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**DISCUSS NEW REVENUE LAW**

State Board Not Inclined to Advise Omaha  
 Commissioners on Duties.

**DISCOVER FLAW IN NORMAL SCHOOL BILL**

Pennsylvania Insurance Company  
 Proposes to Fight the Reciprocal  
 Tax on Insurance Companies.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The State Board of Equalization and Assessment will meet tomorrow in special session with City Attorney Wright and Tax Commissioner Fleming of Omaha to discuss the paragraph in the new revenue law enacted by the legislature regarding credit and debt assessment. No provision was made in the law for the deduction of debts from credits, which fact has caused the people of Omaha no end of worry. The officials from Omaha are anxious for the board of equalization to pass upon the paragraph or give them some idea how to proceed. It is likely, however, that the board will tell the Omaha officials to do as they see fit and that the courts will set them right if they are wrong. At least that is the opinion of Governor Mickey, who will call this meeting. "I don't see that we can do other than follow out the law, whatever it is," said the governor, "and if there is any question about it then the courts will have to decide that."

Why the special revenue committee that framed the new law made no provision for a deduction of debts, it was the opinion of the board to assess all debts at their value. In explaining this Representative Ewesey of Adams county said: "If a man holds a note for \$1,000 and the assessor knows that it is not worth more than \$500 then it is his duty to assess the note at \$500 or assess it for if that is all it is worth. If the holder of the note will make cash that it is worth less than the face calls for then it should be assessed at just the amount the owner said it was worth."

**Flaw in Normal Bill**

A prominent attorney from the north part of the state was in the city this morning to discuss the matter of the normal school. The attorney found a flaw of sufficient importance to be the foundation of an injunction suit, should anyone care to enjoin. The flaw was this: When the bill was recommended for passage by the committee of the whole in the house, it contained a clause which provided for the securing of the school building should pass a bonus of \$100,000, besides the twenty acres of land. The enrolled bill does not contain this amendment. The failure to vote on the bill as recommended by the committee of the whole, this lawyer said, would certainly invalidate it. It is presumed now that the defeated town will get busy, as contemplated some time ago, to end that the matter be kept in the courts until the next legislature comes out of the appropriation.

**Odd Fellows' Grand Lodge**

The first session of the grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was held this morning at the rooms of the local order and was attended by over 100 members. This session was in a sense merely preliminary to the big meetings which begin tomorrow. The day was spent in naming committees and hearing the reports of the grand patriarch and the grand master. Among those who took the grand encampment "degree" were: C. D. Noll, G. L. Edwards, Jacob Marks, Z. E. Jackson, E. W. Burditt, W. H. Boney, R. H. Miller, S. F. Dunn, B. H. Willis, I. T. Ward, N. J. Stoyffer, W. G. Chapman, E. E. Howe, F. Berger, H. A. Jarvis, W. A. Rattlesick, H. T. Van Woolden, R. D. Packard, A. N. Jeffrey, E. L. McCrea, W. H. Flynn, N. M. Nelson, T. Liddecott, Williams, McAllister, J. J. Gloose, E. Guenzel and F. S. Berry. The representatives from the various orders that attended today's sessions are: C. W. Carsons, C. N. Nell, E. E. Jackson, E. H. Hill, Fairchild, F. C. Stock, Thomas Liddecott, J. J. Gloose, J. F. Schmolzer, A. J. Meana, S. R. McFarland, B. N. Mills, E. S. Bremer, L. G. Larson, J. D. Smith, R. M. McAlister, A. DeWalleman, E. E. Howe, W. A. Rattlesick, H. A. Jarvis, A. M. Anderson, E. G. Purcell, A. N. Jeffrey, C. W. Berry, U. L. McCrea, F. R. Smith, W. V. Cooper, W. H. Flynn, N. M. Nelson and Allen Hopkins.

**Test Reciprocal Insurance Law**

A friendly suit has been begun in the supreme court to test the validity of the reciprocal tax. The petition was filed by Attorney General Prout this morning against the Insurance Company of North America, a Pennsylvania company doing business in Nebraska, to compel the company to pay 2 per cent of its gross receipts provided for by the insurance laws of the state.

