

Way Cleared for Higher Fees on the Trucks

Supreme Court Dismisses Suit; 100 to 400 Per Cent Rise in License Cost Probable.

Lincoln.—Without passing on the constitutionality of the measure, the Nebraska supreme court Friday dismissed the case seeking to determine the constitutionality of the 1931 truck license and fee law.

Higher fees for motor truck licenses may be charged in Nebraska next year as the result of the decision. No legal obstacle now exists to enforcement of the law, which provides substantially higher rates for commercial trucks and provides three types of truck licenses, one each for farm, local and commercial trucks.

The case was an attempt to enjoin Secretary of State Frank Marsh from conducting a referendum on the law. The injunction was granted by District Judge Fred Shepherd, whereupon interveners, the Nebraska Motor Transport association and William D. Heflin, appealed to the supreme court on the question of the law's constitutionality.

The court ruled the constitutionality of statutes will not be determined unless necessary to the proper disposition of a pending case.

The court held the referendum question had already been determined and there was no real controversy, since Marsh was not an officer who would enforce the truck law.

The increased truck license charges were to have become effective at the beginning of this year, but filing of referendum petitions suspended the law. Knocking out of the referendum in the courts came too late to apply the law to this year's license fees.

Watson Says Fees to Be Raised 100 to 400 Pct.

Registration fees paid by owners of large commercial trucks operating in Nebraska will be increased from 100 to 400 per cent in 1933, as a result of the supreme court action, Ray Watson, president of the Watson Bros. Transfer and Storage Co., said Friday.

"We now pay an average of \$50 a year license fees on our large commercial trucks," Watson said. "This law will increase those fees to from \$100 to \$225 a year. I do not believe the increase, though large, will put any of the well established companies out of business. Of course it may prove a hardship on the smaller companies."

Watson said the established truck companies were not so concerned over increased registration fees as they were over having rates fixed by some regulatory body.

"The outstanding need of the companies operating commercial trucks is standardization of rates," Watson said. "Truck rates should be fixed in a manner similar to the way in which railroad rates are regulated."

Registration fees on trucks operating exclusively in Omaha and other cities and running not more than three miles outside the city limits will be materially lowered by the new law. Trucks owned and operated by farmers for hauling their own products will not be affected by the new law.

Truck owners in Omaha and other Nebraska cities will save up to \$63 a year in license fees for each truck operated.

The new law provides license fees for commercial trucks as follows: Under 1 1/2 tons, \$10; 1 1/2 to 2 tons, \$15; 2 to 2 1/2 tons, \$20; 2 1/2 to 3 tons, \$25; 3 to 3 1/2 tons, \$30; 3 1/2 to 4 tons, \$40; 4 to 4 1/2 tons, \$45; 4 1/2 to 5 tons, \$50; 5 to 5 1/2 tons, \$55; 5 1/2 to 6 tons, \$60; and from 6 to 7 tons, \$65.

These fees are for trucks operating between cities. Commercial trucks operating in one city, with a shipping weight of 2,600 pounds or less, will pay a license fee of \$8 a year, and trucks over that weight, \$12.

LOSES WIFE AND HIS HOME

Chicago.—Harry G. Gardner lost his wife and home and a goodly bit of cash, but he managed to save something for a rainy day. In divorce court he heard Judge Sabath count him out of his wife, Mrs. Hallie A. Gardner, who alleged cruelty; \$10,000 in real estate, \$5,000 life insurance policy, \$60 a month and the household furniture—all knocked down to Mrs. Gardner with her divorce.

Then he asked, timidly: "I'd like my rubber boots and raincoat."

"Well, she seems to have gotten everything else," said Judge Sabath. "You can have them."

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DIST. JUDGE VOTE ANNOUNCED

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 27.—The official vote on district judges was as follows:

First District—John B. Raper, 16,766. Second—James T. Begley, 11,880; Daniel W. Livingston, 6,404. Third—Fred Shepherd, 27,896; E. B. Chappell, 26,453; Jefferson J. Broady, 24,160; Herbert W. Baird, 11,404.

Fourth—Willis G. Sears, 42,502; Frank M. Dineen, 50,699; James M. Fitzgerald, 52,488; Charles E. Foster, 41,696; W. G. Hastings, 57,881; Charles Leslie, 53,496; William A. Redick, 56,329; Herbert Rhoades, 63,212; Arthur C. Thomson, 62,129; W. R. Patrick, 38,196; W. A. Day, 37,162; John W. Yeager, 43,144; J. P. Palmer, 33,548; Sophus F. Neble, 33,951; John T. Dysart, 35,035; A. A. Rezac, 7,304; Lloyd Crocker, 8,490; Henry S. Payne, 14,267.

