

Alvo News

George Bobbitt of Lincoln was spending a number of days in Alvo and working on the new garage of Mrs. Jennie Rouse while here.

Mrs. Charles Kirkpatrick was a guest for a short time on last Saturday at the homes of her brothers who make their home at Lincoln.

Mrs. Blanche Welch entertained the Double Four club at her home on last Wednesday and where all enjoyed the occasion most pleasantly. While the roads are good, I would like to have you drop in and pass your opinion on my \$49.50 heavy concord harness.—A. J. Tool, Murdock, Nebr.

During the absence of Rev. Jackson and the family who are spending some time away from Alvo, the Rev. Connell was preaching at the Methodist church here on last Sunday.

S. K. Johnson and the family who have been making their home at Benet for the past two years, moved to Lincoln and are making their home at 325 North 33rd street.

Mrs. Charles Godbey was a visitor in Lincoln on last Saturday driving over in her auto to visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Dickerson, and where both enjoyed the visit very much.

Mrs. Mabel Winn entertained at her home on last Wednesday and had a number of friends at a card party which was thoroughly enjoyed by this genial housewife and her good friends.

The Woman's Reading club met last week at the home of Mrs. A. B. Stromer where they discussed the matter of keeping home accounts, the project lesson which was proposed by the leaders.

Mrs. Lella S. Fifer of Enid, Oklahoma, who has been visiting in Alvo for the past three weeks, departed last week for Panama where she will visit with a cousin, Mrs. Irene Craig, of that place.

W. L. Browne and the family moved to Alvo last week from Wabash and Mr. Browne will work on the farm for S. C. Boyles this summer, they making their home in the east portion of Alvo.

Bert Kitchell and wife of near Waverly entertained on last Sunday and had as their guests for the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stone of Alvo and Mrs. Anna Stone of Lincoln and her daughter, Beryl.

Uncle Charles H. Kirkpatrick has been kept from town and at home with a severe attack of lumbago, which so painful that he can neither lie still and move without danger of a severe pain racking his back.

George Welton and family who have been making their home near Alvo moved to town and to Greenwood where they will make their home on one of the farms of L. M. Mowery and will work for Mr. Mowery.

Carl Lewis, who makes his home at Alliance, was spending the winter at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Lewis, and as the spring time is drawing near he departed for his work in the northwest, leaving on last Sunday. His sister, Miss Edna Lewis, who is teaching school at Pacific Junction, was also home spending the Sunday.

Will Serve Lincolinites.

Lee Coatsman, Stirling Coatsman, and F. E. Dickerson, three of Alvo's hustling young men, have embarked in business in Lincoln, where they are to serve the people of that city. They recently leased a garage at 27th and Holdrege streets and are ready to give the very best of service to that line to any who may be needing anything that pertains to cars, trucks, or tractors. Drive in and see the boys when you are in the big town.

Sustained Light Stroke.

Early last Saturday morning Mrs. Fred M. Prouty was stricken with a stroke of paralysis, but the stroke being slight, she has been showing some recovery since and her friends are hoping that she may soon entirely recover from the affliction.

FAIR PLAY FOR THE RAILROADS

What may be a start toward a policy of "fair play" for the railroads was found in the last annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission which contains a number of constructive suggestions. Now the commission offers to congress bills embodying some of those suggestions.

One of the bills would repeal the recapture provision of the Transportation Act, under which one-half of any railroad's earnings in excess of 6 per cent must be paid into the public treasury. This provision, it is said, has proved a source of expense and litigation, and has produced little cash.

Another bill would allow railroads to earn more than 5 1/2 per cent profit—now held a "fair return"—if they can do so by more efficient and economical management. Another would modify rate making methods so that general economic and industrial conditions be taken into account in the setting of rates by the commission. Under the existing law it is sometimes necessary to reduce rates in prosperous times, when no reductions are called for, and to raise them in times of depression.

These suggestions while they are a long way from completely covering the present crucial railroad situation, should be given favorable consideration. As the Chicago Daily News says, "It is an encouraging sign that the Interstate Commerce Commission, of its own motion, pleads for fair play to the railroads and advises congress how to remedy ills of the transportation lines without sacrificing any principle dictated on behalf of the public welfare."

Something else that might be interesting right now would be to know what the groundhog thinks of its prediction by this time.

