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## Taxation Board Slashes .29 of a Mill from 1933

Estimate of Revenue from Beer Sales Is Responsible for Reduction of .02 Mill in Levy.

In spite of the statute of 1927 which prevents the state board of taxation from taking into consideration unspent balances of appropriation on hand in the state treasury, as interpreted by Attorney General Good, the board ordered a state tax levy of 2.1 mills. Last year the levy was 2.39 mills.

The levy proposed was 2.12 mills. The state beer tax of last year and this year estimated tax enabled the board to cut off 2 one-hundredths of a mill. Had the board been allowed to consider \$191,522 of lapsed appropriation balances in the treasury the levy could have been cut to below 2 mills, said State Tax Commissioner Smith. The estimated beer tax for the coming twelve months was fixed by the board at \$222,109 and the amount on hand from last year's beer tax is \$142,009, not taken into consideration last year.

Three factors contributed to the reduction of the levy. The first was increased miscellaneous collections of receipts, the second, payment of \$304,000 emergency appropriations by a levy last year which lessen the amount to be raised by taxation this year.

The 2.1 mill levy this year will raise a total of \$4,325,325 by taxation which is the lowest amount raised since 1916, altho the assessed valuation of all property has decreased about one-third in three years, said Smith.

The capitol levy ceased last year, so the general fund levy is the only one existing. Last year the 2.39 mill levy called for collection of \$4,955,146. The 2.37 mill levy in 1932 called for taxes amounting to \$5,374,772, of which .11 of a mill was for the capitol levy, amounting to \$227,310.

State Auditor Price presided at the meeting of the state board, Treasurer Hall, Secretary of State Swanson and Tax Commissioner Smith, members, were present. Governor Bryan was consulted by telephone and the vote of the board was unanimous.

## LEAVE FOR WEST COAST

From Thursday's Daily  
This evening Mr. and Mrs. William A. Robertson and children, James M. H. Rachel, William, Jr., and Mrs. Vestetta Gray of Gilliam, Louisiana, will depart for the west coast, where they expect to enjoy a vacation trip of several weeks.

Their principal stay will be at Santa Rosa, California, where they will visit with Miss Vesta Gray, sister of Mrs. Robertson. James Robertson will remain at Santa Rosa, where he will attend college the coming year, the Santa Rosa college being a part of the system of the University of California.

The party also expects to visit at Yuki, California, where Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, uncle and aunt of Mr. Robertson reside.

They are planning if time permits to enjoy a visit along the southern coast cities, where they have a large number of old friends and relatives.

## OLD RESIDENT ILL

Fred Kunzmann, a resident of this city for many years, is gravely ill at Winner, South Dakota, messages received here by his daughter, Mrs. James Ptacek, of Chicago, state.

Mr. Kunzmann, who is well advanced in years, has been very poorly for the past several years. He has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Guy Miller, at Winner, and in the last weeks has suffered much from the heat that has greatly affected his health.

## HAS TONSILS REMOVED

On Wednesday William Halmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Halmes, of near this city, was operated on at the office of a local physician for the removal of his tonsils. The boy came through the operation nicely and will now recuperate at home for a few days.

## WILL VISIT ON COAST

From Thursday's Daily  
This morning Sam Arn departed in company with the Hartford family for the west coast where they are expecting to spend some time. Sam will go with his friends as far as Santa Ana, California, where he expects to stop for a visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sands, former residents of Murray. He later expects to go to Oregon to visit with relatives and to look over the forest country of that state.

## Frank M. Massie Celebrates His 80th Birthday

Relatives Gather at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hoback to Honor Pioneer Citizen.

Frank M. Massie of Mount Pleasant precinct reached the 80th milestone Tuesday, July 31, hale and hearty and a celebration of his birthday was nicely arranged at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grover Hoback in Nehawka.

Mr. Massie was born near Winchester, Adams county, Ohio, July 31, 1854 and came west with his stepfather and family, John Gilmore, in September, 1860. The family landed at Queen Hill, Rock Bluff, Territory of Nebraska and were taken by ox-wagon to the unsettled prairie land of Mt. Pleasant precinct. The home was a low, two room log cabin two miles east of the town of Weeping Water on the Cedar Creek.

