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IS THE SENATE TO GET TO WORK?

Promise of an early senate report of the new revenue bill is a sign that that one item of the general legislative program is making some headway. Senators seem to be getting down to brass tacks on the big problem. While Chairman Smoot of the finance committee has not as yet given out all the details of the committee's work, it is known that the house measure has been pretty well worked over.

The bill went through the house with the increase in the surtax rates and the creation of a new gift tax and a further imposition on estates. It would have resulted in a deficit, however, of more than \$50,000,000. Secretary Mellon estimates a surplus under the existing law of \$395,000,000. In the house bill it is estimated that the reductions cut out a total of \$446,000,000. This disparity between revenue and probable expenditure could only be met for. At least, so far as the appropriations have gone at the present session, no such saving is indicated. Over \$103,000,000 was cut out of a single measure, but it will be offset through extensions of necessary character in other directions.

The bonus measure, which is certain to pass, and in its present form may secure executive approval, is expected to absorb most if not all of the savings that can be effected by the reduction in general appropriations. This being true, it is imperative that any revenue measure that is passed be such as will provide funds for taking care of the government's needs.

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Already the senate committee has announced the restoration of the Mellon schedule of normal income tax rates in lieu of the Longworth compromise as adopted by the house. This does not affect the surtax feature of the bill, which yet is to be settled upon. One report is to the effect that the senate committee will also adopt the Mellon surtax schedule, another that the maximum amount will be increased to 40 per cent, instead of 371/2 as fixed by the house.

In restoring the Mellon rates on normal income, which distinctly were in favor of earned as distinguished from unearned incomes, the senate has iven its approval to a provision that met with more

king has been exhumed. It shows that at one meal sixteen different sorts of flesh food and several varicties of fish were served. Discovery is made that even in homes of humble citizens as many as six courses were served at a meal, each course consisting of several dishes.

If the sport were worth the while, it might be followed back to the days of Lucullus, of whose gormandizing Plutarch gives us a lively picture. Or to Belshazzar; who once served a feast that has a place in history, and so until we come to the place where the tribe, or the family gathered around the "kill," and stuffed themselves with raw meat. Such exercise will only show us what we have escaped. If man has made any progress at all, it has been in the matter of eating. Less and less of food is being consumed, and health and the chance for happiness is consequently improved.

Men in olden times literally dug their graves with their teeth. In modern times the practice still persists, but it is the exception and not the rule. We have learned that stuffing is accompanied by distress, rather than comfort, and that enough is as good as a feast. Germans, now on short rations, will not always be in that predicament, and they will get a lot of real satisfaction and encouragement out of contemplating a future of promise, rather than to dwell on thoughts of days when sixteen kinds of meat were brought to one table.

WHO RUNS THIS COUNTRY, ANYHOW?

When the Fathers laid down the framework of the American government, they devised a tripartite form, executive, judicial, legislative. Each was made supreme in its own sphere, each was independent of the other, guardian of a specified realm, and all responsible to the people. Now the senate of the United States appears to have assumed jurisdiction over the entire shooting match.

Secretary Weeks has been subpoenaed to appear before the inquisition, and to produce his books and papers. If a cabinet officer may be thus summoned, why stop there? The next step will be the president, and then the supreme court, and then the senate will be where some of its members evidently want it to get. by reductions in the budget which are not looked It will be the whole show, or, at least the ringmaster. To quote from Andrew Jackson's letter to the sen ate, when it was undertaking to assume control of the secretary of the treasury:

> "Followed to its consequences, this principle will he found effectually to destroy one co-ordinate department of the government, to concentrate in the hands of the senate the whole executive power, and to leave the president as powerless as he would be useless-the shadow of authority after the substance had departed."

That is just what the cabal at present ruling the investigations is aiming at, to leave the executive departments the shadow of authority after the substance has departed. Nor is it at the federal government alone the blow is aimed. Startling as the spectacle is, we note state's rights democrats "requesting" the governor of a sovereign state-Governor Hunt of Arizona-to come forward and submit himself to the examination and dictates of the senate.

Such an oligarchy has never threatened America as is now springing up at Washington, under guise of inquiring into official corruption. It is the senate breaking over all boundaries, and spreading itself in all directions over every agency and activity of government. Right now it ought to be settled who is running the government.

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solid rock.