Assessors are Told of Income Tax Measure

O'Malley Declares Is Will Solve Taxation Problem—Wherry and Metcalfe Speak.

Members of the Nebraska County Assessors association convention closed the first day's session at the Lincoln hotel at Lincoln Wednesday night with a dinner at which Lieutenant Governor Metcalfe was guest. He addressed the organization briefly along with Senator Wherry and Representative O'Malley.

City Attorney Peterson made the address of welcome and an invocation was pronounced by Rev. A. O. Swartwood. O. C. Bell, president of the association, presided.

Speeches of Wherry and O'Malley favor from the income tax. Senator Wherry confining his remarks to an explanation of the bill introduced into the senate by Senator Anderson which specifies that the state property tax has a complete substitute in the proposed income tax.

"If the people of the state seek to reduce taxes to a minimum," Representative O'Malley declared, "they must look to the election of desirable legislators."

In referring to the income tax, he prophesied that such tax would eventually prove the solution of the taxation problem. Its enactment, however, he said, may not be accomplished this year.

In the afternoon session Senator Frush of Wahoo delved into the merits of legislation now before both houses. The income tax law now pending, he said, is dependent for its success to the citizen on his ability to effect a decrease in property tax.

He pointed out that twenty of our states have an income tax law but reminded that no two are alike.

A motion introduced into the afternoon session providing that a request be made to the governor for enactment of legislation this year revaluating real estate, was overwhelmingly defeated.

A WHALE OF A DIFFERENCE

Only a definite revolt on the part of the motoring public can stop the trend toward higher gasoline taxes. The record of past years is illuminating. The tax was first introduced in Oregon in 1919, with a rate of one cent a gallon. New Mexico established the two cent tax in 1920, and by 1923 seven states had a three cent rate. Arkansas introduced the four cent levy the following year and in Kentucky and South Carolina raised the rate to five cents. Then in 1929, three states joined to establish the present peak rate of six cents. Now rumblings are being heard of tax rates of eight or ten cents or more, to be levied in the future. A large percentage of the legislature meeting this year are giving consideration to increases.

No other tax has ever increased so fast, and no other commodity, with the possible exception of a few luxuries, such as cigarettes, has ever advanced so rapidly against it. And high rates are not the end of the motorist's grievance. In various states his money has been used for sea walls, schools and government buildings, waterways, general tax reduction and even conserved with all of these purposes may be laudable, but they certainly should not be paid out of money spent by citizens for gasoline.

No relief will ever come from our legislators of their own volition. They are thoroughly impressed with the idea that the motorist will stand for almost anything. It is up to the public, to paraphrase a well-known advertisement, to show their officials what a whale of a difference just a few cents make.

DAYKIN BANK GANG IS STILL AT LARGE

Fairbury—Two and possibly three bandits who robbed the Jefferson County bank of Daykin of \$1,000 Tuesday, were still in hiding Wednesday.

County Sheriff Helvey of Jefferson county, organizer of a cord of officers seeking to capture the bandits, believed heading southward, said Wednesday noon that he had very definite information as to the identity of the men.

"We just haven't been able to lay our hands on them yet," Helvey said. "Just now we think they are traveling southward on Kansas highways or in hiding someplace in Kansas."

Deputies from the state sheriff's office and former State Sheriff Condit are here helping organize the search for the robbers.

County Sheriff Helvey and Condit raided several supposed hideouts of the bandits in Fairbury Tuesday night. They failed to locate any of the suspects. Another report that the men were hiding at Phillipsburg, Kas., failed to materialize.

CONFESSION IS ATTACKED

Moscow—Raphael Abramovitch, an emigre meshevik connected with a German social democratic party denied the "confession" of fourteen mensheviks on trial here that he delivered instructions to them from the German party. His deposition was telegraphed from Berlin.

Abramovitch contradicted the testimony of several of the defendants, all of whom have pleaded guilty, took the stand and testified that Abramovitch was a "liar." They asked him to come to Moscow and give testimony.

