with all purchases at the store and the balloting started to determine who is the most popular boy in the community and the winner will receive the auto as a reward for his popularity.

This is a great opportunity for the boys and will result in one of them receiving a gift that will be an unending source of pleasure to them during the summer months.

## SELLS COLORADO LAND

From Thursday's Daily. This morning Ed Mason returned from a short trip to Arriba, Colorado, where he has been looking after land interests there and was accompanied by Fred Mann of this city. While at Arriba, Mr. Mann made the purchase of 160 acres of land just north of the city of Arriba, and for which Mr. Mason was the agent. Both gentlemen were much impressed with the land near that place and Mr. Mason brought back with him a number of specimens of the grain grown there and he is enthusiastic over the situation in that portion of Colorado. The vicinity of Arriba is almost like visiting Cass county as a large number of people from Union and the southern portion of this county have moved there to make their home and all are well pleased with the land there.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our kind friends and neighbors our deepest appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown to us in the illness and at the time of the death of our beloved wife and mother. Especially do we wish to thank the members of the Woodman Circle. Gus Olson and family.

## RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

From Thursday's Daily. This afternoon Mrs. Claude Richardson returned from the Methodist hospital in Omaha, where she has been for some time recovering from an operation. Mrs. Richardson is feeling much improved and will spend some time at the home of her mother near Pacific Junction, recuperating before returning to her home here. Mr. Richardson accompanied his wife from the hospital to the Junction. While at the hospital Mrs. Richardson was remembered with a number of bouquets from the friends and members of the Methodist ladies as well as the Eagles lodge of this city which she has deeply appreciated.

## ECHO OF UNION BOOZE SENSATION

### John Ervin Draws Down \$100 Fine and Nelson Martin \$20 and Costs in County Court.

As an echo of the infestation over the booze situation that has been raging at Union for the past few days, two cases have been disposed of in the county court before Judge Allen J. Beeson.

John Ervin was brought before the court yesterday morning, charged with having had possession of intoxicating liquor and on hearing the complaint prepared by County Attorney A. G. Cole, the court assessed a fine of \$100 and costs against the young man.

The court also heard the complaint against Nelson Martin this morning, in which Mr. Martin was charged with having been intoxicated in the village of Union on February 5th, and for which the court assessed a fine of \$20 and trimmings which was paid and the gentleman allowed to return to his home.

The matter of ownership of the milk discovered at Union last Sunday still remains unsolved and no complaints have been filed as yet regarding this matter but it is still being worked on by the authorities and the person who owned the kickful barrels of mash may be secured to answer to the violation of the prohibition amendment.

## RETURN FROM VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McNurlin returned Tuesday morning from a visit with their children at Havelock, Omaha and at Central City. They left here last year in December. R. D. says they had a fine time and plenty to eat. Two of the boys run a restaurant in Omaha and their son, Osborn has a restaurant in Central City. Nothing to complain of, only Mrs. McNurlin had some trouble with her ear.

R. S. McCleery and Herman Hillman tried to steal a march on the house moving while Dick was gone, by moving a garage up from Sweedtown for J. E. Johnson, but Dick said he didn't care as he had three jobs waiting for him and one of them was moving the house at Mt. Pleasant Precinct that he lived in fifty years ago.—Weeping Water Republican.

## LOOKING AFTER ROAD WORK

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon A. S. Mirrich, division engineer and R. H. Stuart, assistant engineer, were in the city discussing with the board of county commissioners the matters of road work in the county. These two gentlemen have charge of the greater part of the road work in this portion of the state and following their meeting here they departed for Tecumseh to interview the commissioners of Johnson county. Mr. Mirrich and Mr. Stuart are both expert engineers and their experience has been very valuable in developing the good roads program in this portion of Nebraska.

## PLANNING BIG TIME.

The members of Cass Camp No. 232, Modern Woodmen of America, are busy arranging for the big class initiation that is to be held here on the evening of Wednesday, March 9th and at which time nineteen new members will be received into the order. The local officers are planning on having a number of the leading officials of the order here and the occasion will be one of more than usual interest and every member of the order is striving to make it possible to secure one member each by the time the initiation comes off.

## FENCE POSTS FOR SALE

About 1500 good hedge posts for sale at my farm west of town. Price 40 cents and up. See Leonard Meisinger at Farmers State Bank. 1w-s-w 6td.

H. C. Long, of near Murray, was in the city today for a few hours visiting with friends and looking after some matters at the court house for a short time.

## HELP WANTED

Man and wife for work on county farm. Couple without children preferred. Best of wages. Call J. H. Tams, superintendent, phone 115-W. 1w d&w.

## BURLINGTON PROPOSES CUT IN WAGES

### COMPANY OFFERS SCALE OF WAGES THAT ARE SUBMITTED TO EMPLOYEES.

The first move of the Burlington railroad management toward a reduction of wages on the system has been made and is set forth in a bulletin issued from Chicago and which was posted yesterday in the local shops as well as at all points over the system. The railroad is asking for an agreement among the employes and representatives of the company and the final adjustment of the matter by the federal wage board at Chicago, which recently passed on a number of applications from southern railroads and which were at that time rejected.

