TWO CENTS

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IT'S AFTER

OCLOCK

Tax Slash Former President of Guarantee State of Omaha and in Dawson

Reduction Follows Mass Meeting of Citizens in County Seat-Put Officials

on Grill.

By PAUL GREER. third of The Bee series on Ne-taxation deals with the progress by one county in cutting expenses.)

The increase in taxes is an old story, surprising no one. Those public officials who astonish and petrify their constituents are those reducing their expenditures, News dispatches from Iowa recently contain-ed 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, seems sure that heart failure was induced by a reduction in taxes rath-

er than an increase, Strong hearts, then, are needed in Dawson county, Nebraska, There 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 bilk together with some small change for tobacco, perfume or candy, as taste may dictate, into the hands of every man, wom-

an 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 the current account, placed on 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 crease in taxes in Dawson county for the last five years and a detailed

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 \$113,000 while the state taxes collected there went up the case was argued last April.

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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 il-

legally 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 meastire, which now goes to conference tion cases. The United States diswith 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 sol-

Influenza at Alliance

Reaches Epidemic Stage Alliance, Neb., March 12,-(Special.)-Reaching almost the propor-tions 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 isolated. The chools 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 Sherian National and Sheridan Trust and Farmers' banks, whose body was found on the outskirts of this town his morning, had come to his death by suicide. Motive for the act was believed to have been worry over

A slight run occurred on the Sheridan National bank during the morning but with the issuance of a statement by the Associated Banks of the institution had been examined by bankers who were "satisfied the bank is solvent and in absolutely bank is solvent and in absolutely strenuously oppose either a parole or strenuously oppose either a parole or pardon for Reisenweaver.

Mason City fell from the back porch of her home and sustained severe committee of the Custer receiving set increases the sounds of her home and sustained severe county Declamatory and Athletic association, it was decided to hold the strenuously oppose either a parole or pardon for Reisenweaver.

Mason City fell from the back porch of her home and sustained severe county Declamatory and Athletic association, it was decided to hold the annual field meet at Broken Bow, over the town. Sheridan, declaring that the books

il! health and personal finances.

\$90,000 Is Mathews and Knapp, Bankers,

in Penitentiary.

Knapp, former president of the Fidelity Trust company, Fremont, Decrease Is 41 Per Cent shook hands this afternoon in the of-fice 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 Bec. Wears White Carnation.

It was their first Sunday in the

Knapp had been in his cell reading. His feet were in bedroom slippers and he walked into the room noise-lessly. After their introduction held

Pacific Control From Cen-

tral Pacific Scheduled

for Reargument.

the case was argued last April.

Other cases on the docket for ar-

gument during the week include a

percentage against the Winsted

federal trade commission to test its

authority to prohibit alleged mis-

ping board is a governmental agency

or has the same status as a private

corporation, also will be argued cur-

A case which is expected to go

far toward removing confusion aris-

ing from enforcement of "dry" laws, will be early reached in an appeal

brought by Tony Vigliotti against the state of Pennsylvania. The su-

preme court will be called upon to

decide whether fines and imprison-

ments imposed under state laws will

stand, or whether the federal prohi-

bition act has superseded all state

Following the Vigliotti case, the

court will hear argument in an ap-

peal brought by the state of Con-

necticut to determine whether feder-

al prohibition enforcement officers

can be prosecuted under state laws

on charges of having accepted bribes

to influence their action in prohibi-

trict court for Connecticut held that

the federal government and not the

state could prosecute such offenses.

Tecumseh, Neb., March 12.-(Spe-

cial.)-Deputy State Sheriffs R. N.

Fulton and Cdaude Vogel of Lincoln

few places in Johnson county where

illegal manufacture and sale of liquor.

They have made a report to County

Attorney L. C. Westwood, and the

officers state that at the farm of

George F. Schoene they found two

gallons of mash and a part of the

equipment of a still. The evidence

was taken to Lincoln, where the of-

ficers stated they would ask for a

Wymore, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—The United Evangelical M.

E. churches of Blue Springs will commence a series of revival meet-

ings March 26. The meetings will

Beatrice, Neb., March 12,-(Spe-

for duty about April 1. The work is to be divided between Mr. Wilson

and Charles E. Plath, physical di-

Burglar Robs Apartment

Plan Revival Meetings

federal warrant for Schoene.

Blue Springs Churches

Indiana Man Elected

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Deputy State Sheriffs

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statutes.

Railroad Case **Wyoming Woman** Up Before High Asks Pardon for Court This Week Lad Serving Life

Action to Divorce Southern Mrs. Laura Kerr Says Alleged Alliance Murderer Made Confession of Slaying , Under Duress.

I like it any too well, and can't see how anyone else can."

Both Attend Services.

Knapp is a member of the Congregational church. He attended the

regular services in chapel today.

attended Science services today.

