

\$90,000 Is Tax Slash in Dawson

Reduction Follows Mass Meeting of Citizens in County Seat—Put Officials on Grill. Decrease Is 41 Per Cent

By PAUL GREER. The third of The Bee series on Nebraska taxation will be presented in this column in cutting exposures. The increase in taxes is an old story, surprising no one. Those public officials who astonish and pettify their constituents are those reducing their expenditures. News dispatches from Iowa recently contained an item telling of an aged citizen falling dead in the office of the county treasurer, upon being told the amount of his taxes. Although the correspondent failed to be specific, it seems sure that heart failure was induced by a reduction in taxes rather than an increase.

Strong hearts, then, are needed in Dawson county, Nebraska. The county commissioners have decided on a \$90,000 cut in the levy for this year, a decrease of 41 per cent in county taxes. This is equivalent to putting a \$5 bill together with some small change for tobacco, perfume or candy, as taste may dictate, into the hands of every man, woman and child.

Some say (they are mostly politicians) that the formation of a taxpayers' league had nothing to do with this achievement. However, it is at least a coincidence that the estimate was announced following a mass meeting of about 500 citizens in the county seat of Lexington. The county commissioners were called before this body and, according to the current account, placed on a well-heated grill. Although the official levy is not to be set until August, the taxpayers insisted that they be given a statement in advance of contemplated revenues and expenditures.

Tabulations Now Given. This popular interest in the problem of local taxation explains why one now is able to go to the county courthouse and receive a neatly tabulated statement showing the increase in taxes in Dawson county for the last five years and a detailed account of how the people's money was spent. These figures are interesting and illuminating, not dull. In the five years from 1917 taxes for county purposes increased \$3,000 when the state taxes collected there went up \$89,000. The school tax mounted \$190,000, more than any other and double the increase taken by the state. City and village taxes shot up \$77,000. There was a small increase for sewers and sidewalks. The total amount of taxes to be paid by the people of Dawson county in 1921 was \$1,100,000, a 41 per cent increase here. (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

Deficiency Measure Is Passed by Senate

Washington, March 12.—The senate Saturday passed the deficiency appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$136,895,000 or \$28,358,000 more than was appropriated by the measure as passed by the house. The principal amendment added by the senate was an appropriation of \$27,468,000 for use in repayment of illegally collected taxes. The bill supplies an additional \$73,740,000 for the use of the veterans' bureau for vocational rehabilitation of former service men. The measure, which now goes to conference with the house, went through the senate in little more than an hour. Chairman Warden, of the appropriations committee having urged speed because of the need by the veterans' bureau for the appropriation for soldier relief.

Influenza at Alliance Reaches Epidemic Stage

Alliance, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Reaching almost the proportions of an epidemic, a wave of what some doctors pronounce pneumonia and others have called influenza, has swept over this city recently, claiming four victims within the last week, with a number of other deaths from the same disease recorded in the past few weeks. This week's victims included an elderly man, a 15-year-old boy and two small children. Several other serious cases are reported. According to some physicians, the malady is the same form of disease that raged three years ago, which claimed nearly 100 victims here. Although no quarantine orders have been issued, the present cases are being isolated. The schools are still running and public gatherings are held as usual.

Jury Finds Sheridan, Wyo., Banker Committed Suicide

Sheridan, Wyo., March 12.—A coroner's jury late today found that George W. Perry, 54, former state senator and president of the Sheridan National and Sheridan Trust and Farmers' banks, whose body was found on the outskirts of this town this morning, had committed suicide this morning. Motive for the act was believed to have been worry over ill health and personal finances. A slight run occurred on the Sheridan National bank during the morning but with the issuance of a statement by the Associated Banks of Sheridan, declaring that the books of the institution had been examined by bankers who were "satisfied the bank is solvent and in absolutely sound condition," the tension passed.

Mathews and Knapp, Bankers, Meet for First Time in Prison

Former President of Guarantee State of Omaha and Fremont Trust Head Shake Hands in Penitentiary. Lincoln, March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Mr. Mathews met Mr. Knapp. And then Willard V. Mathews, former president of the Guarantee State Bank, Omaha, and Frank Knapp, former president of the Fidelity Trust company, Fremont, shook hands this afternoon in the office of Deputy Warden Kavanaugh. Although both men entered the state penitentiary within two hours of each other early last week, to serve like sentences for embezzlement they had not met until introduced by a representative of The Bee.

