

Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune. Great minds rise above them.—Washington Irving.

FARM PROBLEMS UNSOLVED--BORAH

Gas Tax Bill Introduced Into House

Money to Be Divided Between State and County Highway Improvement; Protests Read.

Tax Measures Proposed

By F. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Nebraska's 43d legislative session buckled down to real business today following formal approval of committee appointments, confirmation of McMullen code appointees without a dissenting vote and introduction of 29 bills in house and senate.

Twenty-six of the 29 bills can be classified as "chicken feed" of little or no vital importance. Three of the measures, however, will play leading roles in the session. They are:

House roll No. 2, by Bailey of Thayer, Essam of Gage and Gilmore of Hastings, providing for a 2-cent gasoline tax.

A bill by Bailey of Thayer in the house placing tangible and intangible property on the same taxation basis.

Gas Bill Drawn by Farmers. A bill by Wittse of Richardson in the senate making the tax on intangible property 60 per cent of the current tax on tangible property.

The gasoline tax bill is introduced by agrarian members of the legislature and is looked upon as representative of the farm idea of how a gasoline tax shall be spent.

The bill is devoid of a technical outline of the method to be pursued in collecting the tax. It merely provides that the collection is to be in hands of the department of agriculture to be worked out as the department sees fit.

Approved by Governor. This bill, according to Representative Bailey, represents Governor Adam McMullen's idea of the gasoline tax as it should be applied in Nebraska. In short, according to Bailey, it may be classified as the administration gasoline tax bill.

"We have talked it over with the governor and it is drawn along lines suggested by him," Bailey said. "We also have talked the matter over with the Nebraska Good Roads association officials and while it doesn't meet with their approval I believe they will compromise on a measure of this description."

Major Finds That Soldiers Are Inventors

Another inventor has been discovered in the Omaha forts by Maj. C. W. Mason.

Last week he found Corp. James McGurgill of Company A, 17th Infantry, who is working on a new face playment of gas masks.

Monday he announced that Sgt. William Dobbs, Company L, 17th Infantry, was working on a new gas mask carrier and a new pack cover.

If the ideas of the men are given any credit they will be sent to the government arsenal near Baltimore, Md.

All inventions or discoveries of officers or enlisted men are the property of the government while the men are attached to the army, according to Major Mason.

Only Nine Wives Work for County

Courthouse Officials Opposed to Employment of Married Women.

Only nine married women are employed in the Douglas county courthouse, according to a canvass made there Monday morning. Several widows are employed.

A majority of the county officials expressed themselves against the employment of married women, except under extraordinary circumstances.

Four women are employed by Sheriff Endres, two of them being single and two widows.

In the clerk of the court's office, only one of the many women is married. She is Mrs. Charles Riseman, a stenographer, whose husband works at the Brantley store in the furniture department, and is somewhat crippled.

Two Court Reporters. There are two women court reporters, both married: Mrs. Florence Chamberlain in Judge Wakeley's court, and Mrs. Mary H. Finley in Judge Goss' court. Court reporters are paid \$2.75 a year, and receive considerably more, although they must furnish material for their work.

Mrs. Chamberlain's husband is an automobile man and Mrs. Finley's husband a bookkeeper.

The two telephone operators at the courthouse are married. They work only half a day each, but are paid \$2 a month. One of them, Mrs. Lou Burmeister, is married to a city inspector, the other, Mrs. Harry Pierce, Jr., is the daughter-in-law of Registrar of Deeds Harry Pierce, and is the wife of the deputy county assessor.

Two in Treasurer's Office. Mrs. Roy Hartman, typist in the register of deeds office receives \$100 a month. Her husband is with the Buick company.

In the county clerk's office, Mrs. Irene Adams receives \$100 a month as a clerk. Frank Dewey, county clerk, said he employed her during the war period when it was impossible to get a man to fill the job. Her husband is a shoe salesman.

County Treasurer Bauman employs two married women: Mrs. Myrtle McCune, coupon clerk, who receives \$140 a month and Mrs. Sophie Adams, in the special tax department, who receives \$100 a month and whose husband is a driver for the fire department. Mrs. McCune's husband also works.

War Debts Reduction Considered

Franco-British Project Would Make Payments to U. S. Contingent on Success of Dawes Plan.

May Cancel Conference

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Paris, Jan. 12.—The American government is favorably considering a Franco-British project by which the payment of all war debts will be made contingent on Germany's ability to successfully continue the Dawes plan payments, and which involves a wholesale reduction of America's claims.

