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ABOUT TAXATION IN NEBRASKA.

It was inevitable, perhaps, that the tax question should be raised from the state house in advance of the primary election. Governor Bryan, who hopes to succeed himself, feels impelled to make it appear that he has redeemed his promises, made during the campaign of 1922, to reduce state taxation. His tax commissioner, therefore, comes out with a statement to the effect that under Mr. Bryan taxes in Nebraska have been reduced by 40 per cent.

The annual report of the tax commissioner and the State Board of Equalization, lately published, does not bear out this assertion, so far as taxes levied for state purposes are concerned. On pages 96 and 97 of the report is printed

Statement No. 6, showing the distribution by counties of the state taxes for the general and capitol funds, and the total of the two funds for 1923, as well as the total by counties for 1922."

The grand total of these tabulations shows that in 1923 the levy for general purposes was \$5,437,-818.34; for capitol building, \$959,615, a total for the" year of \$6,397,433.34. For 1922 the total of the two funds was \$7,340,953.10. This shows a reduction of \$943,510.76, and is the only mduction in general taxation for which the governor can by any stretch of authority claim credit.

The total amount of taxes collected for all purposes in the state, which includes city, county, township, village, school, irrigation, drainage poll tax, and all other forms of taxation, amounted to \$53,280,-124.74, in 1923. This compares with \$53,457,-481.56 for the year 1922, or a total reduction in al taxes for the year of \$177,356.82. County taxes for 1923 were \$143,103.32 greater for 1923 than for 1922; school taxes were \$351,231.31 less; city and village taxes were \$186,868.72 more; township taxes were \$118,906.03 less; drainage taxes were \$135,942.96 less; irrigation taxes were \$66,282.41 more; poll taxes were \$12,653.35 more; and all other taxes combined aggregated \$770,325.39 more in 1928 than in 1922.

Going back to 1921, we find that the total tax levied in the state for all purposes that year was \$59,365,699.26, and this compared with the 1923 total shows a reduction of \$6,085,574.52. But of this the sum of \$5,908,217.70 was cut off in 1922. the year before Mr. Bryan went into office. On the \$10,930,607.11, and in 1923 this had been cut by

This probably gives color to the claim that under the present administration the tax levy has been cut by 40 per cent. But against this claim must be offset the fact that in 1922 the cut under the 1921 levy Was \$3,564,498.06.

These figures are all taken, save the comparisons, from the report of the tax commissioner, and therefore are regarded as dependable. Whatever of convolation may be gained by the administration in support of its claim to having reduced taxation in Neraska, it is welcome to. The fact is that the great change had been made before Mr. Bryan went into office, and the only material difference that is apparent is due to the cessation of certain state aclivities since he was inaugurated.

For even the cessation of activities that reduced the tax levy the republican legislature is largely responsible. It had the final say on all appropriations.

MOTTO FOR THE WINDSHIELD.

Wait. You may lose."

This has been adopted by the American Railway association as its safety campaign slogan for the current year. It is a good one. Four words that tell the whole story. Just as effectively as did the famous three, "Stop, Look, Listen." If this advice is followed, railroad grade cross-

ngs will not be nearly so dangerous. You may lose. Only on rare occasions has an automobile come out on top in a contest with a locomotive. An engine weighing from 100 to 150 tons has it all over an automobile weighing one or one and a half tons.

Again, the locomotive can not turn aside. Its path is fixed, and it is bound to travel along the rails. Eventually the longest freight train will go by and clear the crossing. A freight train of 100 cars will hardly consume more than five minutes passing a given point. Much better spend that five minutes, however impatiently, in the upholstered seat of a standing car than to risk and possibly achieve eternity in an unholstered box.

Drivers frequently outdo any speed attempted by the locomotive. It is on a speedway track, however, for such driving is not permitted on public highways, Ambition to outrun the train may be pressing, but it is safer to repress it. "Wait. You may lose.". And, if you do, the administrator of the estate you leave will not be bothered by having to dispose of your car. The section hands will attend

KING TUT A TOURIST ATTRACTION.

News that the Egyptian government intends to open the tomb of King Tutankhamen to sightseers brings out the milk in the cocoanut. Carter's quarrel with the government really was, it seems, over this very point. The government is not especially concerned in the scientific aspect of the excavation work. Neither is it worried over disposition of the treasures unearthed, although these surpass expectation.