Wears White Carnation. It was his first Sunday in the penitentiary. Mathews was wearing a white carnation in his coat lapel and was called to the deputy warden's office from the penitentiary yard where he had been enjoying the fresh air. Knapp had been in his cell reading. His feet were in bedroom slippers and he walked into the room noiselessly. After their introduction neither talked to the other. Knapp spoke of his experiences as a Nebraska banker for years and graphically described circumstances of a bank failure at Superior, Neb., several years ago. He also spoke of the hearing before the state board of pardons and paroles Tuesday of Herbert H. Barge, cashier of the Farmers State bank, Hoskins, Neb. Barge was the first

Railroad Case Up Before High Court This Week

Action to Divorce Southern Pacific Control From Central Pacific Scheduled for Reargument. Washington, March 12.—Proceedings which the United States initiated in the federal courts of Utah five years ago to divorce the Southern Pacific railroad from control over the Central Pacific will be up for reargument in the supreme court this week. The government lost in the lower courts, and in July, 1917, appealed to the supreme court where the case was argued last April.

Other cases on the docket for argument during the week include a percentage against the Winsted Hosiery company, brought by the federal trade commission to test its authority to prohibit alleged misbranding of the product. Whether the emergency fleet corporation of the United States Shipping board is a governmental agency or has the same status as a private corporation, also will be argued during the week. A case which is expected to go far toward removing confusion arising from enforcement of "dry" laws, will be early reached in an appeal brought by Tony Niglotti against the state of Pennsylvania. The supreme court will be called upon to decide whether fines and imprisonment imposed on the state of Pennsylvania for violation of federal prohibition act has superseded all state statutes. Following the Niglotti case, the court will hear argument in an appeal which will argue in an appeal for use in repayment of illegally collected taxes.

Deputy State Sheriffs Find Still Near Tecumseh

Tecumseh, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Deputy state sheriffs E. E. Fulton and Cadaver Vogel of Lincoln have just completed rounding up a few places in Johnson county where they expected to find evidence of the illegal manufacture and sale of liquor. They have made a report to County Attorney L. C. Westwood, and the officers are expected to return to Lincoln on charges of having accepted bribes to influence their action in prohibition cases. The United States district court for Connecticut held that the federal government and not the state could prosecute such offenses.

Blue Springs Churches Plan Revival Meetings

Wymore, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The United Evangelical M. E. churches of Blue Springs will commence a series of revival meetings March 26. The meetings will be held in the Evangelical church and Rev. E. L. Jeanbey, the M. E. pastor of DeWitt, will deliver the sermons.

Indiana Man Elected Beatrice "Y" Secretary

Beatrice, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—T. P. Wilson of Richmond, Ind., has been elected general secretary of the Beatrice Young Men's Christian association and will report for duty about April 1. The work is to be divided between Mr. Wilson and Charles E. Plath, physical director.

Burglar Robs Apartment

A masked burglar entered through a window into the apartment of Charles O'Hara, 314 North Eighth street Saturday night and escaped with \$375.

New Bonus Plan Flayed By Mellon

Secretary of Treasury Says Proposal for Equal Outlay in Original Scheme. Washington, March 12.—Assailing the new republican soldier bonus bill as proposing "a dangerous abuse of the government's credit," Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, in a letter to Chairman Fordney of the house committee on ways and means, asserts that the actual cash outlay by the government in the next three and a half years under the plan would be \$1,200,000,000 or as much as the probable cost of the original cash bonus scheme.

No Way to Avoid Burden

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Washington, March 12.—"There is no way," concludes the Mellon letter, "by which the American taxpayer can avoid the burden, and if a bonus is to be imposed it is far better for all concerned that it be placed upon a direct and definite basis and paid for each year out of current revenue. To do this at the present time will necessarily mean the imposition of additional taxes for the purpose." Mr. Fordney received the letter last night, but declined to comment upon it today. That his opinion of the practicality and wisdom of the new plan has not been changed by the arguments of the secretary is indicated, however, by the congressman's assertion that he expects the bill to be favorably reported without change by the committee tomorrow. He said he would lay the Mellon letter before the committee for its information.

Wyoming Woman Asks Pardon for Lad Serving Life

Mrs. Laura Kerr Says Alleged Alliance Murderer Made Confession of Slaying Under Duress. Lincoln, March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Armed with a pair of blue eyes and a convincing voice, Mrs. Laura Kerr, Sheridan (Wyo.) newspaper woman, arrived in Lincoln today to open a fight for commutation of the life sentence of Walter Reisenweaver, 20, a Sheridan youth.

