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Nebraska's Revenue Law.

Pending the thorough and complete revision of the revenue law of the state, the Nebraska legislature has passed a bill that works some extensive and to a considerable extent experimental changes in the methods of levying and collecting taxes.

The fundamental principle of taxation, that it be laid equally on all forms of property is supposed to be maintained in the new law.

Charges have been made in debate over this bill that it will favor one class of property owners at the expense of others.

Not Clay, but Fleet Feet. An idol has fallen, the place occupied by a "leader" is vacant, and songs once hymned to his praise have turned to a chorus of obituary denunciation.

A Record of Useful Performance.

Let not waste so much time listening to what the candidates promise they are going to do. It will pay better to notice what some of them are doing.

For example, W. G. Ure has just put through the city council an ordinance that will fix the rates for electric light and power service in Omaha on a basis that reduces the charge to 35,000 small consumers and increases it to 218 large buyers of power.

The Ring, the Girl and the Man.

When romance goes awry, the girl asks herself, "Shall I keep the ring and the presents he has given me?" And the young man wonders how he will get his gift back, perhaps having a second adventure in view and thrifly not wishing to incur added expense.

instance. Unless a young woman loves a man for his presents more than for himself, when love goes, the gifts are returned.

Napoleon's Lost Glory.

The French nation is preparing to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Napoleon, and some are seeing in this an indication of the revival of the idea of military grandeur which has sickened the world.

Men small in stature may be excused for their admiration of Napoleon, and now and then Americans are found who like to think that they resemble him in appearance, just as others, lacking in beauty, strive to call attention to their resemblance to Lincoln.

H. G. Wells in his venture into history has taken many flings at the French hero, as be seems an Englishman. The words of Robert G. Ingersoll on standing at the tomb of Napoleon are also in line with modern opinion.

This "imperial impersonation of force and murder," gossip relates, did not even dare himself shaved by a barber, but cut his own beard, this in the day before the safety razor.

French Railway Deficit

One of the most difficult problems facing the French Parliament at present is that arising from the fact that there is at present a deficit of 8,000,000 francs per day on the working of the French railways.

Belgium's Women Vote. Women voted for the first time in the recent Belgian elections, with the result that the clerical party made considerable gain in the large cities.

France Testing New Roads.

Contrary to past practice, composition road surfaces are being put down by the French highway authorities in the Rhone valley.

Another Old-Timer in Discard.

What has become of the publicity seeker whose boast it was that he had appeared before all the crowned heads of Europe?—Buffalo Express.

Musings of a Married Man.

A house that seems too small when one is buying or renting it turns out to be too large, when the spring housecleaning season arrives.—Toledo Blade.

The Eldest.

In trying to decide what is easiest in this world we have come to the conclusion it is telling some other fellow not to worry.—The Atchison Globe.

The Only One.

The fellow who can fool all the women all the time is the fellow who changes the fashions.—Jewell (Kan.) Republican.

Open Season For Umpires.

This is the season to say it with pop bottles.—Indianapolis Star.

What the Farmers Are After

Memorial Presented to the President By Union Delegates

(Washington Dispatch to New York Times.) While the solution of the railroad situation is waiting on action to be taken by the federal labor board at Chicago and the proposed senate investigation, pressure is being brought to bear on the president and other government officials to hasten agreements for reduction of rates and wages so that agriculture and industry may be stimulated.

A delegation representing the National Farmers' Union and other agricultural organizations which have been in conference here called at the White House and presented a memorial to President Harding asking that immediate relief be given. The memorial was presented by J. C. Davis, secretary of the union. In part, it read:

"With your permission we appeal to you to invoke the great powers of your exalted office in an effort to correct the industrial evils from which the whole country is suffering. Though agriculture is the chief victim of deflation, largely artificial and precipitated, we believe, without due consideration of its probable disastrous consequences, our plea is not alone for the farmers. The entire nation is industrially sick and needs all the care and all the attention that thoughtful and honorable men in all honorable callings can give it.

"Therefore, we have asked you, as the nation's president, to precipitate, we believe, without a vigorous and determined leadership in the work of bringing out of a chaotic condition an industry which must be restored to something of its pristine glory if anything like normal conditions are to prevail in the workshops and factories of our land.

"With frozen credits, with almost prohibitive freight rates and with costs of distribution so enormous, it is impossible for the farmer to market his products without incurring a loss. The consequence is that while millions of tons of food rot in the field or are held in the barns or in other places of storage, scores of our citizens are unable to obtain food sufficient to nourish their little bodies.

"The farmers are overwhelmed with debt. They are unable to buy necessary fertilizer. They can not obtain needed credit and there are in hundreds of thousands of cases no markets open to them. This condition they had no part in creating, and they are suffering as a result of an undernourished mother in the cities, they are the innocent victims of a misused economic system, manipulated, we fear, by shortsighted and selfish interests.