The pioneer's primitive method of living was discussed by Mr. Massie who has lived in Mt. Pleasant precinct 74 years and has seen the many steps in the development of this state. There has been a big change in the character of shelter, clothing, food, care of sickness and all that goes to make up the social side of mankind. One of the near neighbors was Mr. Nick Halmes who lived eighteen miles northeast of Plattsmouth. Friendly Indians passed each day, crossing from the Weeping Water to the Platte river. There were many hardships but enjoyed a true happiness hardly known today.

Those present to enjoy the birthday celebration of this worthy pioneer and octogenarian were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Massie, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hoback and sons, Marion and Randal and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemphill, all of Nehawka; Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore of Murray; Harry Massie and wife and daughter, Mary Lou of Callaway, Nebraska, Lovel Massie and son, Francis, of Lincoln; Philip E. Tritsch and wife, Maynard Tritsch and wife and Oliver Miller of Cedar Creek, Chris Stohman and wife of Louisville and Miss Marlam Tritsch of Plattsmouth.

## CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS HERE

From Thursday's Daily  
Hon. Edgar Ferneau, of Auburn, one of the well known attorneys of the east portion of the state, was here today to look after the interests of his candidacy for congress from the first district. Mr. Ferneau has been one of the leaders in Nemaha county and has served as a member of the constitutional convention in 1920. He is making a very active campaign and in the large field of opponents should make a good showing in the battle of ballots on August 14th.

## UNDERGOES OPERATION

Paul R. Stangerberg, of Lincoln, connected with the Nebraska State Journal of that city was operated on Tuesday in that city for an attack of appendicitis. The young man was found to be suffering from a ruptured appendix and making his case more than usually severe.

Mr. Stangerberg is a nephew of Mrs. M. S. Briggs of this city.

## DWIGHT GRISWOLD COMING

Dwight Griswold, of Gordon, one of the candidates for the republican nomination for governor of Nebraska, is to pay a visit to this city on next Wednesday evening, August 8th at 8 o'clock. Mr. Griswold is making a statewide tour and carries his special loud speaking system with him for his meetings.

## Weeping Water Still Suffering a Water Famine

Curtailment of the Supply Available Necessary, Owing to Heavy Demand for Water.

In these days of drouth and drying stream and lakes the residents of Plattsmouth can feel truly thankful that they have an adequate and ample supply of good pure water for all purposes and have not been forced to deny themselves the use of the supply in any way.

Our neighboring city of Weeping Water is finding the situation there very serious as the source of the city water supply has been diminished to such an extent that drinking water and other necessary supplies are secured from wells instead of the mains of the city water system.

The city has a supply impounded in the standpipe of the city water system that is being kept for use in case of fire and leaving the wells to supply the people with the necessary water for their use.

Attempts were made to use the well of the Missouri Pacific company, but this was found to be impractical and it is now planned to sink an additional well near the present pumping station in order to try and secure the much needed supply of water.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

Last Thursday evening a surprise party was given on Bernese Kaffenberger in honor of her birthday. It was arranged by Miss Marie Speck, and given at the home of the guest of honor. It was quite a surprise as the guests arrived to greet her.

The evening was spent in playing games. Many beautiful gifts were showered on the guest of honor. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Marie Speck, after which everyone departed for home wishing her many more such happy events.

Those present were Misses Estelle Parkenins, June Kell, Joyce Gauer, Eleanor Sprick, Helen Heim, Phyllis Hennings, Lucile Meisinger, Martha Kaffenberger, Vivian Terryberry, Ellen Kaffenberger and the guest of honor, Bernese Kaffenberger. Messrs. Elmer Sprick, John Kelly, Gerold Kell, Ted Stoehr, Floyd Gauer, Elmer Stoehr, Charles, James and Glenn Kaffenberger, Merrill, Herbert and Reuben Meisinger, Leroy Hennings, Gauer Salsberg, Marion Speck and Albert Hilficker.

## SLASH BEER PRICES

The circles of the beverage dealers of the city was aroused Friday when one of the local dealers placed on sale a twenty-six ounce glass of foaming 3.2 for one dime. The dealers have by agreement heretofore placed the ten and twelve ounce glasses for a dime and the smaller six ounce for five cents, this agreement being in force for some time.

