

MORE MONEY FOR CITY FROM FUNDS

City Attorney Rine and City Commission Devise Scheme to Swell Receipts.

MILLS BASIS FOR TAXES

In a conference with City Attorney Rine, the city commissioners approved a proposed bill to be introduced in the legislature, to change the existing maximum city funds from the present basis to a mills basis.

Under the present city charter the maximum of the general fund for Greater Omaha is fixed at \$1,300,000, to produce which the council levied 29.223 mills for 1917.

Eliminate Maximum Funds. It is proposed to do away with the maximum funds which have been fixed by charter for police, fire, park, street lighting and a few other departments.

Hatmaker Freed on Charge of Killing Lucky; Is Warned

Lack of evidence, believed sufficient by the county attorney's office to bring about a conviction, has resulted in the dismissal of manslaughter charges against Harry Hatmaker, who January 8 shot and fatally wounded M. W. Lucky at the home of Mrs. Maud Lucky, 2417 Capitol avenue.

In the discharge of Hatmaker Judge Fitzgerald warned him against his return to the home of Mrs. Lucky. "That's a good place to stay away from," said the judge.

Pioneer Woman, Mother of Fourteen Children, Dies

Mrs. Magdalene Koster, aged 88 years, widow of the late Henry A. Koster, died at her home, 1321 Georgia avenue Wednesday night. She was born in Sara Brucher, Germany.

Principal Adams to Talk at Dundee Social Center

"Growing Omaha Needs a New Building for Its Growing High School of Commerce" is the subject on which Karl F. Adams, principal of the commercial school, will speak before the Dundee Community center Friday evening.

School Children Now Biggest Borrowers of Books

Of the total circulation at the public library, over one-third is among children of the public schools, according to Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian. Statistics just completed show that of the 381,637 books borrowed during the year, 153,851 were loaned to school children.

County Judges of the State Are Meeting Here

The Nebraska County Judges' association is holding its annual meeting at the court house. More than thirty judges of county courts from all parts of the state are here.

Woman Victim of Auto Accident is Improving

Mrs. Pauline Hinkel, a Minneapolis young woman, seriously injured when a taxi in which she was riding collided with a street car at Twenty-fourth and Arbor streets, is reported improved at St. Joseph's hospital.

About Constipation

Certain articles of diet tend to check movements of the bowels. The most common of these are cheese, tea and boiled milk. On the other hand, raw fruits, especially apples and bananas, also graham bread and whole wheat bread promote movement of the bowels.

LECTURES TO FINE ARTS SOCIETY FRIDAY



JAY WILLIAM HUDSON, Professor of philosophy at the University of Missouri, who will lecture before the Omaha Society of Fine Arts at Hotel Fontenelle today at 4 p. m. on "Social Unrest and Its Ethical Significance."

Alleged Leader of Robbers' Ring Caught in the Act

What C. A. Lowell, chief special agent for the Illinois Central, believes was an effective blow in his campaign to break up an alleged gang of Omaha merchandise car robbers was landed Wednesday night when he arrested C. W. Pruitt, 3714 Maple street, said to be the ringleader of the thieves.

Frequent car robberies of late caused Chief Lowell to come here from Chicago and take personal charge of the matter. His activities resulted in the arrest of Pruitt just as the latter emerged from the broken door of a refrigerator car with a dressed sheep on his back.

Chief Lowell confiscated the sheep and placed Pruitt under arrest. As the broken car was part of an interstate shipment Pruitt will be turned over to federal officials.

Says Indictment Does Not Tell Where Liquor Came From

Sixteen cases for the alleged selling and introducing of liquor to the Indians on the Winnebago reservation were dismissed by Federal Judge Woodrough on motions filed by Hiram Chase, Indian attorney, that the indictments made out in the cases by the last federal grand jury were faulty.

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Found Guilty on Conspiracy Charge

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—John W. Roberts, former deputy sheriff of King county, was found guilty by a jury in the federal court here last night on an indictment charging him with having conspired to represent himself as a government officer.