"Some citizens, who have not felt the sting of adversity, are insisting that things are all right and they are correct themselves. They are living in the enjoyment of great wealth and are wondering why anybody should complain. They know of nothing that should be reformed except the income tax schedule, and this they think should be scaled down. But we speak not alone for agriculture, but for the vast mass of the toilers and producers of our land when we say that things economical and industrial are in a bad way.

"In your magnificent address to congress you said that railway rates were too high and they must come down. In this statement you correctly interpret the sentiment, at least of agriculture. The freight rates constitute a crushing burden on the farmer. We maintain that the rate on freight rates is higher than any dreamed of at a time when their products were being marketed at figures far below the ten-year average price is crushing the life out of the industry and if continued will retard the development of that co-operative spirit among the great industries of the nation which must be fostered in order to bring about a great wealth and the reconstruction of our disordered national life.

"We ask you, Mr. President, to bring these fragments together. Call a conference of the heads of finance, the heads of the coal industry, the oil industry, the railway industry and the heads of labor, especially the railway labor board. Let these gentlemen, in harmony with agriculture and under your leadership, work out a solution of this problem. Bring the eyes of human thought together and focus the poles of all upon the one great goal of enlightened reconstruction."

Senator Capper, who with other senators and representatives, accompanied the delegation, urged the president to call such a conference.

The Bee's Letter Box

FOR DICTIONARY ADDICTS.

"What is this sublimation I am hearing about? Could it cause all the things I am told it does?" C. W. writes:

When a bone is completely out of joint we say the bone is luxated or dislocated. This term is applied particularly to the hip joints and shoulder joints, both of which are of the ball and socket variety. When a joint is luxated the head of one bone is entirely out of the socket and rests on the bone nearby.

Whenever a bone which is set on another bone slips a little out of position, not enough to fairly call it a luxation, just how prevalent is this condition? Why, everybody is doing it. When a child slouches down his shoulders can be said to be luxated. When the mother tells Johnny to hold his head and shoulders back she says in substance, "Don't luxate your cervical, dorsal, and lumbar vertebrae." Every old base ball player has two hands full of luxated fingers.

And, you know, you get the idea that the blessings of luxation are limited to my sex I will change my line of illustration. Every woman suffering from bunions has luxated toes. The bones of her feet are over, not one person in a hundred is free from luxated toe joints. In other words, the chances are that each person who might stop on the street has two shoes full of luxated feet parts.

There are two types of joints in which luxations occur of a great frequency—the hinge joints and the sliding joints. Since in each of these types the bones slide on each joint, that motion natural to one should slide a little too far and result in what some high brow folks call a luxation? We, the plain people, are liable to forget ourselves when we say that "John is beginning to stoop as he grows older."

How much harm does it do? Some, just how much must be answered for each case. Do the subluxated vertebrae press on the spinal nerves as they emerge from the spinal canal. Swanberg did a very accurate and thorough piece of research work to settle that point. He says no one has disproved the correctness of his conclusions. Therefore, all this barbedush about stopping the flow of the spinal fluid is without anatomic basis.

The other night I attended a banquet given in honor of a distinguished dentist. This worthy and honorable man has worked over his chair daily for thirty-odd years until he has developed a most marked degree of luxation. At 61 he is as fit as a fiddle and—Atlaslike—carries his own load and the loads of many others. I know a hunch and back writer who works hard, turns a man's place in the world, holds out good stuff, and radiates joy. I wonder how the man with two shoes full of luxated toes would feel if he thought about the wild theory that subluxation presses on the spinal nerves and thus causes smallpox and 57 times 57 kinds of other diseases.

Yes—By Physician. "The other day you had a lengthy article on the removal of warts. This one article has prompted me to ask. Can moles be removed? I have about five on my face and I would certainly would like to have them removed."

REPLY. Moles can be removed. However, do not "grab them" with their fingers. Either have them removed by a physician or leave them entirely alone.

Here's Name of Remedy. "Please give the name of a yellow salve good for sties. Long ago I had one, used that salve, and found it very good. I passed it along. I now know of another friend to whom I would like to give it, but I can't find the name of the salve. I remember it was yellow and came in a tube."

REPLY. Ointment of yellow oxide of mercury is in wide use as a local application for sties.

Special Treatment Advisable. Miss P. A. A. writes: "When I was about 10 years old I had double pneumonia. When I began to recover I did not stop up my pliers, but I broke out with the hives. Ever since, whenever I get sick, I break out with hives. I am now 14."

"1. Are hives dangerous?" "2. Does vaccination cure the hives?" "3. Does dieting do any good?"

REPLY. 1. Ordinary hives, no. 2. Your history indicates that you became hypersensitive to some protein substance absorbed from your lungs when you had pneumonia. If this is the case, in all probability you would be benefited by being desensitized against the bacteria of pneumonia. On that theory dieting should not help you.

Use Vinegar for Nits. Mrs. B. N. writes: "Kindly advise a remedy to take nits off a child's head. I have tried everything that people I advise would wash her head once a week and fine comb it every day, but cannot get the nits off."

REPLY. Hot vinegar and a fine tooth comb.