This fact leaked out from a high source today with further information that Washington's announcement of the acceptance of the plan will probably coincide with the opening of the new administration on March 4.

1. The United States is to reduce the total debt of France to America from approximately \$1,000,000,000 gold marks to 5,000,000,000 gold marks, the balance to be America's "gesture of generosity" towards its wartime ally.

2. The debts of Italy, Belgium and Russia to America will be reduced in similar proportions.

3. The total French, Italian and Belgian debt to America will be added up and divided into 50 annuities, which will be deducted beginning in 1929, from the annuities those countries receive from Germany under the Dawes plan. Thus France, instead of receiving 52 per cent of the Dawes annuities, would receive about 15 per cent, with 21 per cent going to America and 16 per cent to England. Payments of other countries would be pro-rata from their percentages.

Guarantees to Gold. Guarantees to America would be given by these countries in the shape of liens on gold deposits in their banks. Thus the French guarantee would be one billion gold francs which, although remaining in the vaults of the Bank of France, would be subject to call by the United States should any Dawes annuity fail. Italy's guarantee would be one billion lire and Belgium's would be 25,000,000 francs.

A similar operation will be performed to enable France to collect her dues from the other allies, the whole business being directed by a "debt commissioner" working under the Dawes agent of the reparations commission.

Pioneer Dies on Homestead Where He Lived 54 Years. Albion, Jan. 12.—The first white man to locate in Boone county came here in 1871. Very few are still living who came during that year. One of these pioneers, Elias Atwood, died Friday on the homestead where he had lived for 54 years. During the period he had seen this country pass from a state of primeval rawness, occupied only by roving bands of Indians, to a highly developed farming region.

Elias Atwood was born at Phillips, Me., December 15, 1845, and married Lucy A. King at Wareham, Mass., in September 1868. To them nine children were born. Mr. Atwood died in 1914.

Mr. Atwood leaves two sisters, six children, 33 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church of which he had been a lifelong member.

Date Set for Hearing in Drug Store Raid Case. DeWitt, Jan. 12.—Monday, January 19, was set as the date of the preliminary trial of C. A. Witte, veteran DeWitt druggist, charged with possession and selling intoxicating liquor and with permitting gambling in his drug store, which was raided by Saline county officers twice last Tuesday. The case will be tried at Wilber. Witte was released on bond Friday and is back at his drug store.

Mate Finds Wife on Another's Lap; They Part

"I found her sitting on another man's lap, and she was remarking about his nice, curly hair," testified James Emery of 807 North Twenty-seventh avenue, in divorce court Monday morning.

Young Mrs. Emery brought suit against James. He filed a cross-petition. They both charge infidelity and name correspondents. They were married in September, 1920.

Witnesses Tell of Fatal Shooting in Blackwood Trial

Story of Defendant's Search for Abe Cirian and Attack on Vezeniano Told.

Dramatic details regarding the killing of Tony Vezeniano, for which Paul Blackwood, 30, of 2610 Dewey avenue, is on trial in district court, charged with second degree murder, were testified to by Frank Garrotto, one of the seven Italian witnesses who are to be called to the stand.

"Blackwood came to Ike Payne's place the night of July 18, looking for Abe Cirian," he said. "Entering, he pulled a revolver. Tony Vezeniano tried to act as a peacemaker. He offered Blackwood a cigar and told him not to make trouble. But Blackwood fired."

This in brief is the testimony of Garrotto.

Abe Cirian, also called to stand, said he heard the shots, ran from behind a building and discovered what had happened.

RESERVE OFFICERS TO REPORT HERE. Seventeen reserve officers of the Seventh corps area have been ordered to report for duty at Omaha for two weeks training courses.

They are: Medical corps, Lieut. Col. Marc Ray Hughes, St. Louis; Lieut. Col. Harry Don Silsby, Springfield, Mo.; Capt. William H. Seizer, Rochester, Minn., and Second Lieut. Louis A. Castillon, Kansas City, Mo.

The following officers will report to the judge advocate: First Lieut. Arch M. McKeever, Topeka, Kan., and First Lieut. Irvin Schlesinger, Des Moines.

Capt. Roy Heiber of Moline, Kan., will report to the ordnance department.