It does seem an opportunity too good to be omitted. The tide of travel up the Nile has been wonderfully increased since the announcement was made that the last resting place of an ancient monarch had been found intact. However much this might mean to the student, it means more in one sense to the mere curiosity seeker. Persons who had never heard of the ephemeral kings, who know less

than nothing at all of the different dynasties, who could not say exactly if Luxor were the name of a town or a breakfast food, suddenly developed an intense longing to view a tomb that is 3,300 years

Not merely baksheesh is the quest of the authorities at Cairo. In King Tut they recognize an attraction that surpasses anything the kingdom has developed since first the Nile began to overflow and establish the valley. Travel up the Nile exceeds any in history. Even Rameses the Great saw nothing like what is going on now. Each of these tourists is a potential patron of the show that Carnavon and Carter discovered, but the usufruct of which goes into the royal coffers at Cairo.

Moreover, it is a good opportunity for the Egyptians to show how free they are from British influence. The peep show at Luxor, in the Valley of the Tombs, will go on under the direction of the Egyptian government as long as it is possible to extract Turkish pounds or their equivalent from visitors. Science can wait, will have to wait. The tourist trade must be catered to. Nothing like King Tut has ever happened to it in modern times.

"SEEKING THE BUBBLE, REPUTATION."

Amy Lowell, distinguished as the high priestess of vers libre, has her lucid moments. Underneath the fine frenzy of a poet's mood lurks the saving grace of common sense mated to fine ideals. That is why Amy can come back at an emancipated female in these terms:

"If any human being does not care more for nething in their lives than for their own individuality, then they are no good, and the quicker they lose their names, the better. All you have to do is do something and you will be known whether you have a name or not. I don't approve of shouting your individuality or carrying it with a banger.'

She was replying to Ruth Hale, who, although married to Heywood Broun, declines to be known by his name. "Miss" Hale resents the control of a father over his daughter, or the implied control of a husband over the wife, saying: "If the world realized . . . how we revolt at having our lives conditioned by men nearest to us, it would then understand our

That sounds good, but, fortunately for society, the age-old institution of matrimony rests on the substantial foundation of "a man shall take his wife and cleave unto her, and the twain shall be one flesh." The "independent" idea is very modern, and shows little sign of taking deep root. Miss Lowell says truly that if one does anything worth while the world will find it out. The old adage with regard to the rat trap and the beaten path applies here exactly. Many a woman has come to fame wearing the name she took when she wedded. Some have attained fame after marriage.

Better than all, however, is the adjuration that unless one has in life some object that is higher than self, "then they are no good." An existence entirely self-centered is futile. The world has no cause for quarrel with anyone who is earnestly striving to achieve something. Fame will discover merit, however it may be hidden. Those who seek it by methods that partake of personal eccentricities are clearly within their rights. They will be respected accordingly, however much they may run counter to custom. Most of us would prefer, though, to rest claims for recognition or distinction on something more substantial than peculiarities.

JAIL FOR FOOL DRIVERS.

The American Society of Engineers, which recently held its annual meeting in Chicago, has some definite ideas on traffic regulation. Particularly is this view with regard to automobile drivers who endanger the lives of others. Here is the code proposed by the engineers for nation-wide use: "Jall and license forfeiture for drunken drivers:

trial on tharges of murder of all drivers responsible for fatal accidents, and careful physical and mental examination of all applicants for licenses.'

If such rules were adopted and enforced, we think most of the danger that now besets the highways would disappear. Even the most careful driver has his troubles, but they are few and far between. It is the reckless driver, the one without consideration for the rules of the road or the lives he puts into needless jeopardy the law should reach.

It will be a happy day for all hands when the reasonable use of the highways is universal, and everybody will feel safe in venturing out, because there will be no fools driving cars.

Governor Bryan seems to have given the non-partisan judiciary law a pretty hard rap in the Fifth district. But party harmony must be preserved, no matter what laws are ignored.

Duck eggs thought to be 40,000,000 years old have been discovered in South Dakota. Probably on the site of a store run by some fellow who did not believe in advertising.

Royal S. Copeland's name is to go on the Ne-braska ballot as a democratic candidate for presi-dent. This looks like there would yet have to be a contest to decide.

Does anybody think for a minute that "scoffiaw" is the right epithet to apply to the intoxicated man who drives an automobile, hits a pedestrian and then

Mr. McAdoo claims that he has been given a clean bill of health. But who will furnish the bill for the politicians who gave him his bill?

Senator Reed says he became a candidate merely to defeat McAdoo. But has anybody noticed Senator Reed withdrawing from the race?

Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees Mr. Bryan at a loss to tell why some men should

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie 'I WENT IN QUEST OF BLISS.

went in quest of bliss when I was young Where roses in the dawn of Spring had sprung .-I scanned the skies as lazily I flung Myself beside a tree; I saw the sun agleam in summer skies,

I heard the zephyrs' pillowed lullables. I pondered these mute classics-and my eyes And ears brought joy to me. Alas! some jealous Dryad whispered thus:

Star gazing is for saintly folk like us-You're typified an ordinary cuss-Get you in haste away!" Believing the mysterious one I went Directly homeward, and with good intent To see other than the Firmament, Nor hear the wind's sweet lay.

The truth of that experience deeper grows As each year slowly comes and swiftly goes,-But there's a ling'ring sweetness of the rose That haunts my slightest breath; The cosmos lure as some ethereal thing, Within the skies dream glamor seems to cling. And winds with all their subtle magic sing

While I go nearer Death.



By EDWIN G. PINKHAM.

The Military Weakness of the Colonists and Its Causes

To place any dependence upon militia is assuredly resting upon a broken staff,-Washington.

political education of the leaders who conducted it. They were not theorists or speculators. The people they led were not a mob rising against social oppression. Even their political oppression was perhaps not clearly apparent to the common view of the times. Lord Mansfield told the British parliament that the Americans

talk. The Americans had a back ground of 150 years of orderly con stitutional government, and fought to mine in making change gave a man keep institutions as old as the French a \$5 bill for a \$1 bill. My friend did

These searchese the reasons the American money never did any good and never revolution, considered as such, was with the mildest in history, if we except the English revolution of 1859, which was accomplished by only a shower of the subverted; society suffered r) wench; the objective was attained, and no there was sought, when the government of the colonies was transferred from Westminster to Philadelphia.

Yet there was one lesson in government the Americans had not yet learned when the war began. Their learned when the war began. Their learned when the war began and the work on his leidy authority and standing armies. Their good in this colonies, meant the government, as interpreted by the sale for only the sale for only the sale for the money scattered about, shouted in his feech only the sale for the war of each colony by itself and for itself, the sky and it kept getting before on the solity and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work them aftelf of two things—executive and the sale to work the

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gress steadily refused to extend any terms of enlistment beyond 1776.

As a result of this policy, against which Washington protested from the first, the armies melted almost as fast as organized. Washington's battles were fought for the most part with a small nucleus of continental troops and with such reinforcements of militia as he could gather on short notice from the immediate vicinity. The militia was opposed to serving outside the state in which it was

Abe Martin



Miss Bunny Moots is learnin' trade preparatory t' her marriage next June. Mrs. Lafe Bud spoke t' her milkman th' other afternoon on the street, an' he said, "Excuse me, but you've got th' best o' me." (Copyright, 1924.)

pay more interest. So then what is the use to make the nation, state, county, school, city and village pay taxes on their buildings and improvements which would practically amount to the same thing as making them pay tax on their bonds. The Farmers' union at their con

cention in Omaha went on record as vention in Omaha went on record as favoring taxing the intangible property same as other property; that looks good at first glance, but I tell you that in the year 1911 we had \$2,300,000 on deposit in our 12 this sweet to greet the morning when that would exert a beneficial influence upon the mind of the wife where the sunlight's rosy glow the scatters joy along the pathway as to work you goily go.

Work you goily go. ounty, city and school funds which vere exempt from taxation, and that honest man lies out of such taxes ing you a wealth of honest joy.

It's the thought that there is waiting burden. Why should we offer such at the door some loving one premium for dishonesty? It would of Who will smile and bid you welcome

CHAPTER XIX.

HE colonies were now embarked upon the revolution but the word itself is a little misleading. It was not, for example, the kind of a revolution Adams' horse trader wanted. It was a political revolution only, by which the form of government, but not that of society or law, was changed. It necessitated a war, but if we think of that war as one for independent national existence of the American colonies we shall have a clearer understanding of its character.

That it retained that character was owing to the advanced state of the political education of the leaders who conducted it. They were not theorists or speculators. The people they led were not a mob rising against social oppression. Even their political education of Even their political edivents. The people they led were not a mob rising against social oppression. Even their political education of the leaders who colail oppression. Even their political education of the political education of the political education of the leaders who colail oppression. Even their political education of the political education of the poppression. Even their political education of the popple and political education of the leaders who colail oppression. Even their political education of the civil power and political education of the people they led were not a mob rising against social oppression. Even their political education of the civil power and political education of the leaders who conducted it. They were not theories of the colonies that are not being listed for taxation, and we have been told that there were more diagrated to a colonies we shall have a clearer understanding of its character was owing to the advanced state of the political education of the leaders who conducted it. They were not theories of the colonies that are not being listed for taxation, and we have been told that there were more diagrated to a colonies taxation, and we have been told that there were more diagrated to a colonies taxation, and the mile and bid you welcome when the doul s

"The People's Voice" Ish parliament that the Americans were not more oppressed than were the people of Manchester, and in a legal sense he was right; neither were represented in parliament.

