

TAX LEVY OF 35 MILLS APPROVED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Deficit of \$420,000 is Prospected; Board to Appeal to Legislature to Increase Maximum.

The Board of Education, at a special meeting, approved a school district tax levy of 35 mills for the ensuing fiscal year.

Applied to an assessed valuation of \$49,957,603, this levy will produce \$1,745,516 in tax collections. These tax collections, plus various estimated collections from other sources will make an estimated total of \$1,883,266, according to Secretary Bourke.

Estimated expenditures were reported at \$1,960,215, which will increase a deficit of \$420,000 at the close of this year.

Levy Too Small.

The board has been convinced that it is impossible to maintain the growing public school system on a maximum tax levy of 35 mills without piling up a deficit. The finance and judiciary committees will go before the legislature next winter with a bill to increase the maximum from 35 to 45 mills.

Secretary Bourke, in a communication to the finance committee, wrote: "A tax levy of 39 3-10 mills would provide sufficient funds for the estimated expenditures of the ensuing year, but would not provide any excess to apply on the present deficit. A levy of 42 3-10 mills would enable us to pay current expenses and wipe out the deficit in three years."

The secretary adds that for six years the incomes of the school district have been insufficient to meet the necessary expenditures.

Rains Help Corn Crop in All Sections of the State

According to the weekly crop report of the Burlington railroad showing conditions up to last Friday night, the outlook for a big corn crop over practically all of Nebraska continues good. The condition of the soil varies to a considerable extent on the several divisions of the road, but on the whole there is no cause for alarm.

On the Wymore division, in the vicinity of Table Rock, the precipitation last week aggregated close to nine inches, while at Salem, Hickman, Wilbur and several of the other stations there was scarcely any rainfall.

Taking the state as a whole, corn just about held its own last week, as the following comparative condition report shows. The estimate is on the basis of 100 per cent for a perfect crop and is by divisions:

| Divisions. | Last Week. | Previous Week. |
|------------|------------|----------------|
| Omaha | 98 | 98 |
| Lincoln | 98 | 97 |
| Wymore | 91 | 91 |
| McCook | 98 | 95 |

Practically everywhere in the Nebraska corn is silking and this is regarded as the critical period. With rains from now on, railroad crop experts are of the opinion that the crop will be fully up to, if not better than an average.

The threshing of small grain continues and from all portions of the state are reports that the yield is fully up to expectations, with fields turning out an average of 12 to 16 bushels to the acre, with some localities averaging as high as 25 bushels. Generally oats are good and the yield is running from 25 to 40 bushels to the acre.

In the eastern portion of the state potatoes are not more than half a crop, but all through the western counties where the acreage is large, there is every indication of an enormous yield with the quality fully up to the average of former years.

Director of the Red Cross Praises Omaha School Work

A letter of commendation from J. W. Studebaker, assistant director of the Red Cross bureau of junior membership, has been received by J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of public instruction in Omaha.

A few weeks ago a package of manuscript was turned in to the junior bureau in Washington, showing what the Omaha schools had been doing for the Red Cross. The letter received from Mr. Studebaker said:

DOPE SMUGGLED TO PRISONERS IN OMAHA CITY JAIL

Search of Trusty Reveals Fact that Inmates of Institution Are Regularly Supplied with Drugs.

That narcotic drugs are being smuggled into the city jail in large quantities became known to Omaha police when a prisoner at the jail was suddenly seized and searched by officers. A secret investigation to uncover the source of the dope and the method employed in smuggling it in to prisoners confined in the institution is being made.

First knowledge that dope was being provided to prisoners in the city jail came when officers observed suspicious actions of Warren Hanley, a trusty. Hanley was seized and searched and a large quantity of drugs found in his possession. He has been placed in solitary confinement pending the investigation.

Puzzled Over System.

Police are puzzled over the system employed by the dope smugglers. The quantity of the stuff found on Hanley would indicate that the jail is a point within the operation of a gang and that prisoners are regularly supplied with their favorite brand of "coke," "snow," "morph" and the like by underground channels of considerable extent.

The problem facing the officers is the source of the supply and the method by which trusties are supplied with the drugs. Trusties are given the freedom of the station and the adjoining garage while at work, but they are constantly under guard and are not permitted to visit with friends from the outside.

Search of the premises have failed to reveal any cache where outsiders might store the dope for trusties to pick it up later.

File Answer to Charges in Fifty Thousand Dollar Suit

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Barkworth in district court Monday morning filed answers to the \$50,000 alienation suit brought by their son-in-law, Lloyd D. Willis, and at the same time filed a petition asking that the case be removed to the United States district court.