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Haynes Advocates "Liquor Treaty" to Control Trade

Agreements With Britain and Cuba Proposed as Means to Eliminate Rum Smuggling. Washington, March 12.—Negotiation of "liquor treaties" with Great Britain and Cuba as aids in putting an end to rum smuggling into this country was said by high internal revenue officers to have been advocated by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes. Treaties were desired, it was explained, to handle the Canadian border situation and to better control exports of liquor from Cuba, Bermuda and Bahama to this country.

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Stage Set For Omaha Auto Show

Thoroughbreds of the Motor World Ready for Admiring Gaze of Public at 2 This Afternoon. Sponsors Enthusiastic

Omaha's 17th Annual Automobile show, which will be opened in the Auditorium at 2 this afternoon, will reflect the progress in production methods, and it will be an exposition of mechanical excellence and artistic appearance. Advance interest shown by manufacturers, dealers and prospective buyers indicates that this show will in fact be a notable event in the annals of the automobile industry.

A. B. Waugh, secretary of the Automotive Industries association, has been assisted by a staff of competent persons in arranging the details of the show. The decorative and lighting effects have been carefully planned. The show will appeal to the artistic sense. Value Is Nearly \$1,000,000. The leading manufacturers of the country have sent their best models and their ablest demonstrators and salesmen. This congress of foremost representatives of the industry will be one of the outstanding features of the show. Visitors to the show will see nearly 200 models of automobiles and trucks. The exhibits will be worth nearly \$1,000,000. Technicians and specialists will meet and greet visitors and will explain the features of their respective models.

Manufacturers and dealers say they are on the threshold of a big year in the business. They see momentum all along the line. This year's cars have added refinements and are being quoted at lower prices. Production already has been stimulated at the factories. The auto show this week will sound the keynote of the general business situation, according to its promoters, who predict that the attendance this year will exceed previous events of the kind in Omaha.

Coach Builders Represented. This automobile show will be educational as well as interesting. Cross-sections of the mechanisms will be shown and the principles of operation explained by experts. Chassis designs will be shown. The latest types of automobile bodies are fine examples of the coach builders' art. The exhibits will include the latest models in light two-passenger touring cars, three-passenger roadsters, business coupes, sedans, four-cylinder cabs, limousines and various other new models at new prices. This motorcar exposition will explain why the development each year of American automobiles sets the standard for the world.

Show Opens Daily at 9 a. m. Beginning Tuesday the show will be open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. each day, closing on Saturday. Increased attendance by out-of-town people is anticipated on account of the special round trip rate of fare and one-half granted by the railroads, the first time this concession has been made for the automobile show. Music at the show will be furnished by Tom Brown's orchestra.

Next Thursday night at Hotel Fontenelle, the annual dinner for automobile men will be given. Nearly 1,000 of the "go-getters" of the industry will attend the function. The principal speaker of the evening will be George M. Graham of Cleveland, O.

Engineers' Lockout Starts in England. London, March 12.—The great engineers' lockout began at noon today the conference in London having broken up after failure to reach an agreement. About 400,000 men are directly affected, with 250,000 unskilled. It is feared that unless an early settlement is made the ship builders, whose strike was postponed until Wednesday, may strike in sympathy. This would bring nearly half a million more.

Kansas and Nebraska Towns Will Fight for Rail Service. Beatrice, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Marysville and other towns along the Union Pacific between Beatrice and Manhattan, Kan., will send delegations to Manhattan March 29 to oppose the action of the company in its application with the Kansas utilities commission for the discontinuance of the motor service now being operated between Beatrice and Manhattan. The car makes two trips daily.

Arkansas Sheriff and Deputy Slain by Robbers. Charadon, Ark., March 12.—Sheriff James Ryals and Jack Camp, special deputy, today were shot and killed and William Camp, another deputy and father of Jack, was probably fatally wounded at Monroe, near here, while attempting to arrest two unidentified men wanted on a robbery charge. The bandits escaped, abandoning their automobile.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Generally fair in west, unsettled in east portion Monday, Tuesday probably fair and cooler. Iowa: Unsettled weather Monday and Tuesday; cooler Tuesday in west portion. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 40 10 a. m. 48 11 a. m. 50 12 noon 52 1 p. m. 54 2 p. m. 56 3 p. m. 58 4 p. m. 60 5 p. m. 62 6 p. m. 64 7 p. m. 66 8 p. m. 68 9 p. m. 70 10 p. m. 72 11 p. m. 74 12 noon 76