With the petition the answer of the company was set up alleging that the law upon which the auditor's insurance duty rests in levying the tax is unconstitutional, and that the action relied on was void. The petition was filed in the supreme court in 1902 when the statutes were amended.

In the petition filed Mr. Prout set up that the company did a large business in the

**ROB PLEASANTDALE BANK**

Thieves Blow Open Safe and Get Thirty-Five Hundred Dollars.

POSSE QUICKLY STARTS IN PURSUIT

Number of Shots Are Fired at Burglars  
 Flying in Buggy, but Probably Without Any of Them Taking Effect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The safe of the First State bank at Pleasantdale, fourteen miles west of here, was blown open with nitro-glycerine shortly before 4 o'clock this morning and \$3,500 stolen.

The burglars escaped in a buggy, followed by a crowd of citizens who were awakened by the explosion. Over a dozen shots were fired at them as they drove down the street of the town, but whether any of the shots took effect is not known at this time. Lincoln and all the surrounding towns were notified and the sheriff, Detective Malone and his bloodhounds and the police were in the search for the men before 6 o'clock.

It is supposed the job was done by three men. Entrance was gained to the bank by unlocking the front door with a skeleton key, after which the vault door was picked and the men got access to the safe. Here they drilled a hole and used nitro-glycerine.

Every House in Town Shaken.

The explosion smashed a hole in the side of the safe and landed nearly every house in the village. Mr. Ackerman, who is an officer in the bank, with a number of neighbors who heard the explosion, rushed to the bank just as the men started down the street in a buggy. The pursuers cut across a field and came into the road behind a buggy which was going at breakneck speed, the occupants lashing the team into a run as the pursuers approached.

The command to halt was given and was answered by a shout at the horses. Ackerman and his men then fired at least a dozen times at the team, using shotguns, revolvers and rifles.

The rig kept going and were soon lost to sight. A posse of citizens was then organized, but it was impossible to follow the trail, owing to the darkness, and much valuable time was lost waiting for daylight.

The posse, which was so relentlessly pursued by the posse, did not contain the robbers, as was at first supposed, but was occupied by George Murdenheke, his wife and two daughters. They arrived in Lincoln this morning and the rear end of a buggy testified to the good marksmanship of the shooters. It is riddled and the wheels are marked in a dozen places.

Murdenheke and his family reached Pleasantdale from their home near there about 5 o'clock, enroute to Lincoln. They were driving slowly and the posse was not aware of their presence until they were almost called out for them to halt. Mrs. Murdenheke said "drive" and the head of the house did.

He slashed up the horses, and just then he was intercepted by a crowd of men who jumped out from behind the team.

He yelled halt, and the frightened man gave the horses the whip. For over a mile he ran the team and finally stopped in at a farm house and told his story. The scared woman and children were taken to the house and Murdenheke was taken with the team to the barn.

While in there two of his pursuers came up and with drawn revolvers arrested him as a bank robber. One kept him a prisoner until the other went back to town to report the capture to the hands.

Then Murdenheke was released.

Every member of the family is still badly frightened, and upon his arrival here the first thing Murdenheke did was to report to the police. None of them was struck by the bullets.

**BANKERS OFFER A REWARD**

Put into Effect Rule Adopted Last Week in Pleasantdale Bank Robbery.

The first ransom for a fugitive bank robber to be offered by the Nebraska Bankers' association under the rule adopted at its annual meeting in Lincoln last week to offer \$500 reward on capture of the man or women, or to pay to the state a fine of \$1,000 for each year of confinement of criminals of the class, has been placed on the heads of the robbers who got away with \$3,500 in money from the bank at Pleasantdale early yesterday morning. In addition to this offer of the bankers' association is one of \$100 made by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee corporation.

