

Tax Increase Due To Local Demands, Governor Says

State Levy on Farms Went Up Only 24 Per Cent; Other Taxes 58 Per Cent, McKelvie Asserts.

(Lincoln, Feb. 28.—(Special).—Responsibility for heavy increases in taxation should be placed at the feet of the city and county governments and not on the state government, according to a message from Gov. S. R. McKelvie, read today before both branches of the legislature.

"Of the total tax on farms for 1919, only 24 per cent went to the state," the message read, "while in 1920 it was reduced to 21 per cent."

"The percentage increase of state tax on farms was 28, while the percentage increase of other tax on farms was 58 per cent. Only 10 per cent of the tax on residences for 1919 went to the state, while in 1920 it was reduced to 8 per cent. The increase of state tax on residences was 5 per cent while the percentage increase of tax on residences from other sources was 39.15 per cent to state."

"Of the total tax on business houses for 1919, only 15 per cent went to the state, while in 1920 it was reduced to 12 per cent. The percentage increase of state tax on business houses was one-fifth, while the percentage increase of other tax on business houses was 33."

"Briefly summarized, these figures bear out the statement that I previously made that state taxes are relatively small, as compared with taxes that are assessed for the support of other units of government."

"To gather these figures the governor wrote to all the county clerks in Nebraska and asked for figures showing the amount of taxes for 1919 and 1920 on eight representative farms, three residences and three business properties in each county. Fifty-eight counties responded. Hail, paving, drainage and irrigation taxes, which are local in origin, are not used in compilation of the table."

"In short," the message reads, "the increased taxes for the year 1920 are accounted for largely by the levies that have been made for local purposes. This is quite conclusively shown in that the increases of other taxes over state taxes for 1920 was more than 100 per cent."

"If the people understand these facts, it will enable them to better deal with the tax question by locating responsibility where it really belongs."

Following is the table submitted by the governor:

Table with columns: County, Per. State Tax, Total Tax. Lists various counties and their respective tax percentages.

Censorship Only Way to Ban Indecent Films, Says Kennedy

Censorship is the only way to rid the state of Nebraska of indecent motion pictures, Judge Howard Kennedy declared Sunday morning in his lecture at the First Unitarian church, defending bills now before the state legislature and offered by the children's code commission.

Nebraska has fallen to 25th place in educational requirements for children, he said, and the number of offices created by the state welfare bureau under these bills will be 11 instead of 104, as reported. Marriage laws, divorce laws and laws relating to women in industry affect children and therefore are investigated by the children's code commission, he declared, explaining the large number of bills presented by the legislature by the commission.

"Friend" of Pawbroker Set Fire to Shop, Police Thro

Suspected of arson and robbery, alleged to have been committed against the Sam Richman pawnshop, 608 North Sixteenth street, Elmer McDonald, mechanic, 418 North Sixteenth street, was arrested Sunday night and is held for investigation. Revolvers and jewelry worth \$300, stolen from the pawnshop and identified by Richman, were found in McDonald's room. Detectives expressed the belief McDonald set fire to the living quarters in the rear of the shop in an effort to cover up the robbery. Richman said he left McDonald, a close friend, in charge of the shop while he took his family to the show. When they returned they found the shop in flames and McDonald missing, he said.

Hotel Changes Hands

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—The Lyon hotel, which has been managed for three years by E. C. Thompson of York, has been taken over by John F. Powell. Mr. Powell intends to install new furniture and fixtures. Mr. Thompson has returned to York.

Ruth Law Here to Discuss, Bringing Flying Circus



Ruth Law performing her most daring stunt—standing on top of airplane while it loops the loop. The photograph was taken at Birmingham, Ala., where Miss Law recently accomplished this feat.

To see an attractive, smiling, care-free miss stepping briskly down Farm street in yesterday's beautiful sunshine, one would not take her to be America's foremost aviatrix.