DANCE Cannot Sell Automobiles in Omaha Sundays

Supreme Court Upholds the Validity of Ordinance as Proper Exercise of Public Power

The supreme court Friday upheld the ordinance of the city of Omaha which forbids the sale or exchange of automobiles in that city on Sunday as a valid exercise of the police power and is not in conflict with any right guaranteed by the constitution. The city derived its right to pass the ordinance from the legislature, and the court says that it is a proper police regulation for the good government, general welfare, health, safety and security of the city and its inhabitants. The ordinance contains no provision exempting from its operation those who conscientiously observe the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, but the court says that is not vital, referring to the case of Sunday laws which has previously held such legislation not to be discriminatory class legislation.

Russians Admit Sabotage; Plead Guilty at Trial

Indictment Covers Charge of Co-operating With Berlin Mensheviks

Moscow, March 2.—The trial of 14 persons accused of conspiring and cooperating with the Menshevik organization began last night in the auditorium of the Trade Union Hall, which was the scene of the trial of members of the Industrial Party.

Following the precedent of the earlier trial, the defendants, after listening to the reading of a voluminous indictment which required over three hours, pleaded guilty.

The charges against them include sabotage in state institutions where they were employed, surreptitious communication with Menshevik emigres located in Berlin, receipt of almost 500,000 rubles, partly from this center, partly from the Industrial Party, and maintenance of connection both with the Industrial Party and with the so-called Toiling Peasant Party headed by Prof. N. D. Kondratieff.

Following the request of the prosecutor, Nikolai Krilenko Professor Kondratieff will be summoned as a witness together with L. K. Ramin and V. A. Larichef, sentenced to imprisonment for prosecuting in good faith. They said that the ordinance attempted to restrict citizens from exchanging their old machines for new on the only day many of them could devote to that business.

NARROW ROAD MEN—ACE THE MOTORIST

The model rural roadway will have a paved surface at least eighteen feet wide, will be waterproof, and will be usable at all time of the year and under all weather conditions.

The National Conference on Street and Highway Safety is authority for the statement that eighteen feet is the minimum safe width. In many farming sections there is a good deal of traffic, moving at fairly high speeds. Under such circumstances, narrow roads become a menace to the safety of the motorist.

Going off the pavement of a country road may mean an overturning car, as road shoulders, particularly in rainy seasons, are often untrustworthy.

Those communities which are building new farm-to-market roads in order to "save" money have a mistaken idea of economy. Full width, long-lived roads, of modern asphaltic materials, can be built cheaply and maintenance costs are likewise low. Every improved farm road and even a highway, built to accommodate not only the traffic of the immediate present, but that of the future. Any other course of procedure causes waste and needless expense in the long run.

TELLS STORY OF FAILURE

Knoxville, Tenn.—The Holston Trust company of Knoxville, went down to failure thru operations with the broken Caldwell & Co. of Nashville, the state affairs investigating committee was told by F. Curtis Albin, assistant trust officer of the company. He said Caldwell & Co. and the Holston Trust company were interwoven by a tieup of capital stocks and bonds purchased thru Caldwell & Co. and without a ready market. He said they made some profits but it would not compare with the losses.

The name of Col. Luke Lea, publisher and politician, ran steadily thru the hearing. The questions and answers linked Colonel Lea and J. Earl Ramsey, president of the trust company and its parent bank, the defunct Holston Union National bank, in operations involving state funds.

GALE HITS EAST COAST

Boston—King Neptune marshalled his allies, the snow and the gale, to smite the east coast, from New York's busy harbor to Maine's rugged frontier, the hardest blow of the winter campaign. Supported by a wild northeaster and screened by billowing snow, the sea advanced all along the ocean front to positions it has not occupied for twenty-two years.

Water front sections of many communities were inundated. Much damage was caused to shore property, particularly summer cottages, many of which were tumbled into the sea. Traffic was interrupted by washouts and by the depth of the flood. Countless automobiles were left stalled and blocking highways as the flood rolled back with the ebb of the tide.

DAUGHTER OF AMIEE McPHERSON MARRIES

Los Angeles—In far-off Singapore, near the land where she was born nineteen years ago as the daughter of a missionary, Roberta Semple McPheron was married to a ship purser, William Bradley Smyth, twenty-three years old. Word of the wedding came to the family here from the young woman's mother, Amiee Semple McPheron, the evangelist.