All the above officers are ordered to report on January 12. The following officers will report on February 2: Military intelligence: Capt. George F. Elliot, Kansas City, Mo.; Maj. Bernard B. Wilcox, Duluth, Minn.; Capt. Cyrus W. Perkins, Cedar Rapids, Ia., and First Lieut. Ralph E. Pierce, Omaha.

Judge advocate: Maj. Samuel J. McWilliams, Kansas City, Mo.; Capt. Fred Jensen, Minneapolis, and First Lieut. Louis G. Teller, Jamestown, N. D.

Medical: Lieut. Col. Harold L. Lamb, Little Falls, Minn., and Lieut. Col. Frank C. Maguire, Augusta, Ark. Ordnance: Capt. Anthony Thomas.

Pollman to Give Back His Pardon

Prison Release Alleged Purchased From Kansas Governor to Be Returned to New State Executive.

Challenges Prosecutor

By VINA LINDSAY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12.—The \$125,000 pardon alleged to have been purchased by Fred S. Pollman from Governor Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas, will be returned tomorrow.

Pollman, who is here, tonight issued a statement in which he said he would go to Topeka tomorrow, return the pardon to Ben S. Waulen, newly inaugurated governor, and offer himself to Charles E. Griffith, attorney general, for prosecution.

"It was not self-interest that prompted me to purchase the pardon," said Pollman, former Lacyne, Kan., banker. "When Governor Davis declares the affair was a frameup he is right. But it was a frameup to determine whether or not pardons were being sold and if the chief executive of Kansas had betrayed the faith of his people."

May Get New Pardon. Pollman declared that on his arrival tomorrow in Topeka he would challenge Attorney General Griffith, who has declared that Pollman's pardon should be recalled and Pollman prosecuted as well as Governor Davis on the latter's son, Russell Davis, who was charged with bribery in connection with the pardon deal.

It is generally believed that if Pollman surrenders his pardon tomorrow that another one will be issued him by the present governor. Pollman is at liberty on a conditional parole. He was given a sentence of one to seven years on a forgery charge.

Pollman, a former close friend and political supporter of Governor Davis, said he entered into a plot to attempt to purchase a pardon only as a means of either substantiating or refuting the verbal claim that he had been landed about Kansas to the effect that pardons could be bought and sold.

GLOVES LOST IN CROWD OF "VAGS". Fifteen vagrants were lounging about the police station Sunday night, waiting to "sign the book" and be assigned to bunks in the jail for a night's "tip."

Motorcycle Officer Earl Sherwood rounded them up to take them into the bullpen. Suddenly he missed his heavy leather gauntlets. He searched the 15 vagrants, but the gloves were not found, so he held all 15 for court Monday.

In spite of the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Olson are more than 70, they led the opening dance as gracefully on the night of their golden wedding anniversary as they did on the night of their marriage 50 years before.

GASOLINE BLAZE FATAL TO SEVEN. Caldwell, N. J., Jan. 12.—Seven negroes, six members of the George Gootch family and an unidentified woman boarder, were burned to death when a gasoline-fed kitchen fire exploded in their home today. Horace Jordan, another negro, was severely burned.

The mother, after starting the blaze, ran out into the street to call for help, then returned and perished with her five children and a negro who lived with them.

Chorus Girl, 17, Who Sued Omaha Police Chief for \$5,000 Damages



Evelyn Taylor, 17-year-old chorus girl, following her imprisonment at Des Moines at the instance of her father, Harry Shoppard of Omaha, who started a \$5,000 damage suit against the Omaha police department in her petition. Evelyn claims malice prosecution and names Chief of Police Van Deussen. She was released Saturday night after spending 24 hours in jail, on the grounds that there was no evidence of a legitimate charge against the girl. Judge Selbert held that Evelyn was not subject to the jurisdiction of Omaha juvenile authorities at Omaha and is no longer under control of her parents because Evelyn is a married woman. The Omaha officers who went to Des Moines returned to the father with the information that the girl is again free to pursue her theatrical career.

"Yes, they tell me I'm being sued by the chorus girl," said Chief Van Deussen. "I do not know why. Neither do I know how she can file suit against Omaha police in Iowa."

200 Attend Golden Wedding at Minden. Pioneers Came to Nebraska Penniless 40 Years Ago; Now Own Tracts of Land.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Minden, Neb., Jan. 12.—More than 200 friends and relatives attended the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Olson at the Odd Fellows hall here last Friday.