Teachers Will Take Their Examinations This Week

The quarterly examinations for teachers under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent of schools will be given on Friday and Saturday of this week in the model school room on the third floor of the court house.

Wants to Change the Time When Taxes Are Due

City Attorney Rine has the backing of the city commissioners in presentation of a bill to the legislature proposing to make city taxes due January 1, instead of May 1. This change would bring current funds into closer relations with the city's fiscal year and would save considerable interest paid by the city on registered warrants, pending receipt of taxes.

Loomis to Name Successor To Scandrett This Week

General Solicitor Loomis of the Union Pacific is back from a trip of nearly three weeks spent on the Pacific coast, but asserts that he is not yet ready to announce the successor to Ben Scandrett, assistant general attorney, who has gone to the Northern Pacific as its general attorney. The announcement of the successor will probably be made this week.

Philadelphia Press is Sold to Local Capitalists

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The Philadelphia Press, one of Philadelphia's oldest daily newspapers, has been sold by the Calvin Wells estate to a group of local capitalists, Samuel W. Meek, manager of the Press company, announced last night. The Press was founded in 1857 by John W. Forney and was purchased by Calvin Wells twenty years later.

Theater Owner's Wife At Last Gets Divorce

The matrimonial troubles of the Steinbergs were aired in district court for the last time when Judge Redick granted a decree to Ida Steinberg, who sued Joseph Steinberg, alleging cruelty. The divorced husband is a motion picture theater owner. The couple has figured in several divorce actions.

General Beljaeff Named Russian Minister of War

London, Jan. 18.—General M. A. Beljaeff has been appointed minister of war in place of General Chouvaieff, who has been member of the council of empire, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's. General Beljaeff was formerly assistant minister of war and chief of the general staff.

THE FAITH OF A FREE CHURCH

UNITARIAN LITERATURE sent free Unitarian Headquarters, 210 S. 24th St., Omaha, Neb.

LOOK FORWARD TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington Officials Think Balfour Note May Be First Step in New Program.

QUERY OF BRITISH PAPER

Washington, Jan. 18.—Great Britain's supplementary note amplifying the entente reply to President Wilson's peace note has given much encouragement to American officials who are looking forward to some sort of league of nations to preserve peace.

Although the principal portions in Foreign Minister Balfour's note delivered to the State department yesterday are designed to justify the severity of the terms sent forth by the entente in their reply, the note of President Wilson, the formal acceptance in principle of some sort of national sanction as a force behind treaties and international law is regarded as of great importance.

Force Behind Law Necessary

London, Jan. 18.—Commenting on the note of Foreign Secretary Balfour, supplementary to the entente reply to President Wilson, the Manchester Guardian says: "The most notable words in Mr. Balfour's dispatch are those in which he speaks of the American proposal for a league of nations. The war has shown that no international law is the least avail as a protection against a power unscrupulous enough to disregard it and strong enough to despise the condemnation of neutrals."

Power Company Seeks to Set Aside Heat Rate

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Following a series of wrangles for several years over light and heat rates, the Shenandoah Artificial Ice, Power, Heat and Light company, through its attorneys, has begun action against the city of Shenandoah, the mayor and five councilmen to restrain them by temporary injunction from enforcing the ordinance passed by the city in January, 1911, insofar as it effects the charges for central steam and hot water heating.

Nebraska Hardware Men Convene Here Next Month

The Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association is to hold its annual convention in Omaha February 6 to 9. Nathan Roberts of Lincoln is secretary. The dealers will have some live topics for discussion this year, as several important matters have developed. The increased cost of hardware stock, due to the general rise in price of steel, iron and most metal products, has made new problems for the dealers, and the hopeless tangle in which the Nebraska freight rates are now sweltering is another problem which affects the hardware men.

CALIFORNIA'S FIRST WOMAN JUDGE ON BENCH—The first woman judge in California is sitting in Palo Alto township. She is the widow of Judge S. W. Charles, killed recently in an automobile accident. Justice Charles studied law under her husband, then a professor in Stanford university.



