

LOOMIS TELLS NICE INCOME TAX POINTS

State Being Thoroughly Covered by Representatives of U. S.; Losses in Side Business Disregarded.

The meeting of the Omaha Real Estate board Wednesday crowded the south dining room of the Commercial club with realtors, some of them accompanied by their clients, who listened with interest to Internal Revenue Collector George L. Loomis and his deputy, Clair E. Goddard, who gave out information on the problems of the income and war tax. A number of questions were asked and a number were answered, although several close problems were taken under advisement.

Mr. Loomis stated that men from Omaha were now in all parts of Nebraska informing the people as to the meaning of the laws under which they must report March 1, on blanks to be furnished them. At Theford, in the cattle country, with the sparse population of that part of the state, 150 men met the deputy in one day, some of them coming 30 or 40 miles seeking the information needed. In Blaine county 150 men met the deputy at one time. These deputies report to the office every night and the result of these reports is, Mr. Loomis says, that they will have to provide for many more subject to these taxes in Nebraska than they anticipated.

State Thoroughly Covered. Mr. Loomis further says that March 1 does not end the campaign. After that date the state will be thoroughly covered, better than the public thinks possible, in the effort to secure every dollar of return and that very little can be hidden. He intimates that it would be dangerous for any man to undertake to hide his business, even in the smallest degree, from the government's representatives.

Among the points made in the information given, either in the addresses of these gentlemen or in answer to inquiries, were these: "Loss in a side business cannot be offset against the profits of the actual business. For instance, a merchant or real estate man, or a professional man, cannot invest in some other business and lose and expect to put that loss over against the profits of his real business. Should he make a profit, however, that must be counted. "Information at the source," which concerned a good many agents, and those who represented clients, in the returns a year ago, has been practically done away with, except where alien clients are represented. This requirement of a year ago does not now apply as a rule to agents, but more to corporations.

Depreciation Considered. Depreciation in rental property is taken into account. The life of a frame building is figured at 25 years, and in making returns one-twenty-fifth of a reduction from the face value may be made. Brick buildings are figured on a life of 35 years. Steel and concrete-constructed buildings on a life of 50 to 100 years. Out of these reductions may be taken the repairs, or, if the repairs would amount to more than the percentage of the depreciation, the full amount of the repairs may be allowed, but not the sum of the depreciation and repairs. Nothing is allowed for betterments.

In the case of a lot bought, say for \$400, since March 1, 1913, and sold last year for, say, \$600, showing an apparent profit of \$200, it is permitted to figure out all general taxes or any other expenses in connection with the lot during that time. However, no special taxes may be deducted, as these are looked upon as betterments. No returns are asked until the property is disposed of.

No Return on Lots Unpaid For. Platters of subdivisions have been puzzled to know how to make the returns. Mr. Loomis held that returns need not be made now excepting where the lots have been paid for in full, when the profit would have to be turned in. It was also stated that an effort was being made to secure a ruling which would include the mortgage with the capital, otherwise platters of additions would be obliged to make their capital larger and arrange for the money in some other way.

Contribution by individuals for charitable purposes are exempt from returns, but not by corporations, and included in charitable purposes is the money contributed to Red Cross, Young Men's Christian association, both for local purposes and for the war fund, educational institutions and like objects.

Partnerships need not make returns unless for incomes over \$6,000, after allowing a reasonable income to the partners.

Judge Day Orders One Room of Hotel Closed

Room No. 7 of the Des Moines hotel, Thirteenth and Howard streets, will be a cold and vacant chamber during the year 1918. A liquor injunction issued by Judge Day upon the petition of Prosecutors McGuire and Munger allows all the other rooms of the hotel to be reopened, but orders this one room closed for the year.

The owners and managers of the hotel may open all other rooms of the place in the orderly conduct of their hotel and restaurant business.

Patrick Manning, owner; Emil Leaf, owner of the fixtures; Julius Treitschke, lessor, are put under \$500 bond and enjoined from keeping, selling or giving away intoxicating liquors within the jurisdiction of the court in any building.

A. C. McGlone Throws Hat In City Political Ring

A. C. McGlone, former captain in the disbanded Seventh regiment, was the second candidate to file a petition with the election commission for the city primaries, which will be held April 2.

Frank C. Gardiner of 2414 Cuming street, obtained a blank petition, but did not state whether it was for himself or for another.

Western Railroads Place Embargo on Export Freight

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—An embargo on all export freight except cotton out of this port for Japan was in effect today on the lines of the Southern, Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific railroads. Approximately 100,000 tons of export freight is congesting the San Francisco terminals of those roads.

Funeral Services for Mrs. C. M. Searle Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Montgomery Searle, who died Thursday after several months' illness, will be held at the home, 1525 Park avenue at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mrs. Searle was the widow of the late F. A. Searle and a daughter of

the late B. W. Montgomery, an Omaha pioneer. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. H. H. Burns of Alberta Lea, Minn.; a son, Clifton M. Searle; two brothers, Homer A. Montgomery and R. D. Montgomery; and two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Ayres of Omaha and Mrs. Margaret Canfield of Los Angeles.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

13 INDIAN BOYS BURN TO DEATH IN SCHOOL FIRE

Muskogee, Okl., Jan. 12.—Thirteen Indian boys were burned to death early this morning in a fire which de-

stroyed the boys' dormitory of the Dwight Indian training school at Marble City, Okl., 40 miles southeast of here.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Over 100 boys scantily clad escaped into the cold.

Another Job "Wished On" Postoffice in Omaha
Another big job has been "wished"

on the Omaha postoffice without any allowance for additional clerk hire. This is the job of paying off more than 1,000 railway mail clerks in the Fourteenth division of the railway mail service. Checks must be made out and mailed to them twice a month, starting January 16. They were formerly paid at the Denver, Cheyenne, Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha offices. Now all must be done at the

Omaha office. An addressing machine has been installed here to facilitate the work.

Warmer Weather Predicted For Mississippi Valley

Washington, Jan. 12.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today are:



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DOUGLAS COUNTY WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE
Omaha, Nebraska