Fifth—L. S. Hastings, 25,169; Harry D. Landis, 26,309. Sixth—Louis Lightner, 24,512; Frederick L. Spear, 20,386. Seventh—Robert M. Proudft, 17,850.

Eighth—Mark J. Ryan, 14,043. Ninth—Clinton Chase, 18,559; Charles H. Stewart, 18,266; P. E. Peterson, 17,092.

Tenth—Lewis H. Blackledge, 23,875; J. W. James, 19,342; George M. Marshall, 9,053. Eleventh—Ralph R. Horth, 16,267; Edwin P. Clements, 16,001.

Twelfth—Bruno O. Hostetler, 18,881. Thirteenth—Isaac J. Nisley, 15,133; James L. Tewell, 15,942; M. O. Bates, 8,818.

Fourteenth—Charles E. Eldred, 19,954. Fifteenth—Robert R. Dickson, 9,062; William M. Ely, 5,999.

Sixteenth—Earl L. Meyer, 15,179. Seventeenth—E. F. Carter, 10,194. Eighteenth—Fred W. Messmore, 15,230.

KIDDE'S CHRISTMAS REVERIE

Old Santa Claus is coming, he'll be here in a little while; And I'm greeting all my grown folks with a good word and a smile. For they're well acquainted with him, and they always let him know just what his children ought to have in the stockings in the row.

That we hang up for his notice just before we go to bed, Where we listen for the trample of the reindeer overhead; And in the morning there we find that our wishes have come true.

For the stockings are chock full of things—and running over, too. Then we think of other kiddies, and of little girls and boys Who will have but empty stockings for expected Christmas joys.

For they need warm clothing, shoes, and mits, and maybe food to eat. As they shiver while they huddle in a room with scanty heat. A thought of the hopeless, hungry kids brings a hot, unbidden tear.

For the misery and pain that comes from the lack of a bit of cheer. We know how they'll appreciate a toy, a doll, or ball, Or candy, nuts, or gingerbread—most anything at all.

So I'm gathering up my old used toys—Dad'll put 'em in repair—We'll find the home of some poor kid, and take and leave 'em there. I think the joy of getting them will be pretty much the same As I felt when I got them, on that Christmas morn they came.

And I'm wishing that some other chaps with kindness in their heart Would gather up the playthings they could gladly set apart. As an offering at the altar to a custom we adore In memory of the infant born in Bethlehem of yore. "K"

TO GIVE UP HER CAREER

New York.—Miss Sarah Schuyler Butler, leader among women in republican politics for a decade, has given up her public career for marriage, which will remove her from the American political scene. Announcement of the engagement of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's only daughter, to Lupton Neville Lawrence, of London, carried with it the news that Miss Butler would live in England after the ceremony. The wedding is scheduled early next spring.

OMAHA MEN OVERCOME

Sioux City.—Three members of an Omaha orchestra were overcome by carbon monoxide gas fumes and one of them was in a serious condition at a hospital, where he was taken upon the arrival of the group here. Those overcome were Vern Wheatley, Glen Buhl, and Julius Hornstein. Wheatley's condition was regarded as serious. A broken pipe in the heating system of the automobile in which they were riding was blamed for the mishap.

Orders for Christmas cards printing can be made now at the Journal.

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Nation Holds All Land Titles at Hoover Dam

Lake of 227 Square Miles to Cover Former Mines and Ranches; Only Five Demanded Hearings.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The United States government now is in full possession of all lands to be submerged by construction of the Hoover dam, it is announced by Henry A. Morgan, register of the Phoenix Land Office.

At the time the great project was initiated, contests were filed by the Interior department against the holders of 250 land claims along the Colorado river channel. Only five claimants responded with demands for hearings. Decisions favoring the government recently were given in the general land office in Washington.

Most of the claims were mineral in character, with declarations that many miles of gravel bars along the stream channel carried value in placer gold, even to the extent of several hundreds of millions of dollars. Prior litigation over possession of the reservoir area concerned the so-called Cameron filings of 1917 on 63 160-acre placer claims in Nevada and on 55 claims in Arizona. These were in the names of 23 individuals, resident in Pennsylvania and Arizona. There was included the Black and Boulder Canyon dam sites and 25 miles of locations upstream, with assertion of the presence of riches in gold, platinum and other metals.

