

"Honor System" of Taxation Heard by House Committee

Lamb Bill Plan Proposes to Save \$500,000 Yearly in Cost of Collecting Taxes.

Lincoln, March 6.—Dispensing with precinct assessors and saving of from \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually in cost of collection of taxes and placing citizens on an honor system, similar to the Canadian plan in fixing valuations of property was under discussion here tonight at an open meeting of the house revenue and taxation committee.

These provisions are included in the Lamb bill, known as House Bill 388. This measure would force all taxpayers to send direct to the county assessor a complete tax return. These returns would then be published throughout the county.

In event any charge is made by anyone, by telephone, telegraph, mail or word of mouth as to the truth of a return it immediately becomes subject to an investigation by the assessor. If he changes the return the person affected may pay or appeal to the county board of equalization and if not satisfied may go to court.

Bill is Outlined.

Other provisions in the bill would make a note uncollectible if the assessor's stamp does not appear on it. It also provides that if the person holding the note turns it in at 50 cents on the dollar the debtor can pay on the same basis providing he takes advantage of such a return 60 days after it is filed.

Still another provision puts intangibles on the same assessment basis as tangibles while another provides for determining valuation of various properties, partly on their revenue earning basis.

W. T. Graham, real estate man, declared the only equitable way to determine valuation was by arriving at its physical valuation. He is against the "honor system" because, he declared, it would give cowardly persons who refused to give their names an opportunity to stir up much trouble and scandal.

Trenmore Cone, representing the taxpayers league, asserted discharge of assessors was taking the government too far from the people.

Urges Honor System.

"Why, we put right in the hands of every taxpayer and permit him to make his own return," Representative Lamb said.

J. O. Shroyer, representing the farmers' union, asserted he had studied the Canadian plan and believed the "honor" system would prove a success.

Shroyer urged constitutional amendments which would make no property tax exempt except churches and schools. Lamb replied that bills of this description were in the hands of his committee at this time.

Charles W. Towl, representing the Nebraska Manufacturers' association, asserted that assessments of intangibles at full value would tend to make tax dodgers out of all who held such securities and would drive them to purchase of tax-free securities.

Manufacturer Speaks.

"I think you will find that a majority of farmers aren't taxed more than 2 per cent of the full value of their land," he said. "The best thing for the farmers, to my mind, would be for them to encourage manufacturing concerns in the state and not discourage them."

"Under this bill and the existing law, because the packing plants have property in Nebraska they are compelled to list all Nebraska stockholders with the state taxing bodies and are compelled to pay taxes on it."

"Under this bill they would be compelled to pay the full tax. Yet if Nebraska people owned Bethlehem

"Miracle Baby" and Mother



Mrs. John Russell and her baby, her presumptive to the peccage of Lord Amphill.

London, March 6.—The Russell divorce case, in which the Hon. John Russell, son of Lord Amphill, seeks a decree on grounds of misconduct, increased in interest for London society following striking admissions by the plaintiff under cross examination. Russell, who stated his marriage never had been consummated, while his wife claimed it had been while her husband was in a somnambulant state, admitted he frequently dressed as a woman. He confessed to possessing a feminine outfit, complete to corsets and silk stockings. Russell denies he is the father of a "miracle baby" boy who is his presumptive to the Amphill peerage.

steel stock, for instance, they would escape taxation. In theory a lower intangible tax than tangible tax is wrong, but in practice it works to the benefit of all. Intangibles, listed last year under the one-fourth tax law, increased hundreds of thousands and it would keep increasing if allowed to remain on the statute books.

No action was taken on the bill.

State House Stenographers

Irate Over Bryan's Act

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—State house stenographers are in arms over action taken by Governor Bryan in disregarding civil service rules existing under the code and putting a stenographer in the office of the state insurance department at a higher salary than many stenographers who have been working years are receiving.

