

Substitute Tax Rates Offered by Democrats

Senator Simmons Launches Organized Opposition to Mellon Plan for Cutting Levies.

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Washington, May 2.—Democratic opposition to the Mellon plan for reducing federal taxes swung into action in the senate today when Senator Simmons of North Carolina, minority leader, formally offered a substitute schedule for the tax rates proposed by the administration.

The Simmons plan, based upon a minimum normal tax of 2 per cent and maximum surtax of 40 per cent, would offer larger reductions to the small taxpayers and impose heavier rates upon large incomes than those proposed by the Mellon schedule.

A canvass indicated the Simmons plan would be adopted by the senate with ultimately a compromise between the democratic substitute and the Longworth bill, passed by the house. These two measures vary slightly in rates, the house bill stopping with a maximum surtax of 37 1/2 per cent. The difference, however, can easily be ironed out in conference.

The Mellon plan was doomed to defeat, even by the administration leaders who sponsored it. Both Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Senator Curtis, republican, of Kansas, announced they hoped to enact the administration measure. At the same time democratic spokesmen declared they would pass the Simmons schedule.

At attempt by insurgent republicans, led by Senator Brookhart, republican, of Iowa to enact surtaxes ranging up to 50 per cent was likewise doomed to failure.

The three measures agree upon one thing—the point where surtaxes begin. All three would place a 1 per cent surtax on incomes above \$10,000, but thereafter the three sliding scales vary.

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Wymore—Streets in the residential section of Wymore are being graded and ditched, so that they will drain more readily and retain a better surface. The work is being done under supervision of Councilman W. A. Stahl.

Columbus—Columbus program at Camp Sheldon for the summer, when a representation of Columbus and the county boys will be in attendance from June 27 to July 5, has been left in the hands of the pastors of the local churches.

Nebraska City—At a special meeting of Adams Schellinger Post No. 8, American Legion, last night plans were made for 90 members to attend the district session at Auburn Friday night. The district officers will be in attendance and delegations are expected from every post in the First congressional district.

The Witt—Saline county school exhibit held at Wilber from the majority of the county schools showed a marked improvement over that of last year. Mrs. Ducek, teacher of district 53, took first place and Miss Helen Chab of district 66, second.

York—A suit has been filed in district court in Adams county against C. L. Gilbert of Bradshaw for \$5,000, for injuries received by Allen Coombs, a boy injured in an automobile collision near Bradshaw on April 11, when the Gilbert car collided with that of J. R. Lange of Hastings, in which the Coombs boy with three other children of the Coombs' family were riding.

Franklin—Z. A. Harris held an audience estimated at from 1,200 to 1,500 for two hours and 20 minutes, while he delivered an address on the principles and purposes of the Klu Klux Klan in the grandstand at the Franklin speedway auto track.

Odell—A petition circulated here received the legally required number of signers, and was filed with the village board, calling for a special election on the proposition of a new high school building in Odell to cost approximately \$30,000.

Aibion—While erecting an electric light pole Roy Burt of the local electric light company was struck square in the face by a falling brace pole and suffered painful injuries. His nose was broken.

Wymore—At a meeting of the district organization of the H Y and student clubs at Beatrice the past week the following officers were elected for the coming year: Virginia Crooks, Fairbury, president; Velma Mathews, Wymore, vice president; Ethel Bell, Rockford, second vice president; Phyllis Thornton, Fairbury, secretary; Charles Elwood, Beatrice, treasurer. Fairbury was chosen as the place for the district convention next year.

Holmesville—The body of William L. Mitten, former Gage county resident, was buried at the Stark cemetery.

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Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson

Robert J. Sanderson, husband of Nina Wilcox Putnam, authoress, formally and publicly declared Sunday, April 27, that the allegation of affection charges with which his wife's name was linked last winter were false. The charges concerned an alleged divorce pact. The authoress was supposed to divorce Sanderson so she could marry her chauffeur-secretary, Ellsworth Bassett of Madison, Conn., who was to divorce Mrs. Bassett in the meantime.

Mrs. Sanderson won a decree at Providence, R. I., but the courts almost immediately annulled it on the ground that she obtained it illegally. Then Mrs. Bassett came forward with charges that Mrs. Sanderson had induced Bassett to divorce his wife.

The authoress was at Palm Beach and Bassett was attending to her fruit farm interests at Delroy, Fla., when Mrs. Bassett's allegations were published in Connecticut. She hastened to New York, denied knowledge of a divorce pact, and asserted her innocence of improper relations or of fraudulently obtaining the decree against Sanderson. Then she ordered Bassett to return to his wife and seek a reconciliation.

Sanderson issued the following statement through his attorneys: "I have investigated the Bassett charges made against my wife, Mrs. Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, in the newspapers last January, and it is only fair to her for me to state publicly that I have found them to be absolutely without foundation of fact."

