

## State Auditor Issues Report For Biennium

### Executive Departments Stand At Bottom of List in Expenses—Wages Should Be Raised.

Lincoln, Jan. 1.—(Special.) According to a report issued by State Auditor George W. Marsh, state taxes delinquent for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919 can be considered collectible to about 77 per cent while taxes unpaid for the years 1911 to 1916 are good to about 25 per cent. Of those prior to 1910, only about two per cent will ever be collected.

In speaking of the expense of running the state Mr. Marsh calls attention to the executive departments which stand at the bottom of the list. This is due to the fact that wages of employees in these departments are still on a "before-the-war" basis and entirely inadequate. There has been a substantial increase in wages paid at the state university and other state institutions and a higher scale in the departments created by the administrative code, but in the old departments the wages of ten years ago are still paid. Mr. Marsh believes that the wages in these old departments should be brought up to correspond with those paid in the others.

**Total Revenues.**  
Revenues coming in to the state totaled, for the biennium, \$22,810,664.84, while the expenditures totaled \$22,637,781.70. However \$307,462.59 of the receipts went into the trust fund, leaving a deficit of \$394,579.45. Regarding this report the auditor says:

"This appears to be the first time for the state auditors to present a report of the totals in classified and condensed form, and to make the figures check with the state treasury. Perhaps this is not required by statute, but this matter of revenues and expenditures being so important, an effort has been made to present an elucidative statement, showing on the one hand the main purposes for which the money was expended, in amounts as well as percentages, and on the other hand the sources from which the revenues were derived."

"It will be noticed from the statement that virtually one half of the revenues were derived from direct taxes levied on property, the two next largest items being 'earnings of institutions,' (\$2,582,800.60), and 'auto licenses,' (\$2,340,980.84).

**Majorities for Special Purposes.**  
As to the expenditures it will be noticed that about seven-eighths went for special purposes designated by the legislature, of which the executive officers virtually have no control, as follows:

Educational purposes, 39%	\$ 8,528,510.18
Roads and bridges, 27.8%	6,308,202.67
Charitable and hospital, 10%	2,295,482.80
State 21.17%	4,792,499.15
Total	\$19,924,702.80
Only about one-eighth went for departmental expenditures, 4.58%	1,036,987.81
State university, 2.9%	660,750.74
Judicial departments, 2.18%	492,509.19
Legislative departments, 1.83%	413,650.12
Executive departments, 1.24%	281,105.83
Total, 11.97%	\$2,708,569.70

**Revenue and Expenditures.**  
Statement showing the revenue and expenditures as per warrants issued, during the biennium from December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1920.

Revenue	\$11,342,751.20
Property taxes, 92%	1,497,025.21
Departmental taxes, 3.1%	1,751,217.12
Roads and bridges, 1.1%	1,130,580.90
State 21.17%	4,792,499.15
Auto licenses, 1.24%	281,105.83
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## Some Nebraska Senators



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D'NEILL



H.F. Sturm  
MENAWKA



John W. Cooper  
OMAHA



John Wiltse  
FALLS CITY



Louis Berka  
OMAHA



John G. Gannon  
ROSSAIE

### Warmer Weather Keeps Hundreds Of Workers Idle

Packing and Railroad Companies Check Plans to Put Up Ice—More Men Asking for Work.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—Miss Frances Robinson, official in charge of the federal-state ice employment office, is one Nebraskan who is not pleased with last week's favorable change in the weather. Had it remained at zero or thereabouts another few days, she would have been able to place several hundred idle men as ice cutters. The sudden change in the weather postponed this seasonable industry.

Several of the packing companies and railroads were making preparations early in the week to begin the cutting of natural ice. A few more days of zero weather would have frozen the ice to a thickness suitable for commercial purposes. Natural ice usually is cut when 12 or more inches thick.

**Pay to Be Lower.**  
The companies last year paid ice field workers 55 cents an hour, but it is believed the scale will be at least 10 cents an hour less this season.

The federal-state employment office, which has a branch in Omaha, is receiving requests for employment from 75 to 100 men daily. With all outdoor activity at a standstill, the opening of the ice cutting season will offer some relief. Miss Robinson estimates that the packing companies and railroads will employ more than 500 men, if there is a good ice crop this winter.