The pioneer in the field of larger beers had a rushing business Friday afternoon and evening with the thrifty and thirsty awaiting their turns to be served with the foaming suds.

Just what the attitude of the other dealers will be on the matter of the price cut on the beer is not known as they have not had time to fully weigh the matter of their future action.

The large schooners for a dime have been on sale for some time at suburban taverns and which have attracted a great deal of the truck trade and the cause of the increase in the glasses by downtown dealers.

## VISITING WITH RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Turner and son, Jimmie, of Marquette, Nebraska, are here to enjoy a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Capwell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Oterdorsky, Mrs. Turner being a sister of Mrs. Capwell and Mrs. Oterdorsky while Mr. Turner is a brother of our efficient county treasurer. They are planning on spending the next week at Elmwood with Mr. O. S. Turner, father of C. N., as well as the other relatives in that city.

## VISITORS IN THE CITY

From Thursday's Daily  
Last evening Riley Barnes, Marvin Craig and sister, Miss Isis Craig, of Winner, South Dakota, with Miss Clara Tysdale of Burke, Nebraska, were here for the evening as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Briggs. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Briggs were formerly engaged in work on a newspaper at Winner. The party has been east on a short visit and from here departed for Burwell, Nebraska, where they expect to spend a short time before going on to their home in Dakota.

## More Bids on Missouri River Work to be Let

Projects North of Platte River Mouth Totaling \$1,300,000 to be Let Soon at Kansas City.

Two Missouri river improvement projects, totaling \$1,300,000, will be let August 15th at Kansas City, according to the reports from the office of Captain J. M. Young at Omaha.

One of the projects is that of the Gibson and Manawa bends which will cost \$651,000, according to the estimate of the engineers.

The second of those let will be the construction work at "Bellevue Bench" near that place and which it is estimated will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

These projects will afford labor for a large number of Sary and Mills county workers as the projects are divided between these two counties.

## Extensive Work at Platte Mouth

The work at the mouth of the Platte, one of the most difficult and expensive undertakings in the river improvement program, will comprise a later letting. Although the money for this work has been appropriated, the contracts are not called for yet, due to the fact that plans are not complete.

The work at the mouth of the Platte is of such nature as to require great engineering skill and control not only along the Missouri river but extending back up the Platte for a considerable distance to check the silt that has been accustomed to pour out into the waters of the Missouri, as the Platte flowed into that river. The contract for this job is expected to be announced soon, which with the contracts now being let, assures a full 18 months to two years' steady work on the Missouri in this vicinity. It will also speed the day of river navigation becoming a reality in the Missouri valley.

## NEW ELMWOOD POSTMISTRESS

From Saturday's Daily  
A change in the postoffice at Elmwood occurred this week when Mrs. Karl Schneider, recently appointed, was sworn into office and took up the duties of the position to which she had been selected. Mrs. Schneider was appointed to succeed Orley Clements, who has held the position for several years under the previous republican administrations.

Mrs. Schneider is well qualified for the position and will retain Miss Ethel Tyson, who has been assisting in the office, to aid her in the handling of the business of the postoffice.

Mr. Clements is expected to engage in business of some nature as soon as he has time to arrange his affairs. He retires from the office with the honor of having served most efficiently in the conduct of its affairs in the years that he has served.

## MARRIED AT COURT HOUSE

From Saturday's Daily  
Last evening as Judge A. H. Duxbury was about to dash home for a lunch and then the kittenball game, he was arrested in his course by the arrival of a young couple from Papillion, seeking the services of the court in making them man and wife. The ceremony was performed forthwith, the contracting parties being Mildred Lucille Byers and Charles Edward Jewett. The ceremony was witnessed by Ruth Byers, sister of the bride and William C. Jewett, brother of the groom. Following the wedding they returned to their home.

Phone the news to No. 6.

## Cass County Takes Pride in Campaign of Senator Banning

State-wide Support of Cass County's First Citizen Indicates Nomination Next Week.