THE UNFAILING LIGHT.

What is your light, O upward pressing soul? Your reason light, which to your heavenly illumines your path? Is it the light whose rays are hidden face, behind the evening shades?

Is it the sun, whose beautiful brilliant rays Doth guide your footsteps down your steaming days? Then what art thou that sinks beyond your night? What guides you through the long and darksome night?

Is it the silver moon, whose warm pale light Hath been ordained to rule the silent night? But which soft is wrapped within its shroud? Of fog and mist, of dense and lowering cloud?

Is it the light of reason, foolish soul? Illusive faith, illusive hope, illusive light, That is your mortal soul to endless night?

Or is the risen Lord, the Christ, your light? Behold, gleam, which dissipates the night? The sun and moon must wane, O pilgrim soul, His light will never wane, its source, your goal.

GEORGE B. CHILDS.

The Bee's Letter Box

Old History of Nebraska.

Columbus, Neb., April 25.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have been (and will continue to be) a subscriber to The Daily Bee many years. It is delivered to me by the book store, and we are well pleased with it.

I also want to say I have a history of Nebraska of 1882. Thinking that there may be somebody who would like to have a relic of that time and kind, perhaps you could secure a purchaser for it.

It is 10 by 12 inches in size, four inches thick and contains over 1,500 pages. It is a complete history of the state up to that time.

Has been in my care most of the time and is in good condition except the cover where the backs are fastened is torn loose, nothing lost. It is complete as to the contents of same. WM. BECKER.

Mr. Agnew on Gangs.

Omaha, April 23, 1921.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the present city campaign we are hearing a great deal about gangs of various kinds until it has become very tiresome to a great many people. We hear about the Dahman gang, the Ringer gang, the Third ward gang, the Sutton gang and the church gang.

Would it not sound better if the various candidates would cut out the gang talk, and talk more about the real issues of this campaign. It is my opinion that fully 90 per cent of the voters of our city will vote as they think is the best for the city of Omaha, and because some people vote for candidates I do not vote for, is no sign that they are horse thieves or belong to a certain kind of gang.

In city elections I vote just as I please and do not belong to any gang but the city of Omaha gang, and everybody in the city ought to be long to the city of Omaha gang and we all want to see the city grow and prosper. On primary day a man should vote for the candidate he favors, and I told him I never would do so in either the primaries or the city election. He said, "Oh, you belong to the Dahman gang." I told him that I belonged to no gang, and voted just as I pleased whether anyone else likes it or not.

One of the present city commissioners told me that taxes in Omaha are lower than they were three years ago. I do not know what kind of mathematics he follows, but the tax-payers figure is the heretofore. I suppose this certain city commissioner does not figure the special taxes that have been levied from time to time as any taxes at all, but people who have to pay them think they are taxes. Then the loss of the court house came under the present city administration, and I suppose the cost of restoring the court house comes under the happenings of the city administration. When candidates say public improvements are in favor of tax public improvements, in every part of the city, which means millions more of bonds and taxes, I think it is about time that the people in general who are already tax-burdened almost to the breaking point, should awake and see who the candidates are who want to add to the tax burden of the city, when times are like they are in all parts of the country and the world at large.

Cut out the gang talk and let us devote whether we want vast public improvements to make our burdens still more burdensome.

LABORING MEN FOR RINGER.

Omaha, April 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: As a laboring man, home-owner and citizen of Omaha, I would like to call the attention of the twenty-one odd thousand "well-meaning" but misguided voters who cast their ballots for a certain citizen now drawing two salaries from the pockets of the wage earner. True one salary is paid wholly from money paid by Omaha taxpayers, the other by citizens of the United States, but nevertheless all in the end paid by the wage earners.

I have waited in vain for some shrewd citizen to offer an explanation of this large vote. Does it mean that Dahman and Dunn will not enforce the law, if elected mayor and councilman, equally as well as Smith and Ringer now do, or will they in the interest of "contentment" and "harmony" say to the bootlegger and prostitute the town is yours, we will not suppress or fight you? Which?

From my point of view it appears to be more a protest against the laws now on our statute books than any dislike for Ringer or his fearless enforcement of law. Both Dahman and Dunn admit publicly they are

IN A LIGHTER VEIN.

As we understand the efforts to purify modern dances, the half-nelson and scissor holds are to be barred.—Canton (Ohio) Repository.

Mr. Nevich, examining curio—Two thousand years old.—You can't kid me. Why, it's only 1921 now!—The Pansy Show (London).

"We women bear pain better than men." "Who told you that? Your doctor?" "My shoemaker."—Karrikaturer (Christians).

A flyover in Newton, Kan., broke the arms of four persons who attempted to crank it in less than a week. That's what comes of growing a bicycle with a mule.—The Legionaire.

The "professors" of cheap dancing academies in the tenderloin are now advertising lessons in toddling. One sends out a circular which reads: "Learn to dance the toddle! Cleopatra invented it and that was the way she conquered Napoleon."—Atlanta Constitution.



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