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### DEMOCRATS, AIDED BY INSURGENTS, KILL MELLON TAX PLAN LEVI KEISER, AGED ROMEO, MUST HAVE GUARDIAN, JUDGE SAYS LODGE BLOCKS SENATE ACTION TO INVESTIGATE DAUGHERTY

# to Appeal Senator Bruce Precipitates His Case Battle With Phrase, "Proposal Is Squalid, Odious

Doctors Testify to Physical and Mental Fitness of Ashland Woman Attorney's Husband.

By R. C. PETERS,

Wahoo, Neb., Feb. 19 .- Levi Keiser, 79, must have a guardian. This was the decision tonight of County Judge testimony on the aged man's mental competency for three days.

Defense Kelso Morgan of Omaha was mittee. on his feet, announcing that an appeal would be taken to the district court and asking the court to fix a

lowed immediately after J. H. Barry had changed his argument and the rapidity with which it was announced showed that the judge had arrived at his conclusions some time before. He Arkansas, the democratic leader, did not even wait to read a number of letters submitted by the plaintiff O'Ryan had violated the quasi-conin support of his petition for a

Keiser and his 48-year-old bride, formerly Mrs. Irene C. Buell of Ash land, were not in the courtroom when the decision was announced, they having returned to Ashland by an early afternoon train.

Relatives Jubilant.

The aged man's relatives apparently were jubilant at the finding and their attitude toward the whole situation was fairly well expressed by Keiser's brother, Eli, who said, "How (referring obviously to the second rs. Levi Keiser) without doing it act as his children see fit?"

At way?" The case probably will Harry Keiser came in for a scoring at the hands of Attorney C. Z. Donatic of Market Court here sometime at the hands of Attorney C. Z. Donatic Court here sometime at the hands of coran will be the presiding judge.

The defense called but two wit-F. G. Way, this afternoon to prove the competency of Keiser.

amined Keiser physically and mentally and found him sound.

"I tested his mental reflexes and found them good," Dr. Lauvetz testihis heart and lungs and found them normal. I would say that Keisen is normal. I would say that Keiser is physically and mentally competent." Physically Fit.

He was followed by Dr. Way, who said he had been examiner for the Saunders county insanity commission for 21 years.

"I found both his body and mind that she is a member of the Nebraska remarkably well preserved for a man bar. of his age," Dr. Way declared, and Judge Permanter's decision followed his statement with testi- very brief. mony that Keiser was medically fit.

The testimony of the expert witnesses was marked by bitter verbal Barry objecting vigorously to permitting either doctor to state that it was his opinion that Keiser was men-

He was sustained by Judge Parmenter, when he asked that a reply by Dr. Way that Keiser was competent to handle business be

Ruling Is Disappointment.

The judge's ruling was a bitter disappointment to counsel for Keiser. who pointed out that witnesses for the plaintiff, who had not been qualified as experts, had been allowed to testify to Keiser's capacity to take care of his property.

"There is a difference between medical and business copetency.' Judge Parmenter insisted, when Morgan urged the admittance of Dr.

Way's testimony." "I don't think there is," Morgan declared. "The doctor has testified that compentency includes business competency." The judge declined to see the matter in the same light, and

the force of the xprts tstimony was

The defense did not rest until 4:20 this afternoon, but argument was started despite the lateness of the hour and continued until 6.

Bryant Opens Argument. H. A. Bryant, opening the argu ment for Harry Keiser, who brought the action to have his father declared mentally incompetent, said that the gifts of thousands of dollars to Mrs Kelser prior to the old man's mar

riage proved his inability to look after his own affairs. "His offer to fight Attorney Barry proves our contention that he is suf fering from senile dementia," he de clared. "He thinks he is as good as

a man 30 years younger." Plaintiff's attorney had previously declared that one of the symptoms of senile dementia was an enlarged ego or "the big I." as they puit it.

"Levi Keiser said, 'I like the ladies.' Fire Destroys Two Farmcould ask Mr. Barry or you, judge, the same question and get the same

#### Defendant Senate Votes Inquiry Into Miller's Charge of Juggled Bonus Estimates

Gratuity."

Washington, Feb. 19 .- The senate took a hand today in the revived bonus battle. After listening to a fight precipitated by a declaration of Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, that the compensation proposal was a 'squalid and odlous gratituity," it Relatives Seem Pleased voted for an inquiry into charges attributed to Col. Thomas Miller, allen property custodian, that the treasury 'had juggled" its estimates of the

The investigation was proposed in resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Harrison, democrat, Missis-G. N. Parmenter after listening to sippi, and which was adopted today without a record vote and after only a brief explanation by the Mississippi Hardly had the judge stated his senator. It puts the investigation in finding, before Chief Counsel for the the hands of the senate finance com-

Before Senator Bruce had time for a breathing spell after his address on the bonus. Senator Caraway, demoerat, Arkansas, had called him a Judge Parmenter's decision tol. champion of the "Jack Dempseys of were on their feet to take exception to some of his remarks.