Graduating exercises will be on the following Friday evening. Beatrice—A small tract on South Sixth street south of the Dempster factory has been purchased by the Standard Oil company for \$4,700. It is said the company will erect a \$100,000 plant on the property.

Beaver City—Contracts for building a \$100,000 high school for Beaver City were awarded at a special meeting of the board of education at following: School building, Busboom Bros., Fairbury, Neb., \$55,500; heating and ventilation plant, Wentz Heating and Plumbing company, Lincoln, \$24,469.

Beatrice—At a special meeting of the city commissioners, F. A. Dutton was reappointed city attorney. Broken Bow—As has been the custom for a number of years the Broken Bow Woman's club is sponsoring a tag day for the benefit of education at Bow library. May 3 has been set as the day.

Trenton—Trenton High school graduates a class of 17 this year, nine girls and eight boys. The class reunion will be given on the evening of May 11 by Rev. George P. Gibbs.

Beatrice, Neb., May 2.—Miss Merle Davis of Wymore, who was injured when she plunged 25 feet down a shaft at the Davis quarry near Blue Springs, and who was brought to a hospital here, is reported retreating easily, and it is thought she will soon recover. She had taken her Sunday school class to the quarry for a picnic, and accidentally fell into the pit, striking upon her back. An examination at the hospital showed that no bones were broken.

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Plea for Life of Simmons Is Made by Progressives

Convention Asks Governor Bryan to Show Clemency to Doomed Slayer.

A resolution, petitioning for the commutation of sentence for Walter Simmons, sentenced to death in the electric chair May 23, was passed by the progressive party at Nebraska at convention in Omaha Thursday.

The delegates went on record as believing every party should take an interest in such matters and against capital punishment.

Early Friday morning the resolution was mailed to Governor Bryan. Simmons was sentenced for the murder of Frank Pahl. His final appeal was denied April 22.

The document, as accepted, reads: "Whereas, All civilized and Christian nations have come to regard the taking of human life as an utter violation of the spirit and philosophy of the teachings of Christ, upon which modern civilization is based, and

"Whereas, A large proportion of the citizens of our state believe that society is injured rather than benefited by capital punishment, and

"Whereas, It appears from all available reports that Walter Simmons, who is scheduled to be executed on May 23, was convicted on circumstantial evidence and that there exists a doubt as to his guilt, and

"Whereas, There are on record many instances where men have paid with their lives for crimes of which they were later proved innocent; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the progressive party of Nebraska in convention assembled in Omaha, does hereby petition your excellency to use the power vested in you by statute to commute this sentence and to give full opportunity for possible proof of innocence that justice may be done

Progressives Throw Out Democrats Who Secured Places on Their Ticket

State office nominees named by voters in the April 8 primaries on the progressive ticket who also received the democratic nomination were deprived of their places by the state progressive convention here, Thursday in a resolution adopted by the convention.

Resolution declared the nominations vacant and directed the state executive committee to fill them.

Governor Bryan heads the list, Charles W. Pool, secretary of state; J. J. Thomas, democratic nominee for the United States senate, and various others nominated by both parties are also affected and will be removed from consideration by the progressive party, according to J. L. Beebe, chairman of the executive committee.

No plans for filling the places have been made, according to Mr. Beebe, who said the next step might not come until after the former-lawyer convention in St. Paul in June. Another resolution, favoring the St. Paul meeting and authorizing the executive committee to change the name of the Nebraska organization to conform with any the St. Paul meeting might adopt, was passed.

and the state of Nebraska be saved the besmirching of its fair name."

Lincoln, Neb., May 2.—W. R. Simmons will not be permitted to leave the penitentiary here to be taken to Doyd county for hearing, of habeas corpus action instituted in his behalf there, the state legal department ordered today.

Simmons, convicted to die in the electric chair May 23 for the murder of a Spencer garage man two years ago, was to have gone to Doyd county on May 8 for the habeas corpus action.

WAGE MEETING IS DEADLOCKED Chicago, May 2.—Negotiations between the firemen and engineers and the western railroads over a new wage scale had come to a deadlock over the working rules, it was reported today.

The railroads are willing to grant the 5 per cent wage increase asked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, but insist on certain changes in working rules concerning overtime on layovers, which the brotherhoods so far refused to concede.

Butler to Press Claims of Wets

University Head Will Carry Issue to Floor of G. O. P. Convention.

New York, May 2.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, probably will carry his fight on prohibition into the republican national convention, to which he is a district delegate.

While he would make no direct statement yesterday he announced that he was "ready to go to bat on the question and declared that politicians are in terror whenever the subject comes up, but no matter what is in the platform prohibition will be



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