The Bryan stenographer is receiving \$90 a month. Since the code went into effect stenographers were started at either \$50 to \$60 a month, according to the class of work demanded of them. Then a rule was established that if they progressed in their work they should receive a small increase in salary semi-annually.

Many girls who have worked two years and whose work has been satisfactory and have not yet attained the \$90 salary the Bryan appointee received the day she started work.

House Votes for District Election of Commissioners

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—The house advanced a bill to third reading today which makes county commissioners in Douglas and Lancaster counties elected from the district in which they are nominated and not elected by the county at large, as at present. Two members of the Douglas county delegation, Timme and Smith, voted against the bill.

An attempt was made to amend the measure so all county commissioners would be elected in the same manner. The amendment was proposed by Thatcher of Boyd county. It was defeated. The bill was introduced by James Quinn, Douglas county representative from the country district.

Ed Smith to Press Bill on Feeding of Prisoners

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—Senate file 52, the Larkin chambers bill, which takes collectors of money for feeding prisoners in Douglas county from the hands of the sheriff and places it in charge of the county commissioners and which cuts sheriff's mileage in Douglas, Lancaster and Gage counties, is now in the hands of the fees and salaries committee of the lower house. The bill passed the senate after a hard fight.

Representative Ed Smith, who is chairman of this committee, announced today he would do everything possible to expedite placing the bill on general file. Other members of this committee are Garber, Wilson of Dawes, Kendall, Davis of Fillmore, Elsasser and Jacoby.

Falls City Druggist Offers Reward for Bandits' Capture

Falls City, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Angered by success with which robbers carried on their depredations in Richardson county Monday night and Tuesday morning, T. M. Hull of Shubert, whose drug store was robbed of \$500 in goods, today offered a reward of \$400 for the capture of the bandits.

Last night's victims included the H. E. Williams general merchandise store of Shubert, M. L. Dowell general merchandise store of Salem, Paul Parish drug store, Salem, and the Thorncliffe farm, near Salem. Trucks were believed to have been used to haul the loot.

Boy Joyrider, Captured by Girl, Is Paroled

Grand Island, Neb., March 7.—(Special.)—Ray Streater, 15, who was caught a few nights ago, after a long chase, by Ha Nisfeldt, several years younger, after he had taken the Nisfeldt car for a joyride, and was held by the girl until her father and brother came to her assistance, was arraigned in district court today. He was placed on parole for a year. The terms of the parole allow him two picture shows a month, one Boy Scout meeting per week, and in the vacation months he must seek some useful occupation.

Bill Authorizing Bridge Purchases Passes House

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—Authorization for purchase of the Plattsburgh and Louisville bridges by the state and by Sarpy and Cass counties is contained in a bill which passed the lower house on third reading. The bill empowers the counties, which must pay one-half the cost of the bridges, to continue to charge toll until the amount collected aggregates their cost. After this is done both bridges will be free from toll charges.

Saline Pioneer Dies.

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—Frank Patrone, a pioneer of Saline county, and the mother of Mrs. Phil Broas of this city, died Tuesday morning, according to word received here. He had been in ill health about a year. He was a member of the Masonic and Woodmen lodges.

War Vets Disappointed.

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—Adjutant Harmon Broas of the Nebraska G. A. R. said today that civil war veterans were badly disappointed by the defeat of the bill in congress for increased pensions. The bill provided that pensions of veterans over 73 be increased from \$50 to \$72.

Bill to Prohibit State Fair Opening on Sunday Killed

Senate Indefinitely Postpones Measure After Being Assured Amusements Are Barred on Sabbath.

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—By another lopsided vote this morning the senate put the skirts under the proposed measure by Senator Barr of Gage to force the Nebraska state fair to close its doors Sunday.

The vote to indefinitely postpone the bill was 27 to 6.

Senators Purcell, Banning, Allen and Reichenbach spoke against the Barr bill, saying that its purposes were not generally understood. They explained that no amusements are allowed on the grounds Sunday and that the opening of the fair was a necessity to permit the proper placing of exhibits and the proper policing of the grounds. In the way of entertainment, it was explained that the only feature was a sacred concert.