On top of this, Senator Robinson of charged that Maj. Gen. John F. the veterans' bureau.

In criticising General O'Ryan, Senator Robinson, also mentioned activities of the former committee counsel lead the debate by announcing that which he said were in support of the he had decided to support the bonus Mellon plan. "There is a lot of nonsense uttered

Boiled down, it simply propaganda. comes to the fact that one white man | measure by \$900,000,000

Keiser said. Judge George F. Cor. Donato declaring, "If anyone needs guardian, it is Harry Keiser. "If his father has senile dementia,

nesses, Drs. J. F. Lauretz and then he has also," he continued 'Harry Keiser didn't know enough to Both testified that they had ex-

Wife is Criticized. Personal criticism was continued when Barry concluded the argument, the chief counsel for the plaintiff di-

He declared that Mrs. Keiser should have waited until after the hearing

had been concluded before marrying the old man. "She has violated her duty as sworn officer of this court by her action." he said, referring to the fact

"I have no quarrel with the old gentleman," he declared, "but I think his case comes well within the clashes between opposing counsel, law in these cases and a guardian should be appointed." Eager listeners jammed the court

room throughout the afternoon ses- be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 at tables were dragged into the court and occupied by all who could find a place on them, and the judge's could not find places elsewhere.

resting on the judges table and five stood behind the judge. No Control of Crowd.

Even the witness stand was not allowed to go unoccupied during the points in Nebraska will act as honor closing arguments, a spectator filling ary and active pallboarers. the witness chair with half a dozen grouped on the raised platform about W. J. Bryan Said to the witness chair with half a dozen

Little or no attempt was made to control the crowd, which pressed forward whenever a new witness took

ensational in the history of the Saunders county court and has been the sole topic of discussion here for

### John Baldwin Files

Harry Post, Benson, rural No. 6, filed yesterday for the demoioner from the Third district. Lawrence J. Hein, 2903 Capitol through ination for state representative from

John N. Baldwin, 5616 Jones street, filed for public defender on the republican ticket. Edward B. Jones, 1912 South Twen-

tieth street, filed for the nomination

answer," said Kelso Morgan, in his houses burned near here. A large Ripp, 40, died at St. Mary hospi- and used for a bank up to that time argument. "It was the answer of a modern house owned by Frank Sisson tal, following an attack of typhoid but since the sale of the bank it gallant gentleman and Levi Keiser was destroyed, when a farm hand pneumonia. Three children in the has been used as a farm loan of thardt, 62, member of the board of started a fire in the kitchen stove. Ripp household, Thelma, 4; Bernardine fice. Every stockholder is a Box directors of the National Bank of Morgan insisted that the question Cause of the fire in the house occu- 7, and Verne, 11, have died in the last Butte county resident and all of them Commerce, and practicing attorney. before the court was, "Can a man pied by L. Wantz was undetermined. inine months.

# Coolidge Opposed to

Washington, Feb. 19.-Threats from business interests to dismiss employes upon failure to petition congress for enactment of the Mellon tax bill and for defeat of bonus legislation were denounced today by the White House as "utterly un-American, subversive of the very fundamentals of democ racy and calculated to arouse hostilities between employers and em

C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to President Coolidge, in a letter to American Legion Weekly, criticised sharply a purported circular letter sent by the Aeolian company, asking employes to request their members of congress to vote for the Mellon bill and defeat the bonus, and ended with the declaration that the company would check its payroll "within the next couple of weeks to find out those who have written and those who have not.'

The president desires me Slemp's letter said, "that while he is opposed to granting of the soldier bonus, he is completely sympathy with the protest which the American Legion Week ly voices against this kind of propaganda to defeat the bonus

fidential relations of "lawyer and ance with ours. General O'Ryan, as ment of Justice, the Montana senator client" by trying to use in anti-bonus a soldier with an unusual record, is added that if Daugherty did not get work the organization built during his against the bonus for the same reaservice as special counsel with the son that I am, a belief that the soldier senate committee which investigated group, the earning class, will event the United States give him credit ually pay for it and for the war for. loans.

Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma said Senator Reed, "about was convinced the treasury had overestimated the cost of a compensation

### use his money a she likes, or must he Slaving of Judge Causes Mayor to

Lincoln Executive Promises to Act if Hardware Men Fail to Regulate Sale of Fire Arms.