The government representatives, while considering the land of slight value for its minerals, based their case mainly on a prior withdrawal of the area for entry. Final rejection of the claims was in 1927, in the federal courts at Carson City and Prescott.

In Nevada there has been a friendly acquisition of about 14,000 acres of farming and grazing lands in the valleys of the Virgin and Muddy rivers, the settlers permitted to remain till submergence is in sight, a matter of several years in the future. Some of the farms date back to 1864, when the southern Nevada point was a part of Arizona.

The waters of the reservoir will extend 115 miles up the Colorado and 35 miles up the Virgin, covering 227 square miles, their volume enough to cover the state of Connecticut to the depth of 10 feet. There may be impoundment of over 30,000,000-acre feet of water, or about the average flow for two years. The lake will be a majestic one, expected to be a favorite resort for lovers of the scenic and beautiful.

Missouri Coach Frowns on New Basketball Rule

Coach George R. Edwards Doubts if the Ten-Second Statute is Worthwhile.

Columbia, Mo.—Unless the defensive team in basketball shows a willingness to go out after the ball, Coach George R. Edwards, University of Missouri coach, believes the new "ten-second" rule is not the proper remedy for stalling.

The Tiger mentor contends that if the new rule will not tempt the defense to spread from beneath the basket it is defending, there will be the same trouble which the game encountered in previous years.

The new rule provides that the team gaining possession of the ball in its defensive territory must advance it past center within ten seconds or yield possession of it out of bounds to the opposition.

Recalling the Missouri-Kansas game here last season, in which the Jayhawks refused to go out after the ball and the Tigers likewise refused to attempt to penetrate the compact defense of their opponents, Edwards said the new rule would not have forced play. For twelve minutes, it was recounted, Missouri players held the ball after they had gained a two-point lead.

"On a large court, the rule will make little difference," Edwards said, "but on a small court there will be a hurry-scurry offense with wild passing and shooting."

"Coaches knowing their opposing players can not shoot long shots likely will have their men remain in compact defensive positions. It just seems to me that the new rules cripple the offense in order to cure the compact defense. They also make a tough job for officials."

"The next few weeks will determine whether the right solution has been made."

MURDOCK ITEMS

Mrs. Una McHugh was called to Plattsmouth on last Monday, where she went to look after some business matters and to visit with her many friends in the county seat.

George Moomey, of near Wabash was a visitor in Murdock on Thursday afternoon and was visiting with his mother and at the same time transacted some business matters.

Joseph F. Gustin was a visitor in Plattsmouth during the early portion of last week, where he had some business to look after and was also visiting with his many friends while there.

Wm. Hobson and Son, proprietors of the Hobson Funeral Home at Weeping Water, were visiting with friends in Murdock last Thursday, and were also looking after business matters.

Henry Amgwert has been having some important changes made in his home, the alterations being made by Victor Thimgan and which will add much to the beauty and convenience of the home.

Frank A. Melvin, the carpenter and contractor, was called to Plattsmouth early last week, where he had some business affairs to look after and where in addition, he was visiting with a number of his friends.

Oscar McDonald and wife were over to Plattsmouth last Tuesday, where they were visiting and as well looking after some business matters and were attending the festivities of the American Legion convention.

Attorney Guy Clements, who is also an employee of the American Exchange Bank of Elmwood, was looking after some business matters in Murdock on last Thursday afternoon and was calling on his friend, Henry A. Tool.

Bryan McDonald and wife were visiting for a short time in Plattsmouth on last Wednesday, where they were guests at the home of the parents of Mrs. McDonald and where Bryan was also looking after some business affairs.

Mrs. W. J. Snyder, wife of Dr. Snyder, the Louisville dentist, who underwent an operation in an Omaha hospital, was able to return to her home in the cement city last Sunday and thus Dr. Snyder was able to come to Murdock on his accustomed date to look after business here.

While business in the blacksmith shop has been rather quiet, J. H. Buck, who dreads idleness, has been out with the saw rig which he recently built, sawing wood for the farmers, and thus making up for the deficiency which the quiet trade at the blacksmith shop has caused.

Victor Thimgan was demonstrating for a number of the farmers in this vicinity the benefits which can be derived from the feeding of ground feeds in comparison with the diet of whole grains. Mr. Thimgan operates a Case grinder and tractor, and is prepared to turn out ground feed for the farmers at moderate cost.