Anti-Fog Report Adopted.

The senate adopted the welfare committee's report postponing the anti-cigar bill introduced by Senator Chambers of Omaha and the clinical psychologist measure sponsored by Hastings.

The following nine bills were reported out from the committee:

S. F. 275, Warner—Includes within provisions of arson law anyone who causes a building to be set afire.

S. F. 265, Wittice—Gives police officers transporting prisoners through the state local powers.

S. F. 307, Anderson and Warner—Provides that executors, administrators and guardians may extend time of payment of notes belonging to estate.

H. R. 143, Elsasser—Exempts children performing on the stage from child welfare law, providing license is obtained from department of public welfare.

S. F. 196, Wanderson and Warner—Makes tobacco licenses run for the calendar year.

S. F. 86, Barr—Board of standardization movie censorship bill.

H. R. 227, Axtell and Reynolds—Puts two instead of one judge in Thirteenth district.

H. R. 430—Admits women deserted by their husbands less than nine months to Nebraska industrial home.

S. F. 500—Limits appointment of commanders of soldiers' home to veterans of civil, Spanish and world war to age of 35.

School Bill Passes.

Only one bill was passed, H. R. No. 1, by Broome, which provides that the cost of appraising school lands for lease shall be paid by the successful bidder. Two other bills of a minor nature were referred back to the committee and the fourth one considered on third reading. H. R. 104, by Densmore and Essam, was defeated, 26 to 6. It provided for an increase in the levy for the mothers' pension fund in all except Lancaster and Douglas counties from one to two-tenths of a mill.

Eleven bills were killed on report of committee, including three by Senator Larkin of Omaha, two of which made the accomplice in an arson case equally guilty and the third providing more stringent regulations for sale of pistols and adding penalties for crimes committed by people armed with pistols. Chambers also lost two of his bills by indefinite postponement including the anti-cigar measure and another making sand and other materials in the beds of the rivers the property of the state.

Deshler Fire Alarm Heard by Firemen 9 Miles Away

Deshler, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Deshler's new five horsepower Erick electric siren fire alarm was tested out Monday afternoon and Helron's fire department, nine miles east, phoned to find out what was the matter. Firemen from every direction phoned in to find out about the "fire." The alarm cost \$500.

Leads in Food Value

The advertisement for Petersen-Pegau Hard Roll Bread features a large illustration of a loaf of bread and the text: "Leads in Food Value".

House Votes for 10-Cent Spectacles

Truth in Death of Finance Bill Is Made Public

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—The lower house voted today for a continuation of 10-cent spectacles.

The abolishment of everything excepting gold-rimmed, tortoise-shelled and high-priced glasses was threatened. It was charged, in a bill making everyone selling glasses meet certain educational requirements.

"That means the 10-cent stores couldn't sell them," Jacoby asserted.

Then he pulled a pair of glasses from his nose.

"These here 'specs' cost me 10 cents, and I'll bet a dollar to a doughnut I can see as many jokers in a bill as the introducer of this bill."

The introducer was Ralph Wilson of Lancaster, who was wearing a pair of gorgeous tortoise-shelled glasses.

The bill was killed.

Senate Advances Barrows' Claim to Third Reading

Measure on Myny Coal Yards and Horticulture Bill Also Advanced—Action Pictures Taken.

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—By a vote of 29 to 13, the senate this afternoon advanced House Roll 249, the Barrows salary claim, to third reading.

Wittice led the fight against the bill, on the ground that the former lieutenant governor had recourse to the court and lost. He said to allow the claim would establish a precedent.

Fries Bill Advanced.

Senator Cooper supported the bill. He pointed out Barrows had served 135 days as acting governor, but had deducted for the time the senate was in session and also for \$100 which Governor McKelvie had paid him.

On roll call those voting against the bill were Anderson, Banning, Behrens, Fries, Johnson, Mencham, Saunders, Shellenberger, Smrha, Tomek, Warner, Wilkins and Wittice.