The bulletin received and posted on the bulletin boards of the company are as follows: "The United States railroad labor board having by its decision No. 2 of July 29, 1920, fixed certain rates of pay for laborers on the railroads which in the judgment of the board were then just and reasonable, and it appearing that the conditions have changed since that date so that the rates referred to are no longer just and reasonable in view of the decreased cost of living and the scales of wages paid for similar kinds of work in our territory.

"The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad hereby proposes to its employes that effective thirty days thereafter or on March 31, 1921, a new and decreased scale of wages for: (1) Track laborers and laborers in the Maintenance of Way & Structure Department and in and around shops and warehouses, including such as engine watchmen and firemen, coal passers, coal chute men, etc.

(2) Freight handlers or truckers and common labor in and around stations, storehouses and warehouses, including janitors and watchmen.

"Shall be made effective if possible by agreement between the management and its employes on their representatives prior to that time as to what are just and reasonable wages based on present living costs and wages paid in our territory, which now appear to us as ranging from 30 to 48 1/2 cents, or in event of failure to agree, by decision of the U. S. Railroad Labor board on the subject prior to that date by orderly appeal to such board in accordance with section 301 of the transportation act.

"This also is to advise that the management will meet any representatives of its employes of the classes named at Chicago at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, March 10, for the purpose of the conferences required by section 301 of the transportation act."

L. E. ALLEN, General Manager, Lines East. W. F. THIEHOF, General Manager, Lines West.

## MAY ORGANIZE COMPANY

The residents of Elmwood are showing a great deal of interest in the proposal for the formation of a national guard company in that place to become a part of the peace time defense force of the state and nation. A number of the young men of that community are interested and it is hoped to have enough enrolled to make it possible to place a company there soon. One of the representatives of the adjutant general's office will be at Elmwood the coming week and discuss the matter with the men who are interested and some permanent advancement made in the work.

It would be a very pleasing thing if Elmwood is able to accomplish their desire and be the first time that Cass county has had a company of the national guard located within its borders. There are a large number of former service men living in and near Elmwood who would make valuable assets to the company as they have had practical experience in drilling and in active service.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. GUS OLSON

From Thursday's Daily. This morning the funeral services of Mrs. Gus Olson, who died in the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha on Tuesday, were held from the St. John's Catholic church of which the deceased had been a life long member.

The requiem mass of the church was celebrated by Father M. A. Shine, rector of the church and the service quite largely attended by the old friends and neighbors of the deceased. During the service Mrs. P. J. Flynn sang a solo, one of the favorite numbers of the departed lady, "Face to Face."

Among the relatives from out of the city to attend the funeral were Conrad Guthmann of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a brother of Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Esther Carley and Miss Ruth Nelson of Omaha, sisters of Mrs. Olson and Fred Nelson of Denver, step-father of Mr. Olson.

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## RETURNS FROM EAST

From Friday's Daily. Dr. J. H. Hall returned yesterday from Grant, Neb., where he has been visiting with his brother, Major A. Hall, during the illness of Major. The doctor reports that his brother is now showing improvement and feeling reasonably well and that he is well on the highway to complete recovery from his indisposition. Dr. Hall in speaking of his trip states that the land out there is moving—especially during the wind storms, but he speaks well of the city of Grant as a fine enterprising little community with much push and energy and one that apparently has a great future.

## BUSINESS MEN OF CITY FORM AD CLUB

### Organization Perfected Yesterday at Luncheon at Hotel Wagner to Carry on Work of Helpfulness

From Friday's Daily. Yesterday noon a number of the business men of the city met at the Hotel Wagner for luncheon and to discuss matters of mutual interest in the business life of the city. The members of the luncheon party after discussing the matter thoroughly decided on the formation of an Ad Club, the purpose of which is not, as the title might suggest, purely advertising, but will take up all the problems that may confront the business interests of the city.

As one of the first steps of a permanent organization, C. C. Westcott was named as president and F. P. Busch as secretary, and the organization will at once get busy on lining up the matter of making greater trade opportunities for the city and its business interests.

The new organization plans to hold the weekly luncheons when the members can gather together informally and discuss the questions that may arise from time to time.

The Ad Club is purely an organization of mutual helpfulness and will assist in the work of the Chamber of Commerce, which covers the much wider field of community interest and is covering the general development and progress of the city, while the Ad Club is exclusively for the promoting of the business interests of the city.

## HAS PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Harry Eller met with a peculiar accident last week that caused him the loss of two perfectly good teeth. In company with some of the boys, he was in Stohman's hardware store and they were trying to see who could lift the heaviest load with their teeth. Harry led the others and lifted a 110 pound keg of nails with his teeth. The keg was held by a rope. The rope slipped through his teeth and caught on the two lower front teeth and jerked them out as neatly as a dentist could have done. It happened too quickly to hurt him much and he was surely a surprised young man to find his teeth extracted by a new, painless method.

However, Dr. Anderson, the Louisville dentist is fitting him out with a bridge that will be almost as good as the original ones and Harry is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon being the champion lifter.—Louisville Courier.

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