Most of the ice cut in the state is from natural lakes and streams. One packing company, however, has an artificial pond at Memphis, which is flooded during the cold weather.

**Many Seek Work.**  
Though there is comparatively little industrial activity in the state at this time, the employment agency found work for 743 persons during December. Of this number, 24 were departmental clerical positions.

**Wrecked When Safe Blown**  
Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Yeggen blew the safe in the American laundry, in the eastern section of the city, at an early hour this morning, secured \$200 in checks and \$135 in cash and made their escape. The building was partially wrecked, the damage being estimated at \$1,000.

This was due to the terrific charge of nitroglycerin used, the explosion hurling the safe door through a large plate glass window in the front and shattering the building itself. Experts who examined the wrecked safe assert the charge used was 10 times as large as was necessary.

### Move Made for Earlier Date for Inauguration

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he obeyed within a reasonable time. It is unfair to an administration that the legislation which it thinks so essential to the prosperity of the country should be so long deferred. It is true, an extraordinary session may be called early, but such sessions are limited generally to one or two subjects, which of necessity make enormous waste of the time of each house, waiting for the other to consider and pass the measures.

Second—As the law is at the present time, the second regular session does not convene until after the election of the succeeding congress. As an election often changes the political complexion of a congress under the present law, many times we have the injustice of a congress that has been disapproved by the people, enacting laws for the people opposed to their last expression. Such a condition does violence to the rights of the majority. A member of the house of representatives can barely get started in his work until the time arrives for the nominating convention of his district. He has accomplished nothing, and hence has made no record upon which to go before his party or his people. This is an injustice both to the members and to the people. The record of a representative should be completed before he asks an endorsement of his course.

**Contests Delayed.**  
"Third—Under the present system, a contest over a seat in the house of representatives is seldom ever decided until more than half the term, and in many instances until a period of 22 months of the term has expired. For all that time the occupant of the seat draws the salary, and when his opponent is seated he also draws the salary for the full term; thus the government pays for the representation from that district twice. But that is not the worst feature of the situation; during all of that time the district is being misrepresented, at least politically, in congress.

"By congress meeting the first Monday in January succeeding the elections, contested election cases can be disposed of at least during the first six months of the congress.

"Fourth—The president and vice president should, upon the performance of their duties, elect the new congress to count the electoral votes. The newly-elected governors of our states are inducted into office as soon as the new legislatures of the states canvass the votes and declare the election. It is the old custom, which now counts the electoral votes. It is dangerous to permit the defeated party to retain control of the machinery by which such important offices are declared elected.

**Temptation to Delay.**  
"In the event that no candidate for president receives a majority of electoral votes, the constitution provides that the house of representatives shall elect the president, the representation from each state having one vote. At the present time it is the old congress that elects the president under such contingency, and thereby it becomes possible for a political party repudiated by the people to elect a president who was defeated at the election.

**Military Funeral Held.**  
Gothenburg, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—A military funeral was held here for Ivar V. Stewart, whose body arrived from France Friday. Rev. Arthur Atack of Omaha preached the funeral sermon. The body will be taken to Lincoln, Neb., for burial.

**Lighting Fixtures—Granden Electric Co., Formerly Burgess-Granden Co.—Adv.**

### Harding Having Trouble Naming Official Family

Announcement of Members of New Cabinet May Be Delayed Some Time—Many Axes to Grind.

By PHILLIP KINSLEY.  
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Marion, O., Jan. 2.—President-elect Harding is having increasing difficulty in making up his official family. A few days ago he was ready to present to the country the names of at least three men to fill the most important cabinet positions, but new protests and complications have postponed this announcement.

The difficulty of making such decisions and in taking into conference all cabinet representatives is seldom ever decided until more than half the term, and in many instances until a period of 22 months of the term has expired. For all that time the occupant of the seat draws the salary, and when his opponent is seated he also draws the salary for the full term; thus the government pays for the representation from that district twice. But that is not the worst feature of the situation; during all of that time the district is being misrepresented, at least politically, in congress.

Senator Harding spent part of the New Year's day in his office with callers, and dined in the evening with Col. George B. Christian, father of his private secretary. He took a long walk in the afternoon with his physician, Dr. C. E. Sawyer.