Pedestrians passed her up as an everyday business woman. At a conference today with Ak-Sar-Ben officials, she made herself known as Ruth Law, holder of numerous medals showered upon her by the governments of the United States, France and Japan.

Miss Law arrived in Omaha this morning to confer with Ak-Sar-Ben executives about signing a contract to bring her flying circus here during next fall's festival. "Aviation is no longer an experiment," she said. "It is a success."

Former Table Rock Man Dies in Washington State

Table Rock, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—M. H. Marble has received word of the death of his brother, Frank Marble, 70, who died at his home at Mt. Pleasant, Wash. Frank Marble was born in Erie county, Ohio, and lived in the Table Rock vicinity from the spring of 1879 to the fall of 1881, when he moved to Washington. While here he was married to Miss Clara Griffing, twice a niece of George L. Griffing, twice a member of the Nebraska legislature, and also a member of the constitutional convention of 1875. He is survived by a wife, three sons and three daughters.

Eliver Stolen From Farm Abandoned at Hastings

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Nick Erpelting, a farmer residing six miles east of Kearney, investigating the cause of an unusual noise, reached his place early in the morning, to see his new Ford car speed down the driveway and turn into the main road. The car had been drained of water and there remained in the tank only about a gallon of gasoline. Chase was given, but the thief managed to elude his pursuers. The car was found later in Hastings, parked in the street there and apparently abandoned.

Church Membership Is Like Life Insurance, Says Pastor

Church membership was compared to life insurance by Rev. Charles E. Cobbey, pastor of the First Christian church, Sunday evening in his sermon on the question, "Are Church Members Saved?" which was advertised in newspapers, on billboards and in signs. "A church membership is like a life insurance policy," he declared. "You must keep it up if you are to derive any benefits from it."

Ord Boy Injured Fatally When Auto Turns Turtle

Ord, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram).—Ver Hoppes, 19, son of Bee Hoppes of this town, was injured fatally when the automobile in which he was riding overturned in the streets of Ord. The boy's jaw was broken and his skull crushed. The attending physician has pronounced the case hopeless.

Boy Auto Thief Paroled To Probation Officer

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Willie Carol, 19, who was found guilty in the district court of stealing an automobile from Oscar Ehrlich here on October 28, last, has been paroled to Probation Officer Eisenbise. Sentence has been suspended by Judge Colby pending good behavior.

19-Year-Old Boy Returned On Auto Stealing Charge

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Sheriff Schick returned from Pine City, Minn., bringing Paul Geisler, 19, wanted here on a charge of stealing an automobile and jumping his bond of \$1,000. He will be given a hearing in the district court.

Hogs Average \$60 District Court

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—At the pure-bred Duroc-Jersey bred sow sale of David Boesiger near Cortland, the average price was \$60 a head. The top price for one hog was \$110.

Deaths and Funerals

Mrs. Margaret Ryan, 88, resident of Omaha for 43 years, since her immigration from Ireland, died Sunday at her home, 2739 South Eleventh street, after an illness of two months. She is survived by two sons, John and Patrick Ryan, both of Omaha. Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. in St. Patrick's church at 9. Burial will be in the Holy Mary cemetery.

Two Nebraskans Named for State Federal Officers

Cornhusker Delegation in Congress Endorses Scotts-bluff Man for Commissioner of Land Office.

By E. C. SNYDER.

Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram).—The candidacies of A. R. Honnold of Scottsbluff, Neb., for commissioner of the general land office, and Will Geddes of Grand Island, Neb., to succeed Samuel Patterson of Arapahoe, Neb., as auditor of the treasury department, were endorsed by republican members of the Nebraska delegation in congress at a caucus held Sunday in the offices of Senator Norris.

Every republican member of the delegation was present and the declaration to support and press for the selection of Honnold and Geddes was made without a dissenting vote.