The fact is, if it was worth any-

Omaha — To the Editor of The Omaha Bee' I would like to bring out some facts in regard to the land the government is opening up now to the man that wants to take up a home-tized The work works and money as a co-opera-tive farmer officer since I was 17 off the vice presidency of the Nedanation is received by the profession with three rousing cheers.

man that wants to take up a home-stead. The government wants the ex-soldier to scoot out and get himself a claim. The fact is I want him to take a look first. In the late '70s and on down through the '80s I hunted all through these same lands. They are composed of knobs, mountains, rock and dense forests, but bleak and bare as a rule. The cracks in the ground are so deep-drop a rock today and you could hear it hit the bottom tomorrow. Otero county. New Mexico, has 56,500 acres for him who wants to climb. Now, I know this county, for in the early 'S0s the Comanche In-

climb. Now, I know this county, for In the early 'S0s the Comanche In-dians ran me all over it. The earth has dropped down in so many places and left upright walls—well, they are standing there yet. San Juan and Pinto county, in Utah, have \$5,350 acres for entry. In years gone by I have ridden a saddle horse all over this same land, and it was nothing but mountains. It was at that time a good place to hunt. No way to get water, only at a spring or a creek—you cannot dig a well in solid rock. Limber Standing to the set well in solid rock. Limber Standing there yet. San Juan and Pinto county, in Utah, have \$5,350 acres for entry. In years gone by I have ridden a saddle horse all over this same land, and it was nothing but mountains. It was at that time a good place to hunt. No way to get water, only at a spring or a creek—you cannot dig a well in solid rock. Limber Standing to the set of the second to the set of the second to the second tothe second to the second to the second to the second to

Central City Republican: "The in-Crime and Prohibition. dividual who enters upon his task

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thing it would have been settled years ago. Now, don't waste your time and your money, for you can't make a living on a homestead out there. Now, neighbor boy, if you can live on dry air and scenery, go there. It is beautiful. The lofty mountains are grand to look at. The canyons the stars shining. With some Pjute

are grand to bok al. The can see haps are sincere in your promotion. The Fremont Tribune fears that the stars shining. With some Plute belief but the argument you put up the soldiers' bonus question has won indians I traded all over San Juan the 29th won't go far with good sound another wound chevron. It is as big as New Jersey, thinking people. We found lots of natural caves, some

You say liquor is worse than dope. George Benschoter of the Hay Anybody knows better than that as the Springs News insists that the best extended far back in the mountains.

extended far back in the mountains. In them were lots of bones of different animals. Some, we did not know what they were, and thousands of bats, some so old they had turned white. Lots of pyrites of iron and some copper was found. In one cave we did derive quite a sum of the human kind in length. They were five and one-haft to seven feet at that time. The bones were five and all intact, just as

where nive and one has to show an spin street corner begging por a dime ton the same as now. You say they go and get liquor instead of coffee. How do they get it these good old prohibition days? Bone dry. Yes wouldn't it is a small chain with three-cornered links that had been made by a blacksmith: around the waist of one was a mold brass ring. There were three fint-lock guns and several other kinds. In all there were 30 cap and ball revolution days. There southern part of this county is a long as the world stands and all the booze hounds you can put is sections. In the southern part of this county is a long as the world stands and all the booze hounds you can put is sections.

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you will see the natural bridge. It is out at the great expense our good built in the shape of a half moon. State is put to won't check it a particle. ground. the other. It is a wonder in size. There were lots of Indian carvings There is more liquor now than Under French auspices Alsace pr there was two years ago by a great

many thousand barrels. What are duced nearly 600,000 tons of potash your booze hounds doing? Drinking salts last year and is expected to on it, but no date to tell us when it was built, or by whom. Now, if you plenty of it of course. I happen to greatly exceed these figures this year. like to explore in lonely places and hunt for ancient things, go there. TOM RIVINGTON, know several of your hounds in Ne. The next time there is a drouth 617 S. 18th St.

know several of your hounds in Ne-braska and a majority of them are the worst kind of booze guzzlers. Why don't you put on some of your strictly prohibition men? Pretty hard to find? You speak of beer and wine decoming them down to crime I wand Indianola, Neb.—To the Editor of to find? You speak of beer and wine and to find? The Omaha Bee: I wish to answer dragging them down to crime. I want ing.



'Cause he's a whole lot bigger. But chasin' 'em's lots o' fun. Even of Trix'll snigger

When he stops an' loudly pants. OF red tongue a floppin

He don't stand a bit o' chance

'Em rabbits t' be stoppin'. Trix chases ottermobiles, too,

Spite uv all our scoldin'

Offun wondered what he'd do If he gotta hold 'un.

But nice dog is our of Trix. Take him one way an tother

But papa offun growls an' kicks, Sayin', "Don't git another."