**Pink Teddy Bear Ends Long Hunt for Forger**  
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found that a woman answering Miss Hardin's description had purchased numerous pink silk undergarments of the most expensive sort at the New York waist store here, the Famous at Lincoln, Blods & Lees at Fremont and at several other department stores.

**Given Cash Charge.**  
Checks in payment for the garments would run in larger amounts than the cost and cash was given for the remainder. Each check bore a signature of some respectable and prominent girl at Gresham, Brock or Talmage, all in a peculiar backhand chirography. One of the last of the forged checks had been cashed by the Nebraska Power company of Omaha.

Sheriff Davis went to Brock where he found a note in a bank which Ethel Harden had given to procure funds to obtain an education. She wrote an ordinary flowing hand, but peculiarities of certain letters showed a similarity with those of the forged signatures written in backhand.

Police went to the house on Izard street during Miss Hardin's absence on her vacation and searched the room occupied by her. In closets, drawers and in various parts of the apartment, it is reported, were found a large number of beautiful intimate garments, all of pink silk. Some of them had never been worn. Her accounts at the Western Associated Jewelers were found to be all right as far as cursory examination showed.

## Darkness Halts Celebration at New Year Shows

### Fire in Transformer of Light Company Plunges Part of City in Darkness—Entertainment Places Close.

A portion of the downtown business district from Eighteenth street to Fourteenth street, between Farnam and Harney streets, and several outlying residential district were plunged in darkness Saturday night shortly before 9, when an underground transformer, one of the largest in the city, located in the alley at the rear of the Gayety theater, burned out.

The damage was not repaired for several hours and resulted in the closing of many places at an early hour. The Gayety theater was packed with patrons and the show had barely started when the accident occurred. The performance was called off.

**Chorus Girls Fleed.**  
Many of the chorus girls, who were in the dressing rooms and near the burning transformer, became frightened and, dressed in their stage clothing, rushed into the alley at the rear, believing the theater to be on fire.

Later they returned and after changing their stage wardrobe for street clothes in the dark, hastily grabbed up armfuls of stage clothing which they carried to their hotels.

At the Henshaw hotel and cafe diners at their suppers by candle light.

**Crowds Go Home.**  
Evidently the lights were not bright enough for the merrymakers, as they departed at an early hour. The repair department at the Nebraska Power company's office was kept busy last night answering hundreds of calls which came in asking "when will our lights be turned on and what in the world's the matter."

Despite the midnight darkness which prevailed after the street lights went out, there was little disorder, according to police reports. The Paston hotel was the only large establishment in the vicinity that was not affected by the accident. Other hotels and restaurants either burned makeshift lights or closed their doors.

**Kearney to Carry on Extensive Building Program This Year**  
Kearney, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—In the face of unprecedented building material costs and wages there were completed in Kearney during 1920 an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000. Building trades experts stated that to their knowledge there was no city in the country, in proportion to size, which carried out a more extensive home building program last year than Kearney. Local contractors assert the outlook in their line for next year is equally promising.

**Atlantic Woman Has Success in "Y" Drives**  
Atlantic, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Miss Viola Hill, Atlantic young woman, headed a drive which resulted in the raising of \$350,000 in Pasadena, Cal., for a new home for the Young Women's Christian association of that city.

**Men Bound Over on Charge of Aiding in Jail Break**  
Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Clarence Lockwood and Frank Stuart pleaded guilty in county court to charges of assisting Jesse Bulger in escaping from the county jail. They were bound over to the district court on \$500 bonds each.

**Gage County Company to Start Drilling for Oil**  
Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—At a meeting held at Wymore committees appointed to boost the oil proposition secured signed contracts from the Holdrege interests, which means that a Gage county company will be formed for the purpose of carrying on the work of drilling for oil. About 48,000 acres in the county have been leased for that purpose, and actual drilling will be started within the next few weeks.

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The victory is considered a double one for Ohman, in the fact that Miss Gilman is rated one of the best chess players west of Chicago and has had experience with chess experts in New York. Ohman is but 21 years old. Gilman, a wealthy real estate man of Sioux City, is 48.