SCION OF WEALTH HELD ON \$145,000 ROBBERY CHARGE

Chicago, March 5.—Edward "Toddy" Dillon, 34, scion of a wealthy St. Louis family, was held to the grand jury Thursday in bonds of \$145,000 on five charges of robbery. More than 40 victims of holdups have identified Dillon, police said, as the robber who extracted sums ranging from 90 cents to \$15 from them.

SELECT SIOUX CITY FEDERAL BUILDING SITE

Assessors of Nebraska in their annual convention Friday at Lincoln, voted to have the legislative committee of the association take up the matter of uniform valuation of power and light property in the state.

Property of electrical companies is now valued by a hit and miss system by each county and it was felt that some basis for valuation should be fixed as in the case of telephone companies.

The power companies do not list their valuation with the railway commission as the telephone companies do and on that account it would be impossible. State Tax Commissioner Smith said, to get a uniform valuation basis from the commission it will be necessary to get some legislation. The legislative committee reported that it had all of its desired legislation before the legislature now and no new bills could be introduced at this session.

James A. Sheffield, Lancaster county assessor, was elected president for the coming year and the convention voted to meet next year in Omaha. Omaha and Hastings were the only counties to extend invitations and the members selected Omaha. J. W. Yockey of Broken Bok, Custer county, was named vice president and R. W. Daggett of Falls City was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

O. C. Bell, who has been for fourteen years president of the association, was named honorary president for life and assured the assessors that if it is possible he will be at their meeting next year.

The pipe line committee made a preliminary report and survey and assessors from counties having pipe lines will meet in a few weeks with the state tax commissioner and representatives of the pipe line companies to get at a uniform rate of valuation over the state.

E. C. Weller of Ord who was chairman of the round table Thursday morning declared that the pipe line and electric line valuations are important matters. The electric lines cover all of the counties in the state and in a few years that will be true of the pipe lines.

Real estate valuation was discussed and it was the general opinion that there should be a classified system for valuing real property. The assessors were not in favor of making any new valuations at the present time. The proposed system would grade the land in first, second and third grades according to the value. It was stated that real estate is being sold for much less than taxes now and there should be some way worked out to reduce the real estate tax burden by legislation providing other types of taxation.

The automobile valuations used by O. C. Bell and his associates last year were adopted as a proper scale and it was voted that no car for which a license has been bought should be valued at less than \$15.

Assessors adopted a resolution to fix the valuation of tractors, combines, airplanes, trucks, radios, gas and steam engines, threshers and hullers at 70 per cent of delivery price for the first year, 50 per cent for the second and 30 per cent for the third year.

CENSUS TAKEN OF FAMILIES

Washington—Facts about one of the oldest institutions—the family—will be accorded the distinction of a census monograph this year for the first time in history. Census director Stewart announced this new phase of national stock taking, explaining the data gathered was proving such an interesting composite picture of American family life as to merit a special study. One thousand census workers are now busy on the gigantic job of classifying and tabulating the great American family.

"The results will show whether the American family owns its own home, or whether it lives in a rented house," said the census director. It will show families grouped as to the value of holdings, for instance, the number having home worth \$10,000 or more, and the number living in homes worth less than 5,000. Families will be classified also according to the rents they are able to pay. And, of course, we will continue our decennial analysis of the number of persons per family."

The 1850 family averaged 5.8 persons; the 1860 family 5.3; the 1870 family 5.1; the 1880 family 5.0; the 1890 family 4.8; the 1900 family 4.7; the 1910 family 4.5; the 1920 family 4.3.

WIFE OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF DIES

Chicago—Mrs. Catherine Hughes, sixty, wife of Capt. Michael J. Hughes, former chief of police, died Wednesday night. She was stricken while attending church services Sunday. Besides her husband, Mrs. Hughes is survived by three daughters, all of Chicago. A son died two years ago.

Journal Want Ads get results and the cost is very small.

Smith's Group May Combat Gov. Roosevelt

Former Candidate Will Oppose Any One Who Pussypoofs, Report; Claim Sure Hold.

New York, March 6.—With the presidential boom of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt now virtually in the open, friends and supporters of former Governor Alfred E. Smith today were drawing up their campaign plans to prevent New York state's delegates from being irrevocably committed to the governor.

It was learned on excellent authority that if Governor Roosevelt pussypoofs on prohibition, former Governor Smith will oppose his nomination, and this opposition, it is predicted, will hold true for any other prospective candidate who may appear on the same course.