In the answers, both deny that they were in any way responsible for the estrangement of the daughter, Carolyn, and her husband. They made lengthy denials of ever holding any "grudge" against Willis. In counter accusations, they allege that Willis is accustomed to "fits of temper and violent actions" and allege that he carried such actions to such an extent as to endanger his wife's health. The answers were sworn to at Jackson, Mich., where the defendants live.

Bold, Bad Burglar Takes Fall Out of Her Hoover

Page Mr. Hoover!

And tell him that a bold burglar with a sweet tooth and a carnivorous taste for other food scarcities violated all food conservation rules in Omaha Sunday night.

According to a report made by C. E. Nelson, proprietor of a grocery store and meat market at 3026 Hamilton street, some one gained entrance to his place by prying open a cellar door and stole 300 pounds of sugar, 25 pounds of bacon and 20 pounds of ham. One dozen bottles of grape juice and two boxes of chewing gum were also reported as missing.

Chauffeur Arrested on Charge of Stealing Tire

Wallace Case, a chauffeur living at Thirteenth and Jackson streets, was arrested Sunday night by Detectives Pyszynowski and Lepinski and is being held on a petit larceny charge. The officers allege that Case stole an automobile tire from a car at Sixteenth and Dodge streets and was walking down the street with the tire on his shoulder when arrested. Upon returning the car had disappeared and police are unable to tell to whom the tire belongs, as no report of the theft has been made.

No More Globes to Replace Broken Electric Lights

The Nebraska Power company is experiencing difficulty in securing globes for street lights to replace breakage, as the manufacturers say it is impossible to furnish material for nonessentials.

The company has taken the matter up with Washington to try to show that street lighting is an essential in helping police the city. A plea is made to parents to assist in protecting these globes from boys with slingshots, as it might be impossible to get the globes from manufacturers to replace them.

Omaha Will Be Instructor in Harvard Radio School

Curtis Arnall, son of Mrs. A. D. Arnall, 2810 Jackson street, is home on a furlough from the Great Lakes naval training station, where he has been acting as radio instructor for the last six weeks. When he again reports for duty he will be sent to Harvard university, where he will be radio instructor. While in Omaha Mr. Arnall was operator on the base ball wire of the Associated Press and has had wide experience in commercial telegraphy.

HYMENEAL.

Griffith-Stone.

Miss Pearl Stone, daughter of Fred Stone, and Frank J. Griffith, both of Wayne, Neb., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Saturday.

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Life Story of EDWARD A. RUMELY

Man Who Bought the New York Mail for the Kaiser

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impending transfer of the Mail should leak out; indeed, I was surprised that it did not become known earlier than it did, so many people were by this time in the secret. On May 20 a morning newspaper published an article from which the following is an extract:

"It was reported yesterday that the New York Evening Mail had been sold or was about to be sold and that Dr. Edward Rumely, of La Porte, Ind., representing German capitalists, was the purchaser. It was also said that S. S. McClure, the publisher, would be identified with the new management. Dispatches received last night from La Porte said that negotiations for the purchase of the Mail had been in progress several weeks and that it was understood that the policy of the paper under the new owners would be decidedly pro-German."

I tried to find Dr. Rumely; he was not at any of the numerous places in which I had at previous times seen him. I found Mr. McClure, who was greatly disturbed. We looked up Lambin, and the three of us set out to find Dr. Rumely.

"Why don't you issue a statement denying this?" I asked of Mr. McClure.

"I want that statement to come from Dr. Rumely," he said. "If he does not represent German capitalists it is up to him to say so. I would like some further assurances from him myself."

Spend Night Hunting Rumely.

We spent the entire afternoon and evening hunting for Dr. Rumely. He was not to be found. We camped in the lobby of the Manhattan until the sweepers drove us out at 2 o'clock in the morning. Then Mr. McClure and I went to a Turkish bath for the remainder of the night. When Dr. Rumely returned next day—he had taken a trip to the country, he said—he renewed his positive assurances that no German money was to be invested in the Mail, and promised that when the transfer was actually concluded he would make a public statement to that effect. So far as I know he never made such a statement over his signature except to the United States enemy property custodian.

I have said that up to the day when the property was transferred Mr. Stoddard did not believe the money would be forthcoming. I think he was still skeptical when he was notified, on June 1, to bring his accounts and the stock certificates of the Mail and Express company to the offices of the Merchant Exchange National bank. It took nearly all the forenoon to gather into the directors' room on an upper floor of the bank building the numerous individuals whose presence was deemed necessary before the deal could be closed. There were Dr. Rumely and his lawyer, Mr. Stoddard and his attorney and accountant, Mr. Kauffman and his secretary, officials of the bank and clerks and messengers from various other banks and trust companies.

