

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THE FAITH OF A FREE CHURCH

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

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.

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.

Roberts was charged with having extorted \$2,000 from Clifford Yarbrough of Tennessee, who came to Seattle last month accompanied by Eugene Murray. Roberts at his trial contended he had no interest in the case other than to see the girl was returned to her mother, who lives in Evansville, Ind.

Mayor of Hastings Fines Case Outside of Court

The \$50,000 libel suit of Ellis B. Usher, a publicity man, against William Madgett, mayor of Hastings, Neb., and a candidate for the nomination for governor at the primaries last spring, has been settled out of court, according to a stipulation for dismissal filed with the clerk of the district court.

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.

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.

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 available as a protection against a power unscrupulous enough to disregard it and strong enough to despise the condemnation of neutrals."

The newspaper expresses the belief that there must be force behind international law and thinks this is contemplated in the American proposal of a league to enforce peace. "But what is necessary in discussing the matter with Americans," says the Guardian, "is that we should make them realize that the whole thing were breath and words unless they, along with the rest of us, are prepared in the end to put force into execution. The league must examine, discuss and find methods of adjusting national difficulties and not merely maintain order, but facilitate progress. The idea is a grand one and with Mr. Balfour's note it has made one further step towards general acceptance."

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.

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. About fifty teachers, including a large number of old teachers who will try for higher grade certificates and renews, as well as a number of ambitious pedagogues-to-be, will be quizzed under the direction of County Superintendent of Schools Keenan.

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.

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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.



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.

The petition alleges that such rates are inadequate, unreasonable, oppressive, nonremunerative and confiscatory. The notice was filed on the mayor, C. A. Weststrand, just as he was going to Des Moines to secure an expert to make a survey of the reasonableness of the rates, so far as heating and lighting and gas are concerned. He expressed himself as pleased that the suit would bring the matter to a showdown.

There is one of two things for the city council to do, and that is to either pay the meter rate or to prove to the court that the 30-cent rate is reasonable and just.

Give your Want Ad a chance to make good. Run it in The Bee.

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.

President Dryden also stated that the Prudential now has 15,000,000 policies, representing a total of over \$3,000,000,000 insurance in force, continuing the Prudential, although one of the youngest, as the second company in the world in this respect.

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.

Practically every bushel of wheat in storage in Omaha elevators has been bought for export and most of it at prices that are around \$2 per bushel.

Omaha wheat receipts were 132 carloads and there was a strong demand, the cash sales being made at \$1.91 to \$1.94 per bushel. These prices were 1 to 2 cents up from Wednesday.

Corn was in good demand and at 94 1/4 to 94 3/4 cents per bushel, an advance of 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents over Wednesday. The May futures were bid up to 97 1/2 cents, while the May option in Chicago went to \$1.01 1/2, the highest top in years. Omaha receipts were seventy-one carloads.

Oats were steady, selling at about the same prices as Wednesday, 53 1/4 to 54 1/4 cents per bushel, with a tendency to higher prices. Receipts were light, only nine carloads.

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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.

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