## Librarian Bans Robbery Tales For All Youths

### Books on Banditry, Holdups Or Other Crimes Cannot Be Taken by Young Patrons of Library.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 2.—Books on banditry, hold-ups and robbery or crime of any kind—even detective stories—will not be given out to children or boys up to 17 or 18, according to Miss Grace Endicott, head of the children's department of the central Carnegie library of this city.

Similar action has been taken in Minneapolis where, it is said, that nothing would be done to encourage boys or girls in a life of crime. Books of the blood and thunder kind were held to furnish boys particularly with tales which later developed into crimes of a serious nature in some cases.

**Bridge Contractor at Blair Dies Suddenly**  
Blair, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Eugene S. Beatty, 65, pioneer of this city, died suddenly of heart disease today.

He was born at Medford, Mass., and came to Blair in 1880. After working at railroad bridge construction for several years he entered county bridge work as a contractor and was well-known in eastern Nebraska, having followed that line of business up to his death. He is survived by his wife; a son, E. M. Beatty of Blair; one daughter, Mrs. Fred E. Rankin of Sioux City; four brothers, and two sisters.

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## New Record Made In Production of Autos in 1920

### Total of 1,900,000 Passenger Cars and 340,000 Trucks Turned Out by American Factories Last Year.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Chicago, Jan. 2.—One million, nine hundred thousand passenger cars and 340,000 trucks were poured from Uncle Sam's automobile factories in 1920, to set a new and possibly a permanent production record for the automobile industry. The domestic market, drunk with unprecedented buying power for the greater part of the year, absorbed 2,000,000 motor vehicles, while the remainder of the output, valued at \$365,000,000, was scattered over the world in export orders.

The wholesale value of passenger vehicles produced during the year is estimated at well over \$1,500,000,000. Trucks brought one-third of the passenger car total in revenue to the manufacturers and an increase in the production of accessories brought in more than \$1,000,000,000 more to swell the coffers of the industry.

**Big Overproduction.**  
During the year the automobile makers cut down the traditional lead of shoemakers to the point where 10 persons in the country walk to the one who rides. A speeding up of production increased the 1919 factory figures by 300,000. The spurt resulted in an over-production that threatened to over-balance the industry when national financial interests combined to bring commerce back into normal channels.

It is estimated there are 200,000 cars in storage, the result of over-production momentum which over-lapped the readjustment period, but this supply is expected to move within a short time after normal buying is resumed this spring.

Leaders of the industry believe that in 1920 they have passed through their greatest industrial crisis. Beginning in January, the manufacturers sent their plants into "high gear" and worked with ever-increasing speed to meet a demand for new motor cars.

**Public Calls Halt.**  
Production was at its peak when the public called a halt and demanded the deflation of commercial values. In mid-summer most of the factories were still going forward at top speed, and some authorities were predicting an early increase in automobile prices. Then the Ford came to trouble over the house of cards, and the majority of manufacturers found themselves facing an immediate reduction in prices, a national slump in demand and warehouses filled with materials bought at the peak of war values.

The industry in general refused at first to acknowledge the necessity of reduced prices, but one by one, price reduction announcements began coming in from individual manufacturers until war time inflation was squeezed to a minimum.

The best figures available show that the automobile industry in its entirety, had reduced its production and its working forces to one-third of its "peak" figures early in November. Eighty to 100,000 men were thus thrown out of work in Detroit alone, and other motor manufacturing centers were similarly affected.

**2 Autos Turn Turtle Near Crab Orchard**  
Teuschel, Neb., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Two automobile accidents occurred near Crab Orchard. The car in which Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Jeffery were riding skidded on the slippery road and turned over against an embankment, pinning the occupants under the automobile. Mr. Jeffery escaped without serious injury. Mrs. Jeffery sustained a bad fracture of her right arm at the wrist and bruises. When Mr. Jeffery returned to the wreck the next morning to take his car home he found that thieves had stripped the machine of all accessories.

**Baroness Is Poisoned**  
Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2.—Baroness Betts Pontiac of the Holstein-Fraesian family, now living here, ate some sweet grasses plucked from the highway where she strolled and became seriously ill. The state authorities had just sprayed poison on trees for moths.

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