The Smith people are absolutely confident that the former governor, more than any other single individual, will be the one who can "defeat" the democratic party's next presidential nominee. And they add that without Smith's support any democratic presidential nominee is destined to be defeated at the polls.

In effect, they say: "There is a great mass of voters who will want to vote for the candidate whom Smith names as his successor and who will resent Smith's being deliberately thwarted."

The democratic state committee, under the leadership of James A. Farley, is a united body, one which Farley, himself, with the most diligent co-operation of Governor Roosevelt, has succeeded in building up.

It is unanimously agreed that Governor Roosevelt will control of the state committee. Upon assuming office, Roosevelt set about strengthening the committee. It was Smith's policy while governor to concentrate in the cities and ignore the rural communities. There were even strong republican counties where it was difficult to obtain democrats to serve on the county committee of that party.

Farley went through the state, canvassed everyone, pleaded and cajoled, and the fruits of his labors are now seen in a committee which bears his stamp, and which thus far has gone along with Roosevelt, and only the other day, before the meeting of the national committee in Washington, stated the obvious by saying that it was the convention which should commit the party as a whole to issues, and not the national committee.—World-Herald.

MEXICO ATTEMPTS TO STEADY SILVER PRICE

Mexico City—As a measure for stabilizing the silver peso, which in recent months has fallen off greatly in value, President Ortiz Rubio has issued an order obliging banks established in Mexico to convert their reserve guarantees on silver deposits into silver currency. It is estimated this will cause withdrawal from circulation of 25,000,000 silver pesos and thus improve the percentage of silver money in the public's hands as compared with gold. Gold and negotiable stocks held by the banks as guarantee for silver deposits must be changed into silver pesos, under the terms of the order.

PAN-AMERICAN UNION TO HEAR HOOVER APRIL 14

Washington, March 5.—President Hoover will make a short address at the Pan-American Union on April 14 as part of the celebration of Pan-American day.

HARMER BOUND OVER

S. W. Livingston is home from Seward where he represented Frank Harmer, Otoe county farmer, charged with burglary, at his preliminary hearing. Harmer was bound over to the district court and sent to jail in default of \$5,000 bond, Livingston said.

Harmer was arrested recently and taken to Seward, where it is alleged he was identified by a farmer named Blum, who alleged Harmer drove out of his farm yard late at night as Blum, and his family returned from a trip to the city. Blum alleged he gave chase to Harmer, which continued for some time, and that the gas supply of Harmer's car became exhausted and he was forced to stop.

Blum testified that Harmer alighted from his car and brandished a gun and was unable to get the number of the license tag attached to the car. Because of the fact that he has his family with him at the time, Blum testified, he sought the aid of other persons and returned to where the car had been left, secured the number, but made no attempt to arrest Harmer. Following the taking of the numbers of the car a complaint was filed against Harmer and he was arrested and returned to Seward county.—Nebraska City News-Press.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY ELGIN SCHOOL BOARD

Elgin—At the regular meeting of the Elgin board of education, the following teachers were elected: Alda Wylie, principal; Rose Carmichael, Walter L. Naiman, Elizabeth Gage, Grace Irwin, Mabel Carlson, Yashti Rickerson, Mrs. J. Leifield, R. W. Wilcox, Dorothy Kennedy, Velma Adler, L. M. Simms, Emma Watson. Salaries will remain about the same as for last year. A. A. Kennedy who has been superintendent for the past seven years has been retained.

NEW MEXICO SENATE FAVORS LIQUOR BILL

Santa Fe, N. M.—Without debate the new Mexico senate adopted a favorable report on the proposed state liquor dispensary bill. The measure, holding that the eighteenth amendment and state constitution do not prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor by a state, proposes to put New Mexico into the business of dispensing whisky, with the products to be made in a state distillery.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of W. D. Wheeler, deceased.

Notice of Administration.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and testament and praying for administration upon his estate and for such other and further orders and proceedings in the premises as may be required by the statutes in such cases made and provided to the end that said estate and all things pertaining thereto may be finally settled and determined, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the third day of April, A. D. 1931, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on said third day of April, 1931, at ten o'clock a. m. to contest the said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to W. D. Wheeler or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

A. H. DUXBURY,
County Judge.

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