Another bill advanced to third reading was Senate File 54, by Fries, authorizing cities between 5,000 and 25,000 to maintain municipal coal yards. It is in line with the Bryan program. A similar bill was killed in the house yesterday.

Pictures Taken.

The third bill considered was Senate File 116, by Robbins, Good and Banning, which makes the chairman of the state university department of horticulture a member of the state park board, instead of the public works secretary. It was advanced to third reading.

Dr. G. E. Condra took pictures of the senate in action this afternoon.

Scottsbluff Farmer Raises 18.61 Tons of Beets Per Acre

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—As an example of successful farming in the North Platte valley, Matt Schumacher of Minatare averaged in 1922 18.61 tons of beets per acre from 333 acres, for which he has already been paid \$37,864 by the Great Western Sugar company. He will receive an additional \$6,302 April 2 when the bonus of \$1 per ton is paid.

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Hue and Cry of Governor That Republicans Slew Measure Shown Up by Investigation.

Pioneer Minutaire Citizen Commits Suicide With Gun

Scottsbluff, Neb., March 6.—(Special.)—Robert Harshman, pioneer Minutaire citizen, took his own life by shooting himself through the heart at 8 Tuesday morning in the rear of his club room and restaurant here.

Fred Smith, who is in business in a store room adjoining Mr. Harshman's, heard the shot, but when he reached the scene, Mr. Harshman was dead.

His health is supposed to have been the cause of the act.

Mr. Harshman was 53. Surviving are his wife and Stella, Leon and Fred Harshman of Minatare, Ailie Harshman of Denver and Roy Harshman of Bridgeport, Neb.

Father of Seed Man Dies at Shenandoah

Shenandoah, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—Sol E. Field, 83, father of Henry Field, prominent seed man, died today of influenza at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick Fischer.

Mr. Field was a member of the state legislature in 1883 and 1890. He was a civil war veteran and lived on one Iowa farm for 40 years.

Other children surviving are Mrs. Harry Eaton, wife of the secretary of the state pharmacy board; Mrs. Martin Druffmeier and Mrs. Ira Shambaugh of Clarinda, Mrs. Susan Curnal of Redland, Cal. and Sol Field, Jr., Corning, Cal.

Judge Sears Resigns Effective Next Saturday

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—The resignation of Willis G. Sears as district judge of Douglas county was received at the governor's office Tuesday. It will become effective next Saturday and a successor will be named before that time in order that there will be no break in the district court session. Judge Sears was elected to Congress last fall, his term beginning March 4.

School for Postmasters Opens at Postoffice Here

"Postmasters' school" opened at 9:30 a. m. yesterday in the central post office for a three days session. These new Nebraska postmasters were present.

Yeggs Get Loot at Stores in Two Towns

Pheasants Bill Advanced.

Lincoln, March 6.—(Special.)—A bill appropriating \$15,000 out of the state fish and game license money for purchase and distribution of pheasants was advanced to third reading in the lower house today.

John Becker Stunt; E. T. Best, Neiligh K. L. Malloy, Pierce; C. G. Anderson, Shelby; George Beardsley, Clark; Edward Erickson, Boelus; Fred Nielsen, Lexington; R. G. Lorance, Auburn; Carroll C. Colbert, Wauneta; W. C. Hogelin, James Schoonover, Aurora; Elbert Taylor, Haigler; F. E. Britton, Blue Hill.

The Parish drug store and the Laff-Dowell Mercantile store were robbed at Salem. The entire stock of narcotic drugs was stolen at the drug store. Silk goods were stolen from the Laff-Dowell establishment.

Jewelry and Kodaks were taken from the J. M. Hill drug store at Shubert. A mercantile store was robbed of wearing apparel.

The robberies were not discovered until Tuesday morning. The two towns are 15 miles apart and Officer Carroll believes the same band pulled both jobs.

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