Lincoln, Feb. 19.-The killing of District Judge Morning was a "di-rect attack against the very dation of the law," Mayor F. C. Zehrung said this afternoon and the mayor promised that if the Nebrasha Hardware Dealers' association did not take action to regulate the sale of fire arms, he would formulate an ordinance for such action. The regulation should be statewide, he said, rather than by municipalities.

Lincoln, Feb. 19 .- Funeral services for District Judge William M. Morn on the bench yesterday morning, will hour of the funeral.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. James W. MacDonald, pastor bench held more than a dozen, who of All Souls Unitarian church, of neighbor of Manley. It is alive, hav Three persons stood directly in and Dr. Walter Altken, pastor of St. ing fed jackrabbits. Hastings college front of the bench with their arms where the funeral will be held.

Judges of the supreme court here attorneys from Lincoln and other for its museum.

### Back Daniels' Boom

By P. C. POWELL,

Washington, Feb. 19.-Eastern papers today are full of stories linking the name of William Jennings Bryan the democratic nomination for presi. Entrance was gained through the back The stories are to the effect that

merely camouflage in an effort to elect himself to the democratic na- Box Butte Citizens Open tional convention and that there is no sincerity in it.

It is pointed out that it was largely efforts of Bryan that evenue, filed for the republican nom- Daniels became a member of the Daniels being one of the few members of the Wilson cabinet not sat-

Fourth Death in Columbus

Family in Single Year | paid in surplus. Columbus, Neb., Feb. 19.-For the building where the office of Pierce houses Near Ainsworth fourth time in a year death entered and Jenkins has been the last five Ainsworth, Feb. 19.-Two farm the same home here, when Fred H. years. The building was constructed are experienced bankers.

### by Friends Threats to Veterans Charge

Resolution Introduced by Senator Wheeler for Immediate Probe Committee Named to Consider Measure.

#### Charges Sale of Pardons

Washington, Feb. 19. - Immediate action on the Daugherty investiga tion resolution was blocked today in tor Wheeler, democrat, Montana, author of the resolution, naming the the investigation. He declared that never had he known "a reflection of this kind to be cast on the presiding officer of the senate.'

Senator Wheeler, during a speech in he senate late today, charged that friends of Attorney General Daugherty obtained money for services in connection with Department of Jus Speaking in support of tice cases. country and they are not in accord- the attorney general and the Departmoney from these friends, he was "a bigger fool than what the people of

Senator Wheeler said that Daugherty, who killed himself in the year ago, had had an office in the Department of Justice and accepted noney in connection with various cases pending before the department. When the oil scandal developed

Senator Wheeler declared, it appeared that Daugherty was "mixed in it."
"It appeared that he was the friend of Ned McLean," the senator added. of Sinclair. Everybody knows he was Flay Gun Toting the friend of Doheny and that these three men met in the Department of Justice from time to time.

"Newspapers in New York carried eports of how the attorney general's friend, Thomas B. Felder, was collecting money by selling offices and pardons and dismissing whisky cases in

"Everybody knows that other riends and confidential advisers were ollecting money and giving as their easons that they could use influnce with the attorney general. "Of course, it is very difficult to

ow, tracing them through personal riends, that he accepted money." The investigators proposed by Sentor Wheeler were Senators Brookhart, Iowa; Jones, Washington, and McLean, Connecticutt, republicans, and Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, and

#### Wounded Eagle Fed on Jackrabbit Diet

Red Cloud, Neb., Feb. 19 .- What is sion. The jury box was packed to St. Paul church here. The body will probably the mate of the American three times its normal capacity, lie in state from 12 noon, until the hald eagle captured alive by Alfred Manley, farmer living about nine miles north of here, last week, has teen shot down by Charles Norris, a which Judge Morning was a member, ing been shot in the wing, and is behis bird to it. The bird measures six Judges of the supreme court here feet from the tips of the wings and and of district and other courts and the college intends having it mounted

#### Store Burglars Get \$1,000 Loot at Shelton

Shelton, Neb., Feb. 19,-The gen ral merchandise store of Frank Nama here, was robbed, and goods valued at \$1,000 taken, including 500 vards of silk, silk shirts, shoes, socks, with a boom for Joseph Daniels for 17 men's suits and four overcoats. door, which was pried off the hinges Mr. Nama was in the store at midfor Public Defender Bryan's backing of Professor Murnight, the robbery occurring between that time and morning.

