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## MOREHEAD WOULD REDUCE TAXATION.

HIGH ASSESSMENT IS BLAMED.  
GIVES OUT STATEMENT ASKING LOWER LEVY OR LESS VALUATION.

Local Democrats will be interested in the following statement given out by John H. Morehead, candidate for Governor on the Democratic ticket:

I was indeed pleased to find at the meeting of the State Central Committee today that the people of Nebraska are deeply interested in the pending campaign. I intend to make an extended trip throughout the State. I expect to be in the State all the time from now until after the election. Of course, if I am elected, I intend, in the future, just as I have in the past, to remain in the State and discharge my duties as Governor. I will uphold the courts of Nebraska and not nullify their just decrees thru executive action.

One of the principal issues in the coming campaign will be that of electing State officials pledged to the reduction of the tax burdens borne by people of the State. This can only be done through careful and economical conduct of the State's business. The present Governor has declared that there will be balances in the several funds raised to conduct the State's business at the end of the biennium. Why, then, does he through the powers given him under the Code Bill, increase the assessment of land through Nebraska from fifty to seventy five per cent without any decrease in the levy. In doing this he is increasing the tax burden of the people of the state thru the raising of funds which he himself has declared are not necessary or needed to conduct the State's business.

The question of taxation is always important. The people of Nebraska should know what is the cause of this increase in taxation and why these additional taxes should be collected and paid. As Governor McKelvie is levying these taxes he should be required to give full particulars as to what is being done with the money and why there is an increase in taxation. If these taxes are not necessary to conduct the State's business they should not be levied nor collected. There are several ways of increasing taxation: One is by increasing the levies; the other by increasing taxation. The effect on the taxpayer is the same whichever method is adopted. If these taxes are not necessary, Governor McKelvie should immediately see to it that the valuation returned by the various counties be reduced.

Under the Civil Administration Code Governor McKelvie has been invested with the power, through the Department of Finance, to exercise general supervision and control of the assessment and levying of taxes. He has full power and control to reduce the valuations so that no unnecessary or surplus taxes be collected. There is no way for Governor McKelvie to shirk this responsibility. It is his duty to take action immediately in behalf of the overburdened taxpayers of this State.

From actual experience as Governor in this State and with the condition of its financial affairs, my judgment is that the proposed increases in taxation are unnecessary and uncalled for. My efforts as Governor have always been to reduce taxes to a minimum. During my first term the State indebtedness was decreased about three quarters of a million dollars without increasing the valuation of property or the tax rates. During my second term the State levy was reduced, thereby saving hundreds of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of Nebraska.

If elected, I pledge myself to maintain an equitable assessment as between all classes of property; to evaluation throughout the State and fix levies that will raise sufficient revenue to transact the business of the State and no more. I am absolutely opposed to levying taxes that are unnecessary or that are in excess of the amount required to properly transact the business of the State. There is no reason why the people should be burdened by taxation to create surpluses. If I am elected it will not be done.

This is only one of the questions that I expect to discuss during the campaign. There are other important questions to which I expect to give attention.

### Hub Store Changes Hands.

M. H. Davis, of Hershey, has purchased the stock of goods and the furniture and fixtures of the Hub Store and will continue the business at the old stand. He is an experienced merchant and intends to place the Hub Store in the front rank. Messrs. Elliott and Banks, who are retiring from this Store will leave for California in a few days. North Platte will miss these gentlemen in its business life and we wish them success in what ever they may undertake in the west.

### GARBAGE.

After this date garbage will be removed at least once a week. Have a suitable can AT THE ALLEY GATE, and if not promptly removed, Phone John Nelson, 965-J. Tin cans and ashes are not garbage. 59-2

Will Rogers won the girl he loved for another man. He put the honey in another fellow's Loney-moon. See "Water Water Everywhere". Keith, Wednesday and Thursday.

## UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE CARDS ARE HERE.

The point cards of the Class of 1920 entitling the members to entrance to the University of Nebraska have been received and show the usual high standing. Only 30 credits are needed to enter the University in full standing while conditional entrance can be obtained with 28. Practically the whole class has 32 credits and those who do not have that many were cut down because they took too large a proportion of their work in music, cooking, typewriting, etc. Thirty-two credits were required for graduation from the local high school.

## NEVILLE ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

WILL TRY TO ELECT BOTH COX AND MOREHEAD.

Former-Governor Keith Neville, of North Platte, was elected Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee at Omaha Saturday. J. S. McCarthy of Omaha and Mrs. A. C. Shellenberger of Alma were elected Vice-Chairman. The other members of the

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT  
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1920.

Mr. H. J. Moran,  
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce,  
North Platte, Nebraska.