In placing into practical operation the rule it adopted the association, through its secretary, has issued this circular:

NEBRASKA BANKERS' ASSOCIATION, LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—To Members Nebraska Bankers' Association, Sheriff and Police Officers Everywhere:—The members of this association last week adopted the rule to offer a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and conviction of persons engaged in this burglary, offer to remain in force until one year from the date of this notice, and to be paid under the rules of the association.

In addition to the above, the Ocean Accident and Guarantee corporation, in which the used, makes a total reward of \$500, for the capture and conviction of the parties engaged in this robbery.

If information is obtained that might lead to the arrest of one or more of the burglars, wire this information to the Seward county office at Seward, and the chief of police, Lincoln.

H. R. GOULD, Secretary.

No more active is the crusade of robbers upon the banks of the country towns of the middle west than the campaign now being waged against them by the Nebraska Bankers' association and other who have determined to exterminate this band of burglars that seems to be just now infesting this part of the country. The action of the bankers' association in offering these rewards has been very generally commended and it is said it will be the means of stimulating the efforts to rid the west of this class of bandits.

Free to China as Missionary.

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Dr. J. Kelley was in the city yesterday to deliver a sermon at the Presbyterian church here last evening, and though appearing upon the rolls of the Presbytery as associate pastor of the Fremont church, his active duties will be performed as a missionary at Hainan, China. The services were held at the Presbyterian church and the ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Moore of Omaha. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. C. W. Weaver of Fremont, the charge to the people by Rev. R. M. L. Braden of Omaha. Dr. Kelley, who is a graduate both in theology and medicine, is sent as a missionary by the Fremont church.

Omaha Woman Recovers Her Child.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Walter Little of Omaha, formerly Mrs. Eliza Coburn of this city, arrived in town this morning and her company with Constable Leary visited the home of Jesse Gilson, her first husband, who lives thirteen miles northwest of Beatrice, and secured her 12-year-old son, who was kidnaped from her a short time ago in Lincoln

by Mr. Olson and an officer from this city. Two years ago, when Mrs. Little secured a divorce from her first husband, she was given the custody of the child, and after producing the necessary papers upon her arrival here yesterday she was promptly given the custody of her son. Mrs. Little will return to Omaha tomorrow. Mrs. Little is now living with her third husband, to whom she was married three weeks ago.

Bols Cnt Responsible.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—A letter from A. C. Coburn, first lieutenant commanding company C, Twenty-sixth infantry, at Plattsmouth, Texas, to Andrew C. Frye of Plattsmouth conveys to the father and other relatives and friends here the full particulars of the death of Frank L. Frye. From the letter it is learned that at his time of death he was a member of the post guard, but after being relieved walked the post from 1 a. m. to 3 a. m., went into a back room and took his life by using a magazine rifle, while suffering from mental depression. This condition, it is thought, was the direct result of a minor case of insanity which upon him by a兵man in the Philippines shortly before the regiment set sail homebound. At that time the boy in company with other members of the company rounded up a party from the enemy's ranks and during the action he was struck on the head and knocked down by a bolt, one of his ears being almost severed from his head. No other cause could be attributed to his action.

Charged with Wife Desertion.

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—John Kelley was arrested at Valley Springs, Mo., yesterday on the complaint of Supervisor W. H. Mead charging him with deserting his wife and seven small children, all under the age of 16 years. He was arraigned in justice court and acknowledged that he had left his wife and children without contributing anything to their support and was bound over to the district court for trial. In default of bail he was committed to jail. Kelley is the man, it is said, that has been living with the family of a woman named Elmore, an applicant for relief from the Douglas county poor authorities, and is charged by Mrs. Elmore with having stolen \$500 from her. Mrs. Kelley was present in court and made a scene, but did not ask to have her husband released. This is the first prosecution here under the new law, and the case is a very aggravated one.

Child Attacked by Dog.

LEIGH, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock a vicious bull dog attacked the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schaefer and almost killed it before the child could be taken from the dog. F. F. Lee, the owner of the dog, had him tied in a shed and the child was playing about when it came within the reach of the dog. The throat and face of the child was badly lacerated and it is doubtful if it ever recovers.