> Bank at Hemingford Hemingford, Neb., Feb. 19. - The

Citizens National bank of Heming ford opened for business last week Wilson cabinet and that with with the following officers and directors: Keith L. Pierce, president George F. Hedgecock, vice president urated in oil, his popularity should George M. Jenkins, cashier, and the grow between now and the New above-named officers and Frank dore Neeland as directors. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 with \$2,500

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 19 .- Dele gates from every precinct in Lincoln county will meet in a mass meeting

county's old courthouse to burn. Lincoln Banker Dies.





A Harder Conundrum Than the Crime Wave



#### The Day in Washington

The tariff commission made public its estimate of the cost of milling and marketing hard spring

The house approved the demo eratic income and surtax rates as a substitute for those proposed in the Mellon tax bill,

A debate on the soldiers' bonus was precipitated in the senate when Senator Bruce, democrat, Mary land, in a speech opposed it. The senate ordered an inquiry into charges attributed to Col.

Thomas Miller, alien property cus-todian, that the treasury had juggled estimates of the cost of a sol-The senate veterans committee conferred with Director Hines re-

garding conditions in the New York office of the veterans' bureau and the personnel situation in gen-eral headquarters here. Atlee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts, for their work as special gov-

ernment oil counsel. Attorney General Daugherty remained defiant in the face of new attacks aimed to bring about his retirement from the cabinet.

President Coolidge let it be known

that he regards business as not seriously injured by developments in the oil inquiry. Senate oil committee members said the name of at least one pub-

lic official appeared on the list of stock brokerage transactions pre-sented by broker officials. The Wheeler resolution for in vestigation of Attorney Daugherty and the Department of Justice was sent to the committee, a vote in the senate being blocked

on objection of Senator Lodge. The senate engaged in debate over the oil situation, during which Senator Wheeler, democrat, Mon-tana, charged that friends of Attorney General Daugherty had obtained money for services in connection with Department of Justice

#### Taxpayers' Body to Select Slate

of the Taxpayers league in North Platte Thursday to endorse candidates for county officials which will be vacant this term. The Taxpayers the audit which in turn caused Lincoln

Lincoln, Feb. 19.-Stephen L. Geisdied of apoplexy,

#### **Editors Gather for** Grand Island Meeting

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 19 .- Pres ociation arrived in the city today nd Secretary Buck will arrive late its own fire alarm. Wednesday for the 51st annual con-Kroh arrives a day early because and lighting a signal on the teleooked to address the state jewelers' onvention on the value of advertis-

onvention in a business way will

thics in matters of legitimate news, the building was slight. ropaganda and advertising; general special papers will be read or ad- Central City Couple resses made on "General Advertisng and Special Representatives," by Emmet Finley of the American Press ssociation; "The Newspaper and the Newspaper and the Farmers," by their golden anniversary The Newspaper and the Public," by was unable to be present. usic by the Melody Men and the Mr. Nielsen is 76, and his wife, 71. dederkranz Male quartet which oranizations, about 10 days ago, he Hastings station. On Friday vening a "general mixer" will be njoyed at the auditorium, with daning, cards, bowling, pool, music and audeville specialties. The ladies of entertainment features.

Explosion Victim Improved. Eighteenth street, yesterday, is im- tral avenue paving project.

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained ma age licenses in Council Bluffs yesterda:

Name and Address, arie Millard, Spencer, Neb. iildegarde Christensen, Spencer, Neb. eon Christensen, Neola, Ia............ Emma Bondo, Weston, Ia....... James Scott, Broken Bow, Neb. ... Mimie Grabert, Broken Bow, Neb. ddie Davis, Council Bluffs

Melted Telephone Wire Gave Fire Alarm at Falls City Store

Falls City, Feb. 19 .- A blaze that broke out in the R. H. Jenne readyto-wear store here practically rang

The fire burned the insulation from the telephone wire in the store, causing the current to become "shorted" phone company's exchange board. When the operator falled to get a The press meeting begins response from the store she investi-Thursday morning. Features of the gated and the fire was discovered. The store carried a \$30,000 stock of e: Adoption of articles of incorpor- women's garments, most of which ation; adoption of a standard of was ruined by smoke. Damage to

## Married 50 Years

Central City, Neb., Feb. 19 .- M: Schools," by C. K. Norse of the and Mrs. P. C. Nielsen, residents of Curtis School of Agriculture; "The Central City since 1878, celebrated Milo Reno, president of the Iowa home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Niel- above \$8,000. Farmers' union; "The Newspaper and sen. Eight children and 75 guests Organized Labor," by E. S. participated in the event. One son.