Chadron is noted for a number of things, among them being that it was here that the ossified man was carefully exhumed. Another is that it was for years the home of Mayor Jim, who was sheriff of the county for a long time. But its chief distinction is that it is the home of Colonel Coffey, the man who gave to the dress apparel of society men the name of "Hereford suits" Needless to say that Colonel Coffey is a attleman.

Chadron has fit, bled and died in three wars, and was ready for the fourth. The first was the winter of 1820-21, when the Injuns riz up on the Pine Ridge reservation, and Chadron's ompany, with others of the state militia, was ready to go. The second was in 1898, when a Chadron company participated to the fullest possible extent in the Spanish-American war. It got no further than Camp Chickamauga, but that wasn't the company's fault. A Chadron company trained at Camp Cody and went overseas to do its full duty in the world war. And before the world war a Chadron company helped patrol the American border, all ready to invade Mexico and make the Mexicans jump through the hoop.

Chadron has a lot of good things, among them being a state normal school, a Northwestern railroad division, Colonel Coffey, an Elks club, Capt. Allen Fisher, a Rotary club, Ben Brewster, a Kiwanis club, George Snow, a railroad Y. M. C. A., two corking good newspapers and the Blaine hotel. Also paved streets and a cheerful disposition.

Incidentally Chadron had a city election last Tuesday. There was only one ticket in the field and all the retiring counclimen were candidates for re-election. Everything was as placid as a summer mill pond until about 5:30 p. m., and then things happened. Every councilman up for re-election was defeated at the last minute.

Fishing and golfing are very popular pastimes in Chadron Indoor sports are not as exciting as they were in earlier days. when Chadron was on the frontier and the country was a wild and woolly. WILL M. MAUPIN was really wild and weolly.

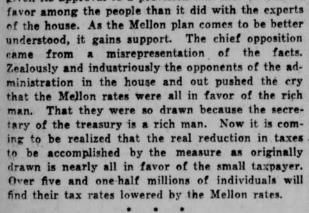
Third Parties Out of Favor.

with his chickens every night, stavs to tires What the liberals should learn is that third parties are distinctly out of favor, even with radical politi-ticans. The latter believe in captur-ingliand Democrat.

Americanism.

"The unpatriotic, shiftless methods Nature Story From Arkansas. of congress make me sick. M. L. Ford tells a tale concerning "Write a letter to your representa-cat that entitles him to go to the tive and tell him so." head of the class. Mr. Ford asserts "I don't that he owns a cat that goes to roost Gentleman. "I don't know his name."-Country





One thing that has been determined is that a. reduction of 25 per cent will be made in the 1923 tax. Those who pay in quarterly installments will he permitted to take this out of the second payment, due in June, while those who paid in full in March are to receive a rebate to the amount of one-fourth of their tax. All this might have been cared for before the payment date in March had not the senate devoted its time and energy to prosecuting the investigations, now slowly but surely petering out. However, partisan ends were served, and the public pays for it in cash and inconvenience. If the senators are ready to get down to business, we may soon know under what sort of revenue law we are to do business for at least the next year.

WHEN BABIES WERE SCARCE IN OMAHA.

Death of Mrs. Gertrude Rebhausen at Columbus revives interest in the pioneer history of Omaha. She is reputed to have been the mother of the first white child born in Omaha. This was in 1856, one year after her marriage, at Milwaukee, to Gottfried Rebhausen. This child is now Mrs. M. Tex of Millard, Neb.

Sorenson's "Story of Omaha," in its 1823 edition says of the first white child born in the city:

"The first white child born in Omaha was Margaret Ferry, who came into the world in the month of October, 1854. She was the daughter of James Ferry, who laid the first stone for the foundation of the state house.

"It is claimed by some, however, that the honor of being the first white child born in Omaha belongs to William Nebraska Reeves. This is disputed, as he was born in that part of the city now known as Park Wild, which was not then within the town limits.'

According to Sorenson, the Ferry girl was born me year before Mrs. Rebhausen was married. The honor is one well worth disputing, as it carries with it the knowledge that the parents were of the enterprising, pushing group who pitched their tents on the 'ar frontier, who faced hardships and dangers, unlerwent privations and inconvenience the present day knows nothing of, to lay the foundations for a great state and a wonderful city.

A mother then was indeed something to deserve the consideration of all. She had come with her 'usband to the new camping place, and in her way was contributing to its permanence. Mrs. Rebhausen deserves a place among the pioneers, to be honored as such for her share in the work that has turned out so well.

GLUTTONY NOT A SIGN OF GREATNESS.

Germans who have fallen on rather lean days have taken to distracting their minds if not their stomachs by digging up records of what the people of the past used to stuff themselves with. For example, at Dresden the menu of a Sixteenth century

ventions.