An outstanding honor in particular to the citizenry of Cass county has come through the candidacy of Senator W. B. Banning of Union for the governorship of Nebraska. As a member of the state senate over a period of fourteen years, Senator Banning has already won for himself a position of leadership in the political affairs of the state to which



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his home people have pointed with pride. Consequently when the announcement came that he would be a candidate for the highest office in the state, his legion of friends irrespective of party in Cass county and southeastern Nebraska who have followed his political record over a long period of years, viewed this announcement as but the logical culmination in Senator Banning's service to Nebraska.

Especially pleasing to these friends and neighbors who have followed his outstanding record in the legislature, is the support which has rallied to Senator Banning in the vigorous campaign which he has made through practically every county in the state. Perhaps no greater tribute to the senator's personal and political qualifications voicing the sentiment of southeast Nebraska could have been made than that contained in the announcement of the veteran congressman, John H. Morehead of Falls City, that he was supporting Senator Banning wholeheartedly.

Contrary to the notion that long tenure in public office and the responsibility of affairs of state tend to cause an office holder to assume to himself an attitude of self-importance, aristocracy and egotism, Senator Banning has retained that simplicity of contact and understanding of the needs and problems of the common people. These are virtues the great mass of people of Nebraska are seeking in the selection of their next governor and Senator Banning, affectionately known by his friends as "Bill" is known by the people of his home section to be the finest representative among the candidates for governor, of the rank and file of the common people of Nebraska.

It is not difficult to understand these characteristics of Senator Banning and his sympathetic viewpoint toward the needs and problems of the Nebraska farmer when it is recalled that he was born and raised on the soil of a Nebraska farm and is still actively engaged in farming and horticulture. With this long contact with agricultural interests has been coupled seven years of experience as a country banker at Union. This experience, so closely connecting the agricultural, business and banking interests of our state has been the foundation for Senator Banning's career. And it is because these experiences are so closely knit together in the economic life of our state that Senator Banning is the ideal man for an all-Nebraska governor.

Senator Banning's record of achievement and leadership in the state senate needs no introduction by his home people to the state at large. Elected first to the session of 1909 followed by a second term in 1911, Banning was returned to the upper

house in 1923 to serve continuously to 1931 when he voluntarily declined to be a candidate for re-election. But in 1933, the demand of his constituents in Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties was so insistent that he consented to be drafted and was elected to serve in the 1933 session.

Through his long service his position and votes have been an open record and he has fought openly and straight from the shoulder for the interests of the Nebraska farmer and taxpayer.

But beyond these things, Senator Banning's friends have taken pride in the fact that his personal and political integrity and honesty have never been assailed and that he is fearless in his performance of public duty. He has demonstrated in his political career the declaration of Grover Cleveland that "public office is a public trust." Banning has not allied himself with any combination, clique or faction and through his entire campaign has made no promises of reward to gain support or spoils of office to secure votes. He will go into the governor's office with his hands untied by special interests seeking political advantage and will be qualified to serve as a governor of all the people as the citizens of Nebraska are demanding in this campaign.

Small wonder that Banning's host of friends in his own county and in southeast Nebraska take pride in the reception and support given him all over the state, not because his home people take pride in a narrow and sectional attitude, but because they believe that the people of Nebraska can find no better man for their chief executive in his vision of the needs and ideals of the whole people of the state.

It is in this spirit that his friends and neighbors will go to the polls on August 14th to cast their vote for their "first citizen," Senator W. B. Banning of Union.

## Meat Packing for Government at Norfolk Plant

One of Relief Measures of Government in Preparing Food Supplies from Drouth Cattle.

From Saturday's Daily  
The local plant of the Norfolk Packing Co., today started the packing of meat from the government purchased drouth cattle which will be one of the measures of relief for the needy this winter.

The cattle are taken to the large packing centers where they are slaughtered and prepared for market and then taken to the various packing and canning plants to be prepared for food this winter.

These canning operations of the government cattle is being handled at the packing plants in this section of Nebraska, the Otoe plant at Nebraska City as well as the Norfolk plant here being used to handle the supply of beef that is purchased.

## GIRLS WIN GAME

The "Yo-Yo's" the girls kittenball team of Plattsmouth coached by Raymond Rodrigues took the Weeping Water girls' kittenball team to the tune of 9 to 4, Friday evening.