udge Bayard H. Paine, Grand Island. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen were mar- \$200,000. Among the entertainment features ried in Denmark. Immediately folrill be a banquet in the gold room of lowing their marriage they came to he Yancey hotel tendered by the lo- the United States, where they set families cal publishers and printers, President tled at Rawlins, Wyo. Four years The Mellon provision elimianted Sroh acting as toastmaster, with later they removed to Central City. proposed:

### roadcast a radio program through Kearney Woman to Run

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 19.-Esther he local publishers and printers have elected secretary of the Kearney special program for the lady chamber of commerce at a meeting visitors, including a play by and of the directors held Monday afterneeting with the local Woman's club noon. This constitutes her sixth and a drive, the Chamber of Com- consecutive term of one year each to merce materially assisting in the the office. A financial statement level, made for the last year showed that the chamber had raised and spent a total of \$14,910 during the period of down, differed from the Mellon 12 months. In addition the business schedule in the maximum surtax rate The condition of Mrs. Ruth Byren, and professional men subscribed to which it sought to have fixed at 25 who was injured in an explosion at and raised a fund of nearly \$30,000, per cent. the Teddy Bear Cleaners, 118 North which was donated to the South Cen.

#### William Colton, York, Files for Rail Commissioner

Lincoln, Feb. 19.-William Colton fork, today filed for the republican nomination to the office of railroad commissioner. In a letter to Secre tary of State Pool, Mr. Colton cited York county; a letter from ex-Presi dent Roosevelt thanking him for volunteering to go overseas with the latter his business experience and his pledge of "100 per cent for the voters

J. J. Grimes, Wilber, filed nonpo

### Garner Bill Carries by 222-196 Vote

Leaders Given No Opportunity to Vote on Compromise Measure.

The Republican Organization

Washington, Feb. 19 .- Aided by a group of republicans, most of them nsurgents, house democrats today eliminated from the revenue bill the

Maximum Surtax Is 44

By a vote of 222 to 196, a schedule advanced by Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, was substituted. The bill, as amended, fixes the surax maximum at 44 per cent on in omes in excess of \$92,000 as against 50 per cent on incomes exceeding \$200,000 under existing law, and 25 per cent on incomes of more than \$100,000, as recommended by the

treasury. It also reduces normal in-

come rates to a greater extent than

Mellon income tax rates.

personal etx exemptions ,a feature not n the treasury draft.

Reject Frear's Bill. Before approving the Garner pro posal, which received the support of 7 republicans and one farmer-laborte and one independent, in addition to 203 democrats, the house went on recor das opposed to rates substantially the same as those recommended by Mellon and rejected an amendment by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, an insurgent, to cut normal rates in half without altering

the existing surtax schedule. Republican organization leaders had no opportunity to bring to a vote a compromise amendment which proposed a 25 per cent reduction in both

normal and surtax rates.

Teller's Vote Taken. Rules in effect today prevented a A record vote, however, on the amendment can be demanded before the bill comes up for passage and organization republicans are planning

to bring this about. Such a vote would bring a straightout test of strength between the Melon and Garner rates. An opportuniyalso will be afforded the republicans to offer their compromise with a roll call on the proposition in order. After disposing of the income rates section, an amendment offered by Representative Garner, proposing to make stock dividends taxable, was defeated, 141 to 127. The house pro-

ceeded with reading of the bill in regular order. Provisions of Tax.

The democratic income tax pro-Normal taxes of 2 per cent on incomes below \$5,000; 4 per cent on comes between \$5,000 and \$8,000; 6 per cent on incomes exceeding \$8,000. A graduated surtax scale beginning at 1 per cent on incomes between 12.000 and 14.000 up to a maximum

of 44 per cent on incomes exceeding Exemptions of \$2,000 for single perons and \$3,000 for heads of familiels Existing law provides:

omes nup to \$4,000 and 8 per cent Surtaxes beginning at 1 per cent on incomes between 6,000 and \$10,lose of the Typographical union; residing in the state of Washington, 000 and graduating progressively to

> Exemption of \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,500 for heads of

Normal rates of 3 per cent on in-

comes up to \$4,000 and 6 per cent on incomes exceeding \$4.000. Surtaxes ranging from 1 per cent Chamber of Commerce to 25 per cent on incomes exceeding on incomes between 10,000 and \$13,000

> No increase in personal tax exemp The Frear amendment rejected, proposed

> Cutting normal rates in half with No change in exemptions The Madden amendment, voted

Woodrough to Salt Lake.

Federal Judge Woodrough, accomanied by his bailiff, Anton Gross, left Monday night for Salt Lake City to hold federal court for a week

### The Weather

12 noon assass.21