Another important step decided upon at Sunday's caucus was that of the matter of selecting the state federal officers. Under the new administration, with the exception of local postmasters, the delegation shall proceed as a unit in making recommendations to the president. Senator Norris acting as spokesman in presenting its decision to the president. "Resolved, That the Literary Test Restriction on our Immigration should be Repealed," was taken by the Wymore team with a victory of 2 to 1.

The Humboldt team was composed of Helen Harris, Elva Schmidt and Ethel McMaisters. The Wymore debaters were Selma Mount, Mildred Short, Robert Shields and Frances Lacey, alternate.

Judges were S. E. Clark and Mary Naylor Brown of Beatrice and Superintendent W. Emmert of the Dilger schools.

Work of Local Artists Shown at Art Exhibit

Gothenburg, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Van Briggle, Overbeck, Byrd Cliffe, Gruely, Newcombe, Jones, Rookwood, Nloak, North Dakota and Pulper were the types of pottery shown and sold at the art exhibit here under the auspices of the Woman's club.

Besides reproductions of masterpieces, etchings and prints, the following work of local artists was shown: "Farmyard Scene in Alabama," by Alexander H. Boal; a photograph of Lafayette park by Conrad Kreckler, photographer, and "On the Shores of Sicily" and "A Scene in Neapolitan Garden," by Elmore C. Brauer.

Live Stock Shipping Body Does Business of \$83,748

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Pickrell Live Stock Shipping association, Manager Wilson's report showed that the company's business the past year totaled \$83,748.70. A balance of \$174.53 remains in the treasury. The association has 148 members. Officers elected are: president, A. W. Miller; treasurer, Hartm. Buehr; secretary, A. B. Ozman; manager, Ray Wilson.

To Continue Paving.

McCook, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Work will be resumed on McCook's paving program the first week in March. Cement by the carload already is being unloaded.

Hogs Average \$45

Strang, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—J. B. Eichelberger sold a herd of 41 head of pure-bred Poland-Chinas. The top sold for \$75 and the entire herd averaged \$45.25.

Heavies and Ear Muffs to Be in Order Inaugural Day

Betting Odds, According to Law of Averages, Show That Harding Will Need Heavy Overcoat And Possibly a "Rain Stick" on His Momentous Ride Friday.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Viewing the weather probabilities of inauguration day in the light of the law of averages the odds probably would be laid as follows:

Pair and rainy ..... 12 to 1  
Mild, but overcast ..... 3 to 1  
Cold and damp ..... 7 to 1  
Very cold and very damp ..... 4 to 1  
Snow, etc. ..... 2 to 1  
Bizzard ..... 18 to 1

The cold mathematics of historical record would indicate such odds to be fair. It is an even bet that Mr. Harding will need a heavy overcoat when he rides to the capitol and three chances out of five that someone should be nearby with an umbrella and overcoats. It seems to be safe at 12 to one that Mr. Harding will not experience the perfect spring day which greeted Mr. Wilson on the occasion of his first inaugural.

Bad Days Predominate.

On three occasions Washington has given the inauguration crowds a weather welcome in which warmth was conspicuously absent. President Grant's second ceremony was "bitter cold," the chronicles of that day recorded, the wind being of the "keen, fierce" kind.

"Young cadets parading without overcoats were removed insensitively from the line," says one account which describes the quadrennial ball as "a most dismal affair," at which the "various champagnes were found frozen."

Mr. Harrison met with a "bleak and bitter cold day, with a raw wind blowing," but the historians neglect to mention the conditions of the liquids.

Bizzard Greets Taft.

The climatic climax, however, came with the inauguration of Mr. Taft, when a blizzard howled out of the north, crippling telegraphic wires, stalling trains and utterly spoiling an elaborate program. Thousands of spectators waited in the railway cars in cold drifts miles from Washington while Mr. Taft was being sworn in the senate chamber, the first indoor ceremony in 75 years, if the historian will ignore the more or less informal inaugurations of Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson, Arthur and Roosevelt for unexpired terms.