The game, played at Weeping Water was featured by the hitting of the "Yo-Yo's," especially Kathryn Shellenbarger, who drove a home run in the fifth inning with two on bases.

The Weeping Water team was held by the pitching of Kathryn Shellenbarger who struck out nine players.

The Weeping Water team will play the "Yo-Yo's" here in a return game sometime next week.

The players on the "Yo-Yo's" are: Mayon Sylvester, 1b; Edna Black, ss; Florence Sedlak, 3b; Mary K. Wiles, cf; Avis Sylvester, rf; Jeanette Hirz, lf; Beatrice Ann, cf; Mary Ann Highfield, rf; Kathryn Shellenbarger, p; Jane Rebal, ss.

Superintendent and Mrs. L. S. Devoe and children, Junior and Marjorie, have returned home from Lincoln where Mr. Devoe has been assisting in the University of Nebraska summer school.

## Cass County Young Democrats Have Fine Time

Miss Mary Quigley, National Committeewoman, Guest of Club for the Meeting.

From Saturday's Daily  
The Cass County Young Democrats held a very interesting and largely attended meeting last evening and in which these young students of political ideas and issues of the day found a great deal of interest.

This organization has as its officers, Robert H. Bestor, president; Chris Bullin, vice-president; Paul Vandervoort, secretary and Robert Wheeler as the treasurer.

At the meeting last evening the club had as a visitor Miss Mary Quigley, of Omaha, national committeewoman, who discussed with the members the work of organization and the preparation for the fall campaign in which this organization should prove a large factor in the retaining of Nebraska in the democratic column at the November election.

The Cass County Young Democrats are planning on a great rally on next Wednesday evening at the Athletic park in this city and an which all of the residents of the county are invited to be present and take part.

The club has arranged as one of the features of the evening a kittenball game between the V-8 team, first round winners and the BREX teams, a battle worth seeing.

Invitations have been extended to candidates for all of the various offices in the state and county on the democratic ticket as well as those who are candidates for the non-political office, to be present.

The rally on next Wednesday will be one of the biggest political gatherings of the primary campaign and should allow the voters to meet and know many of the men and women who are seeking their suffrages at the polls.

## ANNOUNCE SCHEDULE

The following is the official schedule for the kittenball games for the next three weeks to be staged at Athletic park.

**Third Week.**  
August 6, American Legion vs. Chevrolet, 6 p. m.; August 6, Donat's Peerless vs. Rovers, 8 p. m.; August 7, Home Dairy Canaries vs. Hetrick's Orphans, 8 p. m.; August 9, Norfolk Packers vs. Mynard Cornhuskers, 8 p. m.; August 10, Ford V-8's vs. Four Mile Bob Cats, 6 p. m.; August 10, Eagles vs. BR9X, 8 p. m.

**Fourth Week.**  
August 13, American Legion vs. Mynard Cornhuskers, 6 p. m.; Ford V-8's vs. Hetrick's Orphans, 8 p. m.; August 14, Donat's Peerless vs. Four Mile Bob Cats, 8 p. m.; August 16, Eagles vs. Chevrolet, 8 p. m.

**Fifth Week.**  
August 20, Eagles vs. Norfolk Packers, 6 p. m.; Chevrolet vs. Mynard Cornhuskers, 8 p. m.; August 21, American Legion vs. BREX, 8 p. m.; August 23, Ford V-8's vs. Donat's Peerless, 8 p. m.; August 24, Home Dairy Canaries vs. Four Mile Bob Cats, 6 p. m.; Hetrick's Orphans vs. Rovers, 8 p. m.

(The remainder of the schedule will be published as soon as final date of schedule has been determined.)

## DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Saturday's Daily  
The death of Frank S. Brownlee, 69, occurred this morning at the Nebraska Masonic Home. The deceased was born on March 20, 1865, at Mounmouth, Illinois, and grew to manhood in that locality. He was a resident of Omaha for a number of years and was a member of Covert lodge No. 11, A. F. & A. M. He was admitted to the home on March 7, 1934. There is surviving several nephews and nieces, he being a single man. The body is at the Horton funeral home until the final arrangements can be made for burial.

From Friday's Daily  
Mrs. E. H. Wescott was a visitor in Omaha today where she was called to spend a few hours looking after some business matters.