Washington, March 12.-Proceedgram.)-Armed with a pair of baby new plan has not been changed by one now is able to go to the county of the county ings which the United States instiulated statement showing the intuted in the federal courts of Utah

Mrs. Laura Kerr, Sheridan (Wyo.)

man's assertion that he expects the newspaper woman, arrived in Lin bill to be favorably reported withtive years ago to divorce the South-

who always waited at the store after school until their mother came after farm and home aid. 5 per cent settlem Whether the emergency fleet cor-poration of the United States Ship-

Ran Away From Home. When he was 15 he went to work for the Burlington and while working there he purchased watermelons and some other things which were charged against his pay check. His father asked him about it and rather

han explain he ran away. "It was only a few months later that we learned he was sentenced to life. He told me today he is innocent, and officers at Alliance frightened him into a confession by picturing the electric chair and the tortures of the death cell, promising to his sentence reduced if he pleaded guilty.

"I just came from Alliance. The newspapers there printed a story that while he was in the penitentiary he struck a man over the head with a baseball bat. Officials at the

Mother Asked Her to Aid. went through Lincoln I would stop \$5,000,000,000. off and do what I could for her boy. have a letter of introduction to Governor McKelvie written by Governor Carey of Wyoming." Find Still Near Tecumseh Mrs. Kerr will call on H. H. Harmon, secretary of the state board of pardons and paroles tomorrow and have just completed rounding up a take preliminary steps toward applying for a commutation of sentence, they expected to find evidence of the

Pardon Is Sought for Alliance Murderer

Alliance, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Laura Kerr of Sheridan, able to realize until 1925. Wyo., has been in Alliance consulting with County Attorney Lee Basye loans and inflation of currency and and others in the interests of obtain-ing a parole or pardon for Walter are obligated to make loans on ad-Reisenweaver, 20, who is serving a justed service certificates, their abil-life term in the Nebraska penility to take care of the demands of

a short time. He lay in wait for his ment's credit." victim after night and crushed his Beatrice "Y" Secretary head with an ax as he passed by. ial.)-T. P. Wilson of Richmond, railroad tracks, where it was found Ind., has been elected general secre- a short time later by a switching tary of the Beatrice Young Men's crew. He as first stoutly denied the Christian association and will report crime, but when confronted with his

penitentiary in October, 1918, to begin sentence. Reisenweaver's home was formerly in Mr. Schlosser's store. A masked burglar entered through at Sheridan, Wyo. Mrs. Kerr said window into the apartment of she is a friend of the family. County

New Bonus I'll Bet Sherman Never Paid Income Tax Meet for First Time in Prison Plan Flayed By Mellon

Lincoln, March 12.—(Special Telegram,)—"Mr. Mathews meen 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. He always was a mighty likable chap," Knapp said, "and I hope he gets out. Not that he isn't being

treated right here. I can't speak too highly of my treatment since I entered, but despite that I can't say

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Washington, March 12 .- Assailing the new republican soldier bonus bill as proposing "a dangerous Mathews is a Christian Scientist, He abuse of the government's credit,"
attended Science services today. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, Knapp's only statement concerning a letter to Chairman Fordneying his conviction was that it was of the house committee on ways and Matthews was wearing a white ing his conviction was that it was means, asserts that the account of the deputy warden's office "For the present my statement is next three and a half years under the formula would be \$1,200,000,000 or sued just before coming here is next three and a half years under sufficient," Mathews said. "Just say the plan would be \$1,200,000,000 or to the folks in Omaha I am getting as much as the probable cost of the along fine." Mathews voice broke, original cash bonus scheme,

didn't finish his sentence, but The secretary evpresses more viglessly. After their introduction neither talked to the other. Knapp spoke of his experiences as a Nebras-ka 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.

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 the form of endowment insurance it would be better for the government to loan directly to former soldiers on their certificates from the start. No Way to Avoid Burden.

"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 defi-uite basis and paid for each year out of current revenue. To do this at the present time will necessarily the imposition of additional taxes for the purpose."

Mr. Fordney received the letter Lincoln, March 12.—(Special ele-

was head of the Burlington Commis- ment any great expenditure in the sary department and Reisenweaver next three years, one of the features of the Mellon letter is the assertion "I am here at my own expense," that it would cost immediately as Mrs. Kerr said tonight, "My father ran a department store and for years I knew Walter and his little brother, the who always waited by the same of the Mellon letter is the assertion that it would cost immediately as much as the original cash bonus plan. Mr. Mellon estimates that if 70 per cent of the veterans chose the lected vocational training and 2 per cent the land settlement, the direct cost to the government during the fiscal year 1923 will be \$289,954,000. In the fiscal year 1924 the direct cost would be \$216,440,000; in the fiscal year 1925, \$128,013,000, and in the first half of the fiscal year 1926, \$615.822,000 or more than \$1,200,-000,000 within three and one-half These estimates are based years. on the assumption that half of those who take certificates will borrow

> thus causing the banks to demand the money from the government after October 1, 1925. The total cost to the government for the period of 20 years during which the certificates run, under these estimates, would be \$2,995. 740,000, not including probably \$100,-600,000 additional per annum after Tuck

from the banks and default on the

"I have seen his mother almost timated. Some have estimated that daily, and promised her when I the ultimate cost might be nearly timated. Some have estimated that

Opposes Loan Feature.