JUSTICE ISABEL CHARLES

Prudential Now Has Fifteen Million Policies

Newark, N. J., Jan. 18.—More than \$591,000,000 of paid-for life insurance was issued by the Prudential Insurance Company of America in 1916, and at the lowest expense rate in Prudential history, according to the forty-first annual figures of the company, read Tuesday by President Forrest F. Dryden at the opening session of an international business conference of Prudential field representatives, held here. This issue, Mr. Dryden explained, represents a gain in insurance in force of over \$283,000,000.

Sued Husband Admits Profanity on Occasions

Minnie McIntyre, who is suing Charles McIntyre for divorce in Judge Wakely's court, alleges that her husband has an uncontrollable temper. McIntyre on the witness stand admitted that he swore about the house and called his wife far from pet names "when the occasion demanded."

ALL WHEAT HELD IN OMAHA IS SOLD OUT

Export Demand Clears Out the Big Elevators, Which Held a Surplus.

WHEAT PRICES ARE HIGHER

While the warehouse figures indicate that the wheat in storage in Omaha elevators aggregate 1,037,000 bushels, the fact is that there is none there. The last was sold out this morning when buyers for export took 500,000 bushels, to go to the Atlantic coast at any time prior to May.

OUR JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

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\$250 Martin Bros. upright... \$ 95
\$450 Chickering & Sons upright... \$ 75
\$450 Steger & Sons upright... \$225
\$1,000 Chickering & Sons Grand... \$150
\$1,200 Steinway Grand... \$585
\$450 Auto Player Piano... \$195

HOW POLICEMAN SOLVES PROBLEM OF FOOT ACHES

Policemen, street car men, mail carriers and all others who are on their feet constantly will be interested in the successful experiment of a Chicago policeman who has solved the question of having comfortable feet. This policeman stands at the intersection of two busy streets, directing traffic all day. By night his feet used to torment him. He couldn't sleep for the pains and aches they gave him. Then he heard of Wa-Ne-Ta, and now he suffers no more. Two or three of these tablets in a bowl of hot water, a few minutes' bathing, and all the soreness is gone, his feet feel cool, comfortable and happy. You can use Wa-Ne-Ta with delightful effect in your body bath. Leaves skin soft and antiseptically clean. You can get Wa-Ne-Ta from your druggist. It only costs 25 cents. If your druggist hasn't it, we will gladly send you a sample package if you will send us 10 cents to cover cost of packing and mailing to your address. L. C. Landon Co., South Bend, Ind.

A New, Harmless Way to Banish Hairy Growths

(Beauty Topics). By following this suggestion any woman can, in the privacy of her own home, remove every trace of hair or fuzz from her face: With powdered delatone and water mix enough paste to cover the not wanted hairs; apply and in 2 or 3 minutes rub off and wash the skin. This method is un-failing, harmless and quick in results, but care should be employed to get the genuine delatone.—Adv.

Advertisement for Admiral Little Cigars. Features a large illustration of a hand holding a cigar and a pack of Admiral Little Cigars. Text includes: 'Cast Away On a Desert Island With Your Last Smoke Broken!', 'ADMIRAL LITTLE CIGARS with THE MILLION DOLLAR WRAPPER', 'Did you ever reach for your last little cigar and find it broken when you were far away from the nearest cigar store? Then you'll be glad to know that there is a new—a wonderful little cigar—that will not break in the package or pocket.', 'Admiral Little Cigars with the Million Dollar Wrapper are the only little cigars that will not break, crumble or frazzle. THE MILLION DOLLAR WRAPPER IS COMPOSED OF TO-BACCO, AND NOTHING BUT TOBACCO, selected to blend with the delicate filler in flavor and aroma. It is always enticingly light and uniform in color.', 'Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co.', 'In foil-lined packages. This means no loss in flavor. Gamble a nickel and see. 10 for 5¢'