Not very clubby, we say, for Kansas officers to arrest a man as soon as Nebraska paroles him. Maybe, though, it would be well if our own board were to examine into these matters a little more closely.

Study of the sample hallot at least will familiarize the voters with the names of those who seek to serve the public. Plenty of room for the exercise of choice, also.

An uninstructed delegation from Iowa to the New York convention puts an awful dent in the Meredith boom. Might as well call that incident closed.

Three million dollars worth of Omaha real estate changed hands in March, and most of it was for home purposes. This is another of the good signs.

Poincare seems to have ridded himself of a troublesome finance minister after a different fashion from that in vogue at Washington.

Federal reserve banks report a combined total more than \$4,000,000,000 resources. That looks like a firm foundation for business.

Unless the senate grand jury can strike a new lead, it will soon be off the map. Readers already are turning to the sporting page.

Gaston B. Means jumped his bail of \$15,000 in New York, but that will not affect the story he told the Brookhart committee.

A very heavy passenger movement has been noted out of Omaha lately-mostly cattle and sheep headed for the feed yards.

Poincare came back with much less flourish than he made going out, but he is on the job, just the same.

Mah jong is to be assessed by the government. That's right, make the foreigner pay his share.

Got your garden plotted yet?

Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-**Robert Worthington Davie**

TIRED ONES.

Tired ones'-I've seen their faces. I've passed them in the humdrum places, And homeward bound, I've heard them sigh. I've felt their weariness.>-and I In dreams have drawn them close to me. And tried to sooth them tenderly That in their hearts the sun would shine As it does in the heart of mine.

Lonely ones .- I've known their anguish, I've seen them-grim and hapless-languish. And I have yearned to lift their woe, Bring back their sunny Long Ago That they might vision, and proceed Another, brighter, way to lead, And breathe the fragrance of the flowers, And share quiescence with the howers.

Oh, land of sunshine! Need it he Enthralled and shrouded gloomily? And strife and weariness deceive The heart that it will ache and grieve. When in the skies the sunbeams glow, And underneath the flowers grow. While little folk forever make The world a dream for laughter's sake. -Robert Worthington Davie.

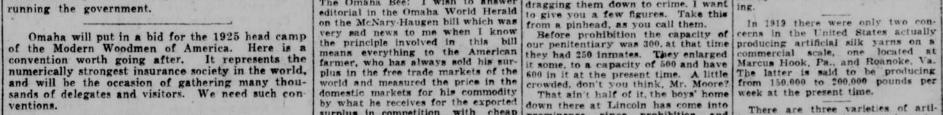


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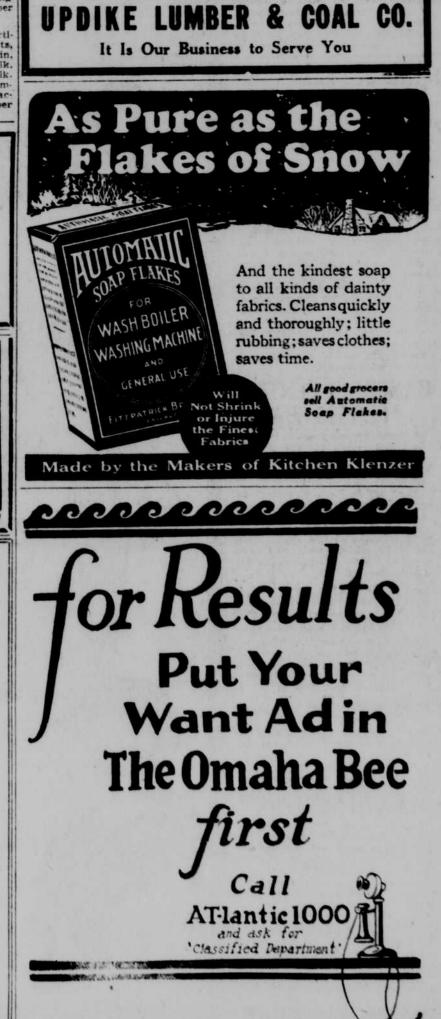
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eyes and think that Sun, every day. health, free Suburban, Thurs. and Friday motion and strength are gone from Victoria, Saturday. you forever! It is not so. Lothrop, Thurs. to Saturday. S. S. S. is waiting to help you. When you increase the number of Grand, Sunday to Tuesday. your red-blood-cells, the entire system undergoes a tremendous change. Everything depends on blood-strength. Blood which is minus sufficient red-cells leads to a long list of troubles. Rheu-matism is one of them." S. S. S.

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