Last week, Julius A. Pitz, who was recently elected as a member of the board of County Commissioners, accompanied by his wife, her father, Cyril Janda, and an uncle, while returning from a trip to Havelock, stopped to visit with his old friend, William Lau, but found that gentleman away from home and had to return home without visiting with him.

Will Move to Iowa. Henry Rueter has purchased a farm near Jefferson, Iowa, and will move there this coming spring, where he and his family will make their home.

Celebrated Birthdays Together. On December 7, 1863, Mrs. Albert Straich was born in Germany and on the following day Henry Bergmann was also born in that country—so to properly celebrate the events coming so near together, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Straich entertained at their home and had for their guests, Henry Bergmann, A. H. Ward and family, Fred Stock, Sr., and wife, and their three sons, Paul, Robert and Jesse. A wonderful time was had and a most sumptuous supper was served, which was greatly appreciated by all.

BREAKS 30 DAY FAST

Creston, Ia.—F. W. Dusey believes he is down to normal weight again and intends to break his thirty day fast Thursday afternoon. Dusey, about sixty-five years of age, claims he began his fast Nov. 8 and since that time has subsisted only on water. Ten weeks ago, he said he weighed 214 pounds. He has reduced that weight now to about 186 pounds. Dusey said the object of his fast was to improve his physical condition and added that a twenty-seven day fast in 1919 had proved beneficial to him.

Surprise Their Friend. The young people of the Callahan church formed a large company of their members on last Tuesday and went to Lincoln, where they sought the home of Miss Grace Backemeyer,

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and proceeded to make a very fine evening for this estimable young lady. The gathering was a surprise and occurred on her birthday. Miss Grace is a nurse in one of the hospitals at Lincoln and was not expecting a visit from the friends of her home town.

Held Interesting Institute

There was a very interesting session of what is termed an Institute for the Evangelical church in Murdock on last Thursday, when the Rev. Mutkie, Rambolt and Johnson, the latter who was the presiding elder of the Evangelical church. Those attending the meeting were greatly impressed with the significance of the gathering and the real meaning of the term "church."

Entertained the Ladies Aid

Mrs. Frank A. Melvin entertained the members of the Ladies Aid of the Murdock church at her home in Murdock, there being a large crowd present, and all enjoying the occasion and the get-together meeting. All brought their own eats, which they shared with their neighbors and called it a covered dish luncheon.

Furnished Delightful Music

H. W. Tool was over to Lincoln on last Tuesday, where he went with the Shrine band of that place to the U. S. Veterans' hospital east of Lincoln and there furnished a very delightful concert for the members of the institution and which was as duly appreciated as it was graciously given.

Will Make Home with Sister

Gust Hempke and his mother, who have been keeping house west of Murdock for a number of years, will, as soon as the weather shall get warmer, move to the home of his twin sister, Mrs. Emil Lau, where they will make their home. They were born August 3, 1873, and were 59 years of age last summer. They are both enjoying good health and with the mother and son and daughter together they will enjoy their new home.

Spending Month in Plattsmouth

A couple of weeks since, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bauers went to Plattsmouth, where they are spending the month of December at the home of Mrs. Rose Ripple, who is a cousin of Mr. Bauer. Mr. Bauer was a visitor in Murdock on last Thursday to look after some matters at the home and also to secure some winter clothes, as there has come a change of weather since they went over to the county seat.

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Revival Meetings Create Interest at Christian Church

Messages of Rev. Albert W. Farmer Bring Message of Christian Faith to People.

The revival meetings which close next Sunday night at the Christian church in this city, are continuing through cold and snow with the same worthwhile programs which they presented during the warmer weather. With a goal of 100 set for Bible school next Sunday those who have been attending are busy inviting all who have no other church home, to come to all the services that remain.

Tonight, in addition to the sermon by Albert W. Farmer of Clay Center, on "Stewardship—A Philosophy of Life," young people of the church will present a musical drama depicting "Millet's masterpiece, 'The Angelus.'" Friday night a short dramatization based upon the hymn, "Now the Day is Over," will be presented by others of the youth of the church. The sermon for Friday evening is of special interest to parents and all young people, "God's Workshop."

With the services on the Lord's day it is hoped to reach the climax of this meeting and the beginning of greater things for this church. The 100 who are expected in the Bible school will find an interesting program under the direction of Superintendent J. H. Graves, and wide-awake classes taught by men and women who have prepared some good lessons. The morning worship service centering around the Communion of the Lord's Supper, will close with the sermon by the evangelist, "Man's Approach to God." The evening sermon, which will be the last in this

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