Stepmother Changes Mind.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—George Whitecomb, the young man lodged in jail yesterday charged with attempted assault by his step-mother on her daughter, Miss Miller, was released today at the instance of Mrs. Whitecomb, who decided not to prosecute him.

Increase in Telephone Stock.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska City Telephone company filed amended articles of incorporation with the county clerk, increasing the capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Early Corn Promises Good Yield.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—A local farmer in this city has started husking this year's crop. The early corn promises to make a fair yield, but the late crop will fall far below an average one.

**FORECAST OF THE WEATHER**

Two Days with Fair Skies Promised Over Entire Northwestern Country.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Forecast: For Nebraska, Missouri, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Oct. 20.—Official record of temperature for the past 24 hours, with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Maximum temperature...	70	75	77
Minimum temperature...	47	54	54
Dew point...	49	51	50
Precipitation...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Record of temperature and precipitation on Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1903:			
Normal temperature...	52		
Actual temperature...	52		
Total excess since March 1...	15		
Normal precipitation...	1.03		
Actual precipitation...	0.00		
Excess since March 1...	1.03		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902...	2.00		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1901...	7.75		

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temperature	Wind	Clouds	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	60	74		
Valentine, clear	58	74		
York, Neb., clear	56	72		
Cheyenne, clear	56	70		
Salt Lake City, clear	50	66		
St. Paul, clear	50	66		
Chicago, clear	50	66		
Davenport, clear	50	66		
Des Moines, clear	50	66		
Harve, clear	50	66		
Hemp, partly cloudy	50	66		
Galveston, clear	50	66		

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**GOVERNOR VISITS TROOPS**

Chief Executive of Kansas Guest of Officers at Fort Riley.

DAY DEVOTED TO DRILL AND LECTURES

Operations in the Field Will Be Resumed This Morning with All of the State Guards Taking Part.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

FORT RILEY, Kan., Oct. 20.—A visit to Governor Bailey of Kansas and the bursting of a steam connection between a dynamo supplying light for the officers' mess tent and the boiler, were the most striking events of today at Camp Sanger. The former was the more impressive, but the latter bore of the palm for excitement.

Governor Bailey, attended by his staff, arrived at Camp Sanger about 3 o'clock. He was met at the station by a squadron of cavalry, which escorted him to and from the camp. General Bates, attended by all the officers of his staff, was awaiting the governor, and after greetings had been exchanged, the entire party visited the tent of General Bates. The governor, after a short stay with the general, returned to his carriage and was driven to the camp of the Kansas troops, where he was accompanied with all the military honors due his rank.

The steam connection between the dynamo and the engine parted shortly after 5 o'clock and produced a violent sound that threw the colored waiters and cooks into a panic. The big mess tent was filled with steam, exciting the waiters for a few minutes, all of them feeling, as they thought, for their lives.

The day was barren of incident as far as military matters were concerned. Drills were held in the evening and the afternoon was devoted to lectures on medical hygiene and discussion of the military problems presented by the maneuvers already held.

Tomorrow the active work in the field will be resumed, the members of the national guard participating.

During the evening Major Fuller of the ordnance department delivered an address on projectiles.

**NEBRASKA'S NEW REVENUE LAW**

Tax Commissioner Fleming Writes a Response to Henry W. Yates' Letter.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

OMAHA, Oct. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Answering Mr. Yates' letter in this morning's Bee, I would say: "Yes, it would be preposterous to assess a national bank as he illustrates it. The fact that the national banks are subject to the tax on deposits, is the best evidence of the interpretation put upon the section relating to banks, etc., and not the illustration in his article. Mercantile incorporated companies are not, however, in that class or of the same nature.

The vital question is: "Shall credits be assessed without regard to what a man owes on other property and so his net worth is assessed for tax? Or shall the tax be deducted from his debts at least to the extent of the amount of the credits, and only that." A person owing \$10,000 and having good accounts of a value of \$5,000 could cancel \$5,000 assessment of his credits, but could not reduce his assessment on any other class of property and so his net tax would be \$5,000. The merchant who has net worth of \$10,000 and owing \$5,000 would have a net worth of \$5,000 and pay tax on that amount.