Twenty persons or more were crowded into the room. Lambin and I, as officers and directors of the new corporation (I had been elected president of both and Lambin secretary and treasurer) sat at one end of the long table and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The one fact most clearly apparent was that nobody present seemed to trust anyone else. Mr. Kauffman produced a certified check for \$735,000 payable to and indorsed by Walter Lyon. Dr. Rumely indorsed this check and it was accepted by an

"I'll take care of this with a special appropriation," he said. "It will not be charged to editorial expense." He insisted, however, that Mr. Babson's demand that the articles be set four columns wide in large type be complied with.

Complicated Course to Steer.

This was only one of many incidents preliminary to the transfer of the newspaper that made me realize that I had let myself in for an extremely difficult game to play. There was a complication of obligations and loyalties, and failure to observe any one of them might make it impossible to serve the others; yet at any time a situation might arise in which it would be impossible to determine on the spur of the moment exactly where the correct course lay.

It was inevitable that news of the

Automobile Thieves Get Two More Omaha Machines

Two automobiles were reported stolen Sunday night. Both were of the low price type of car which has proven so popular with auto thieves, Thomas McShane, 141 North Forty-first street, reported to the police that his car was stolen from Twenty-fifth and California streets. Adolf Storz, 6-25 West Dodge road, reported that his machine was stolen from Twenty-fourth and Blondo streets.

Elects Delegates to State Federation of Labor Meet

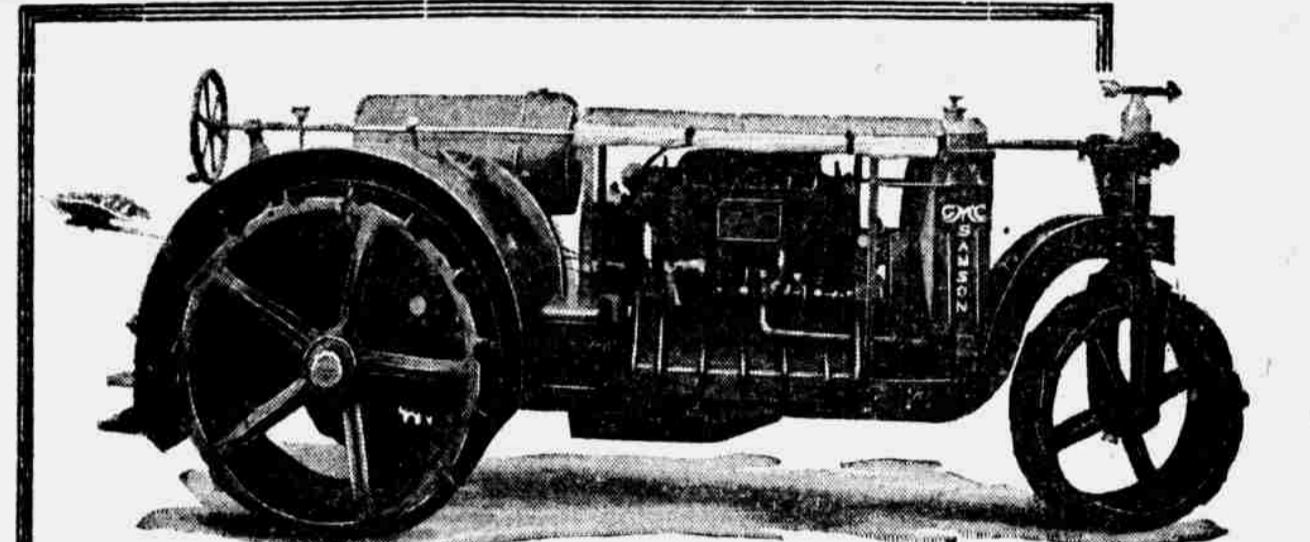
Omaha Typographical union at its regular monthly meeting held Sunday afternoon elected three delegates to the Nebraska State Federation of Labor convention to be held at Nebraska City commencing September 9. The delegates are R. G. Hinman, I. J. Copenhaver and Frank Seymour.

Three Burglars Attempt to Rob Home of T. J. O'Brien

Three burglars attempted to break into the home of T. J. O'Brien, 3910 Farnam street, early Monday morning. They were frightened away when members of the household became alarmed.

Robbed by Trio of Holdups.

Edward Schutt, 1240 South Sixteenth street, reported to police that he was held up at the point of a gun and robbed of \$4 at Twenty-third and Leavenworth streets early Monday morning. Three men were described as the holdups and one is alleged to have been wearing a police badge. The holdups were all white men.



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