"Apart front the direct cost of the says Mr. Mellon, "a most serious feature is the provision for loans upon adjusted service bank certificates during the period beween its passing and September 30,

"The effect of this provision is to transfer the cost of policy loans from the government to the banks, and to place in the banks, to the extent that the ex-service men are able to obtain loans from them, a mass unliquid, non-negotiable paper

"The result would be frozen bank ity to take care of the demands of Johnson of Alliance in March, 1918.
Reisenweaver, who was 16 at the From the point of view of the

time of the murder, killed Johnson treasury, the most serious aspect of with an ax at the Alliance stockbe held in the Evangelical church yards, his motive, according to his and Rev. E. L. Jeanbey, the M. E. own confession, being robbery. John-pastor of DeWitt, will deliver the son was head of the Burlington credit of the United States. The commissary department and Reisen- plan, in substance therefore, involves weaver had been employed there for a dangerous abuse of the govern-

Dodge Jeweler Installs

crew. He as first stoutly denied the -A modern radiophone receiving set discharged. Bausch was driving an erime, but when confronted with his has been installed in his jewelry auto and supporting the gun in the finger prints on the blood-stained ax store here by A. Schlosser to re- crook of his arm, he confessed. He was al- ceive market and news reports from lowed to plead guilty to second de-Omaha, Chicago and many other Woman Watching Airplane gree murder and was taken to the points in the east and west. Recently grand opera being given in Detroit was enjoyed for two hours

The amplifying apparatus of

U.S. Legation at Rail Cashier at **Fairbury Admits**

Rock Island Man Confesses Robbery Story He Told Was Untrue-Audit Being Made.

Rock Island ticket office here, who ing. reported to police Friday that he had been robbed of \$1,300 of his employer's funds while going to the the explosion was due to a bomb. bank to exchange the money for a draft, last night admitted the story was untrue, and confessed the tale was told to cover a shortage in his

accounts. Tucker's first story was that he had put the money in his automobile near the ticket office March 3 and inciding with the information constarted for the bank. His car ran out of gas on the way, he said, and Fatches. he went for gasoline, leaving the money in the car. When he returned it was gone, he said.

Immediately after he told story, auditors of the Rock Island began a check of his accounts and discovered a shortage so far of \$1,-362, with the audit only partly com-

Tucker has been relieved as cash-1923 if the land settlement aid plan ier, but has not been placed under penitentiary tald me this report was is developed. This ultimate cost is arrest. He is 30 years old and has somewhat less than members of the been employed here about eight ways and means committee had es- years. He has a wife and one child. In November, 1920, he was found apparently unconscious in the doorway of the ticket office and when revived said he had been slugged and robbed of \$525 of company funds.

Burlington Dispatchers

cial.)-A meeting of the chairmen of not found it, because the cause is in sociation, including representatives said.

from each office on the Burlington The annual loss to the country due ines west of the Missouri river, was to the number of persons in jails and held here, the object of the meeting penitentiaries, he said, amounts to being to promote efficiency and good \$2,000,000,000, exclusive of the outfellowship between the dispatchers lay for police protection. and between them and all those with whom they have official dealings. Delegates to "Y" Meeting Following an all-day business session, a banquet was held at which Division Superintendent F. G. Gur-ley was the guest of honor. Mr. cial.)—Plans are under way here to Gurley and a number of the local entertain 200 delegates at the Y. W. chairmen of the association gave interesting addresses and talks were March 31. School dresses will be also made by two officials from the worn by the delegates, even the Chicago office of the Train Dispatchers' association.

Hazard Autoist Hurt When Gun Falls and Discharges

Broken Bow, Neb., March 12.— (Special.)—Oscar Bausch, residing near Hazard, was badly wounded in Radiophone Set in Store the forearm when a gun he was car-Dodge, Neb., March 12,-(Special.) rying slipped and was accidentally

Hurt in Fall From Porch Broken Bow, Neb., March 12 .-(Special.)-Mrs. Enoch Edwards of

Mason City fell from the back porch executive committee of the

Sofia Bombed "Liquor Treaty"

\$1,300 Shortage Windows in Building Shattered-Nobody in Structure But Servants.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 12.—An explosion occurred in the American legation here early last evening lobody was injured, but several of Fairbury, Neb., March 12.—(Spe-the windows were shattered and some damage was done to the build-

Charles S. Wilson, the American minister, expresses the belief that

Washington, March 12.-The only official message reaching the state department today regarding the exlosion in the American legation at Sofia, was a cablegram sent at 10 last night by Minister Wilson, cotained in Associated Press dis-

The message said the explosion occurred in the chancery of the legation at 8 in the evening, breaking all the chancery windows and doing some additional damage, but no one was injured. Except for servants it is said no one was in the egation at the time.