The old law assessed the net worth of a man, but the new law assesses the gross worth of a man. The new law means to treat any and everybody alike so far as assessment of property in possession and control, regardless of what is owed on it, real estate included. I do not have to justify the tax to its enforcement, however, to provide for its enforcement, unless perhaps, as in some such strong case as the railroad case, on the grounds of being unconstitutional. The assessment of credits, ignoring debts, may be a sufficient and a good case of this kind. It has not been considered, notwithstanding the repeal of the section that made limited allowance for them, to what extent will they be allowed now? As before? Or where shall it stop? Will it be confined to some credits or will it be credits of every class? Will the owner of real estate have an allowance for his mortgage indebtedness? Will the constitutionality requirements of uniformity of taxation be met if credits in the ordinary turn are reduced by existing indebtedness? The franchised corporations can look after themselves and I am not called upon to complete them. The question is: will they allow the assessments of credits and possibly other property, less indebtedness?

The ideal law would be, possibly, to start on the basis of principle that a person or company be assessed for net worth and build a law around that principle. That is what the framers of the law, or legislators who have altered the law, or legislators that gave their work authority, meant to do. It was to assess property of every nature in whose hands it was, regardless of the relationship to other assessments, at least, so it seems to me. Every new law has to run the gauntlet of the courts. The sooner it is begun and prosecuted the better and the sooner we will have a good law, if we attend to our knitting faithfully, and the year or so to elapse before electing another legislature to consider amending the law will have the benefit of the decisions of the courts in the meantime.

I may be wrong and I fully realize the importance to the city of its jobbing interests and have no desire to injure them. On the contrary, I realize fully that real estate and every other interest will suffer if the jobbing interests are crippled by unduly large taxation. I say what is right and constitutional as soon as possible. The field of doubt is greater than any one interested class seem to see and each class of property holders are more or less selfish. WILLIAM FLEMING, Tax Commissioner.

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An Old Soldier's Views.

ABEHLAND, Neb., Oct. 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have just read an article written by G. E. Rathbun in regard to the soldiers which all true. In this state, as well as in nearly all of the northern states, the old soldier is looked upon as a thing of the past and shoved one side. You may take Omaha for instance. How many of the old boys have any sense that they could hold just as well as not? Take your police force, there are lots of old soldiers that could do that just as well as some young able-bodied men. I will venture to say you have not one old soldier on the force. Then take the postoffice.

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Swamp-Root Entirely Cured Me. Gentlemen—I know you do not need this from me as you are daily receiving hundreds of testimonials. However, I want to say that I think you have the greatest remedy on earth for kidney, bladder and liver trouble. I had been troubled for years, was operated on several times and spent a large amount of money and never got up as many as twenty times during the night.

My attention was called to your Swamp-Root and I gave it a thorough trial and the result was that it completely cured me. J. W. ARMSTRONG, Sept. 13th, '02. Greentown, Ind.

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beating, rheumatism, bloating, irritability, worms feeding, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, pallor complexion. If your water when allowed to remain undisturbed in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling, or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need immediate attention.

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Be sure to say that you read this generous offer in The Omaha Daily Bee. That you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

How many old soldiers are postmasters? Not many. Take my own town, for example. We have a marshal and a night policeman. Both are young, strong men, who are a dozen of soldiers. They could fill the places just as good and better. But they are shoved one side, and so it is nearly everywhere in the northern states. Then they find fault and growl because we get a pension of \$4 or \$5 per month when they do not pay one cent of taxes and never will. But I suppose we can stand it.

W. L. RADING, An Old Soldier.

Sam'l Burns 10 per cent of Libbey's Cut Glass this week.

There will be a mass meeting Friday evening after services at Temple Israel for the purpose of arranging for a fair, to be given for the benefit of the Wise Memorial hospital. Everybody is invited.