The fierce nature of Washington's weather gods has led to many movements to change the inaugural date—the proponents of a later date being about equal to those who believe that the induction of the new president and congress should follow more closely the "verdict of the polls." Tradition, only, is responsible for the maintenance of March 4 as the time for the ceremony, it is said, a careful research of legislative records failing to reveal the specific naming of that day.

Two Theories for Date.

Two theories are prevalent as to the manner in which the present date was selected. One is that the revolutionary fathers, after an exhaustive computation, became convinced that March 4 would not fall on Sunday in any leap year. Somebody evidently erroneously evaluated their "x" quantity in that case, for March 4 has come on Sunday three times since Washington's inaugural in New York.

The second theory is based on the minutes of the first constitutional convention where the delegates (under date of September 13, 1788) "did resolve unanimously . . . that the first Wednesday in January be the day for appointing electors in the several states; that the first Wednesday in February be the day for the electors to assemble in their respective states and vote for president, and that the first Wednesday in March, next, be the time and the present seat of congress the place for commencing proceedings under said constitution."

"The first Wednesday in March, next," happened to be the fourth, according to those holding with the second idea, and March 4, therefore, weather notwithstanding, has been the day for "commencing proceedings."

Man Suffers Three Broken Ribs When Auto Overturns

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—J. H. Murphy sustained three broken ribs when the automobile occupied by himself and E. R. Breinger overturned. The men were returning to Aurora from a sale when the accident occurred at a culvert near the city.

State Bank at Hadar Closed: Cashier Missing

Examiner Discovers Apparent Shortage of \$20,000 in Loans And Discounts; Investigation to Be Made.

Lincoln, Feb. 28.—(Special).—The Hadar, Neb., state bank, with deposits running over \$200,000, was closed Monday morning by Bank Examiner Zuelow who discovered an apparent shortage of \$20,000, it was announced by Secretary J. E. Hart of the state department of trade and commerce.

William Lefterdink, cashier and principal owner of the bank, has been missing for three days and his whereabouts are unknown, the secretary says.

The cashier has been known to have been dealing extensively in western land, according to Mr. Hart, who says a thorough investigation will be made.

The shortage is in the loans and discounts, and in cash, the official report says. The November report did not indicate any irregularities and details of the present shortage

have not been ascertained by the examiner in charge. Under date of November 13, this bank reported assets and liabilities of \$241,148.73, in which was included \$216,855.35 deposits, \$184,134.96 loans and discounts, \$33,023.06 cash and due from banks, and \$11,000 capital and surplus. Stockholders are August Braasch, president; August H. Basler, assistant cashier; and Jarvis Mittelstadt and Fred Braasch, directors. The cashier is a brother of Henry J. Lefterdink, formerly of Lincoln, who was sought by Kansas authorities two years ago following the closing of a bank in Salina, Kan.

Winners in Garden Club Work Banqueted by C. of C.

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—One hundred Kearney boys and girls, winners of achievement certificates in garden and live stock club work, were guests of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce at the second annual banquet tendered them. I. L. Frisbie of Lincoln, state club supervisor, was among those responding to toasts. It is planned to invite to the banquet next year all boys and girls of the county who are winners of achievement certificates.

Power Firm to Sell Stock

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special).—Members of the Beatrice Power company, which is constructing a large hydro-electric plant on the Blue river near Barneston, have decided to sell \$100,000 worth of stock to finance the enterprise.

Advertisement for Iten's Prune Bars. Text: "A New and Flavoury 'Big' Taste for You". Includes image of a Prune Bar box and descriptive text about the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for The Hoffmann Funeral Home. Text: "The Hoffmann Funeral Home is a Successful Combination of Architectural Dignity and Homelike Brightness". Includes image of the building and contact information.

Large advertisement for Sun Sweet Prunes. Text: "Your diet demands some good fruit every day". Includes large stylized text and a graphic of a prune.