The cablegram added that the pre minary police investigation indica-

Speaker Says Sin Is Real Cause of H. C. L. would be branded as pirates outside the law of every navy in the

Auditors announced last night that director of lay activities of the com-the check of Tucker's accounts mittee on conservation, addressing would be completed in a day or two. the New Jersey Methodist conference last night.

"Bankers, statesmen and political economists have sought through Hold Meeting at Alliance heaven and earth to find the cause Alliance, Neb., March 12 .- (Spe- of the high cost of living, and have American Train Dispatchers' as- hell or wherever sin is at home," he

Shenandoah, Ia., March 12 .- (Spe-C. A. conference to be held here American banquet being an informal affair, ed and several of the injured are The conference has adopted the slogan, "Every girl an approved work-

> Former Broken Bow Woman Proposed as Postmistress Broken Bow, Neb., March 12.— (Special.)—Miss Erma Thompson, a former resident of Broken Bow. has recently been recommended as postmistress to fill the vacancy in the Dunning office.

Custer County Field Meet at Broken Bow May 6

Broken Bow, Neb., March 12 .-(Special.)-At the meeting of the

Haynes Advocates to Control Trade

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 each day, closing next Saturday, Inwas explained, to handle the Cana- creased attendance by out-of-town dian border situation and to better people is anticipated on account of control exports of liquor from Cuba, the special round trip rate of fare Burmuda and Bahama to this coun- and one-half granted by the raff-

Prohibition officials also have under discussion a proposal for declaring rum-running vessels to be pirates, through negotiation with for- tra. eign nations looking to the cancellation of the registry of such ships. Many of the larger liquor ships carrying illicit cargoes of alcohol, it 1,000 of the "go-getters" of the inwas said, anchor just outside the limit of customs jurisdiction and send the cargo ashore in small boats. The ted that the explosion was caused by war upon these craft is being suc- land, O. cessfully waged, officials asserted but the cargo vessels are beyond the reach of the law. If they sailed without proper registry papers they

Atlantic City, N. J., March 12.—
Sin is the real cause of the high living cost, declared L. F. Bower, this sort are under consideration as International discussion of broken up after failure to reach an vet. American prohibition would involve agreement. About 400,000 men are many difficult diplomatic questions it was declared.

Seven Killed When Coach Falls 50 Feet

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.-Seven persons were killed and nine injured today when a passenger coach on the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad was derailed near Union The car went off a trestle and fell 50 feet.

Thirty persons were in the coach, Will Wear School Dresses the last of the train, when one of the wheels broke. The trestle was almost crossed when the car suddenly turned over, tearing away from the one ahead as it fell into the shall low creek.

Six men and one woman were killnot expected to live. Rescue par-ties worked for hours in the wreckage, releasing those imprisoned and removing the dead. The injured were removed to hospitals here.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Generally fair in west unsettled in east portion Monday. Tuesday probably fair and cooler. Unsettled weather Monday

Hourly Temperatures.

and Tuesday; cooler Tuesday in west

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 preduction 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 how will in fact be a notable event in the annals of the automobile in-

dustry.
A. B. Waugh, secretary of the Automotive Industries association, has been assisted by a staff of competent persons in arranging the de-tails of the show. The decorative and lighting effects have been carefully planned. The show will ap-

peal to the artistic sense. Value Is Nearly \$1,000,000

The leading manufacturers of the country have sent their latest 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 mod-

Manufacturers and dealers say they are on the threshold of a big year in the business. They see normatcy 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 pre-vious 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 Agreements With Britain and fine examples of the coach builders

The exhibits will include the latest models in light two-passenger touring cars, three-passenger roadsters, touring cars, 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 10:30 p. m. Music at the show will be

show.

furnished by Tom Brown's orches-Next Thursday night at Hotel Fontenelle, the annual dinner for automobile men will be given, Nearly dustry will attend this function. The principal speaker of the evening will be George M. Graham of Cleve

Engineers' Lockout Starts in England

London, March 12.-The great engineers' lockout began at noon today the conference in London having

ed, indirectly.

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.

directly affected, with 250,000 unskill-

The engineers' lockout is purely over the question of right of management to decide when overtime is necessary. It is not expected that funds will permit the fight to last more than a fortnight. Lloyd George is reported keeping in closest touch, but does not think the time has come for him to intervene,

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 Charendon, 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.