Among the hosts of guests were 12 children and 38 grandchildren of the couple. The affair was considered one of the social events of the season.

The Olsons came to Nebraska 40 years ago, as nearly penniless as any of the pioneers who trekked across the plains in search of new homes. Now they own more than 1,000 acres of land in various parts of Nebraska. Their children were all raised on the homestead and now own and operate farms of their own.

In spite of the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Olson are more than 70, they led the opening dance as gracefully on the night of their golden wedding anniversary as they did on the night of their marriage 50 years before.

U. S. ACCEPTS FINANCE PACT. Washington, Jan. 12.—The tentative agreement arrived at in Paris between American representatives and the allied finance ministers has been accepted by the Washington government.

Acceptance of the arrangement was made known today at the state department where it was emphasized that no departure from the American policy toward collection of claims under the Dawes plan from German annuities was involved.

House Names Chairmen. Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Satisfaction over the assignment of state legislators on standing committees of the two houses, as announced today, was expressed generally by members.

The senate committee on committees, in picking the various rosters, also named the chairmen, but on the house committees the choices were left to each group. Many of those met after this afternoon's adjournment and named their heads, while others postponed action until tomorrow.

Chairmen selected today by house committees were: Agriculture—Wingett; Census and Taxation—DeBell; Education—Mier, who defeated Aurdand after several ballots were taken; Insurance—Munn; Manufacturing and Commerce—Mills; Medical Societies—Wood; State Institutions—Gilmore; Banks and Banking—McLellan; Corporation—McMaster; Manufacturing and Commerce—Mills; New Pastor at Table Rock. Table Rock, Jan. 12.—Rev. Arthur Swanson has arrived here from Springfield, Neb., to become pastor of the Methodist church. This church has been without a regular pastor since last summer when Rev. George P. Trittes resigned and left for Oregon.

Relief Laws Demanded by Senator

Idaho Republican Urges Extra Session of Congress to Deal With Subject. Keeping Party Pledge.

Special Group Working

Washington, Jan. 12.—While the president's agricultural commission continued today to wrestle with the problem of farm relief, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, urged in the senate that there be an early extra session of the new congress to enact legislation dealing with the subject.

Calling attention to that farm aid had been a predominant issue in the last campaign, the Idaho senator declared the problem confronting the country, if the farmers are to have any permanent relief, is the same as it was before the election.

"I want to register my protest," he said, "against the proposition that agriculture has adjusted itself or will adjust itself in the near future."

Settlements in some lines of agriculture, he continued, have been due to two causes, the failure of crops in Europe and the Dawes reparations plan. He added, however, that the Dawes plan could not be of lasting benefit unless the amount of reparations to be paid by Germany is fixed at a definite sum.

Bruce Takes Issue. Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, took issue with Senator Borah that congressional action was necessary. He asserted that the plight of the farmer was being relieved "by natural processes with which the government has nothing to do."

"The truth is," the Maryland senator said, "that the western farmer does not try hard enough. He is too prone to run to the government with his troubles. No matter how far from legislative functions his trouble may be, he sets up a cry, and we may consider ourselves fortunate if the cry does not assume the tenor of a threat against the government."

When Senator Bruce declared at another point that he was almost constrained to ask "is there any agricultural problem at all?" several senators were on their feet seeking to give the information, but the Maryland senator declined to yield.

ITALIAN CHAMBER MEETING TAME. By Associated Press. Rome, Jan. 12.—So peacefully did the chamber of deputies resume its sessions today that the event came as an anti-climax. The galleries were crowded in anticipation of great excitement. Instead the sitting proceeded with the greatest calm.

Premier Mussolini and all the members of the cabinet were present, as also were ex-Premiers Giolitti, Orlando and Salandra, the last named occupying his usual place on the extreme right amidst the fascists.

Intersections on the agenda for the session were discussed without any notable incident.

TWO INFANTS FIRE VICTIMS. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 12.—The 15-month-old baby of Gus Ertson, 21 longshoreman, was burned to death today and a second baby, Ollie, 2 1/2 years old, is dying at the city hospital from burns suffered when the family home caught fire during the mother's absence.

Farmer Injured When Lighting Plant Explodes. Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 12.—Harold Teachout, farmer, was injured when an acetylene lighting plant which he was refilling exploded. His face was burned, his eyes injured and a gas cut in his ear. The cause of the explosion cannot be explained. The plant is located outside of the house.