The Americans, when they resisted the king, were asserting no new rights such as "the rights of man"

The Americans, when they resisted to use this column freely for expression on matters of public interest.

Would some very him. Maupin, and by our friend, Will M. Maupin, and inasmuch as Nebraska has been calling for more poetry and more Nebraska poets, I have just been wondering if all of us have truly appreciated the splendid writings of Mr. Maupin.

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We shall expect to march triumphant to any extreme to please or

Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha—To the Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha—To

keep institutions as old as the French kingship. Their leaders were neither political philosophers nor demagogues such as, in turn, led the French people in revolt, but were solid, practical, experienced men of public affectives. People and leaders fought to assert and preserve principles of English law and government that had been violated by the king—a king, the English historian Lecky declares, who had committed acts as unconstitutional as any that had led Charles I to the scaffold.

These are the reasons the American revolution, considered as such, was will.

In that little poem?

This poem is a great picture in not miss the \$5 for some time after. This poem is a great picture and his good wife have lived. The beautiful compliments paid to his life's partner are suggestive of a life of happiness and of helpfulness, not alone for the immusic that jazz seems to have shoved into the discard. A few of those with the three short verses the writer has they could, and when they were at a given a complete summary of his life's would sound mighty good, just for a store, bury out, get into their auto or the three short verses the writer has they could, and when they were at a given a complete summary of his life's given a complete summary of his life's would sound mighty good, just for a store, or when the words of what the writer and his good wife have lived. The beautiful complete of the passions aroused by the words of what the writer and his good wife have lived. The beautiful completes of the passions aroused by the words of the very lead to his life's partner are suggests that the suggestive of a life of happiness and of helpfulness, not alone for the immusic that jazz seems to have shoved into the discard. A few of those with the words of the passions aroused by the words of the attention of helpfulness, not alone for the immusic that jazz seems to have shoved into

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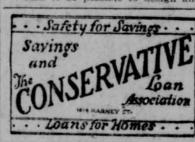


SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget That Sunrise never failed us yet Colia Thanter

local assessors succeeded in listing about \$300,000 for taxation, leaving \$2,000,000 to the credit of the tax dodgers, or about \$500 for every schedule turned in by our local assessor. Then we can see how the distinct the hand or brain employ. There's a single thought that's bringing you a wealth of honest joy.

would sound mighty good, just for a Get the Safe and Wonder-

A Lexington friend suggests that those Teapot Dome pins should be worn by every loyal American. She



When in Omaha **Hotel Conant**

The more we think about this wall paper stuff the more we are interested. Just as soon as we can thoroughly satisfy ourselves that it is a workable hypothesis we shall seek a design for the office room of the staff member who fixes the emolu-ments of the other workers.

It would seem to the casual ob server that business success has come to be a crime in this country, with a prize of public praise accorded to failure.

Just why the letter should have been directed to us personally, in stead of to the head of an entirely different department, we do not know But having received it, we hasten to

"Dear sir: Has a young man whe is engaged to marry a young lady the right to embrace her?"

Sakes alive! What are the young men of today coming to? When we were a young man no such foolish question would have been asked. Of course a young man has a right to embrace his fiances. A right, and & stuff.

NELS JOHNSON.

Likes Maupin's Verse.

Ogallala, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: In reading the Omaha Bee the last few days I have noticed some very fine poems written by our friend, Will M. Maupin, and inasmuch as Nebraska has been calling for more poetry and more Nebraska noticed.

On foot in central Nebraska to run us for governor on an anti-reform ticket. While deeply appreciative of the honor we must decline to be a candidate on such a ticket at this flancee is an armless man. We take it from the dainty handwriting of the letter that our correspondent is a young lady. If the young fellow to whom she is engaged has thus fair falled to give her a correct initiation of how one's flancee should be embraced, we will, if she will call per sonally.

> As a last resort, in case that verba explanation is not comprehended, we might be induced to illustrate. It is with extreme cheerfulness that we go to any extreme to please or benefit column.

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