My Dear Mr. Moran:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 26th. In reply I beg to advise that Mr. A. R. Dunphy, Superintendent of the Omaha-Salt Lake division of the Air Mail Service, will visit North Platte before August 15th to arrange with the citizens of North Platte for a field and service station for the Air Mail, as it is probable that North Platte may be selected for a landing and gassing station.

Sincerely yours,

OTTO PRAEGER,

Second Assistant Postmaster General.

In connection with the above letter a telegram was received by Secretary Moran which says that the Air Mail Plane will land in North Platte about noon Tuesday, August 3. The Chamber of Commerce has arranged for the fire whistle to blow when the planes are sighted and it asks that all who can get away will go to the aero field just east of the city and welcome these pilots.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The annual report of Mrs. Aileen G. Cochran, County Superintendent of Lincoln County, is about completed and ready to send to the State Superintendent. It shows that the total amount of money spent for school purposes last year in Lincoln county was a trifle less than \$290,000. Of this amount \$173,000 was spent for teacher's salaries. There were 267 teachers at work in this county during the year. Not a school house was built during the year according to this report. At this time there are only two sod schools in the county, all of the rest being of wood, brick or concrete.

Executive Committee will be named by Neville with the help of his vice-chairmen. They were also authorized to decide on the number of members of the Executive Committee. Mr. Neville does not expect to move to Lincoln although that will be the headquarters of the Committee. He will be in Lincoln from time to time as the need comes but the detail work of the campaign will be handled by others.

Today Governor Neville said that he looked for the election of Morehead as Governor and for Nebraska to be in the Cox camp. His efforts during the next three months will be entirely directed toward making as many voters for the Democratic ticket as possible and we predict that he will do as well as anyone could possibly do and if it is possible for the Democratic Party to win in this state he will see that it is done.

### Miller-McFarland.

Miss Altha Miller, of Hershey, and Sidney McFarland, of this city, were married Sunday morning at 6:30 at the Episcopal church by Rev. Roland Mackintosh. The bride was attended by Miss Mabelle McFarland, sister of the groom and the groom by his brother Donald. They left the same morning for Chicago and Detroit after which they will make their home in this city.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Anna Miller, of Hershey, and was formerly employed in a local bank in that city. She has visited here on many occasions and has made many friends. The groom is a splendid young man, being the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose McFarland and is employed as switchman in the local yards. He served his country for two years both here and abroad leaving North Platte with Co. E. On their return they will make their home here.

Chas. M. Reynolds, President of the Nebraska Fuel Co., of Omaha, with Mrs. Reynolds and children visited at the W. C. Reynolds home on Friday and Saturday. They were returning from a vacation trip to Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds accompanied them as far as Kearney on their way to Omaha, returning to North Platte on the train.

One of the basement rooms at the City Library has been fitted up as a magazine department in order to relieve the crowded condition in the main library.

## NORTH PLATTE MAN BUYS HERSHEY INTERESTS.

Wm. Waltemath, of the Waltemath Lumber and Coal Co., purchased an interest in the W. W. Young Lumber business at Hershey. His partners are Geo. L. Mudd and Arthur E. Holtgren both of Hershey. The consideration was \$40,000. The firm will go under the business name of the Home Lumber and Supply Co.

### City Library Grows.

A collection of thirty-five children's books was donated to the City Library this week by Mrs. Macomber, one of the rural patrons.

The monthly report of Miss Murphy, the librarian, shows eighty more borrowers during July than during June.

### Party at Cressler Home.

Miss Mildred Cressler entertained fifteen of her friends at a theatre party last evening in honor of her birthday. After the theatre a dainty two course luncheon was served at her home on West 5th St. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and music. Those who attended were Misses Mildred Hirsch, Minerva Hastings, Annita Siebold, Ellen Ericson, Ida Payne, Jennie Johnson, Beverly Wurtelle, Mabel Breternitz, Mercedes Burgner and Madoline Blickensderfer. The out of town guests were Misses Thelma Armbrust of Lexington and Madoline Blickensderfer of Denver.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

George Gibbs will leave tomorrow for Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Temple came home yesterday from Denver.

Mrs. Anna Seyferth went to Schuyler yesterday to visit her sister.

Chas. Seyferth left last evening for Denver to spend a couple of weeks.

Mrs. C. E. Souser and daughter left the week end in Clarks.

Miss Vera Gough went to Denver yesterday to spend a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanuelson and family returned from Estes Park Sunday.

Miss Florence Gough is on duty at the Clinic during the absence of her sister Vera.

C. M. Newton returned to Estes Park Sunday and will accompany his family home.

Miss Grace Breternitz returned yesterday from Sidney where she visited friends for a week.

Wanted—Girl to assist with general housework. Mrs. B. C. Boggs. Phone 1082 or call at 402 West 8th St.

Mrs. C. V. Turpie came home from Denver today. Mr. Turpie is there transacting business.

Nina Rasmussen returned from Kansas City this week where she had been visiting friends.

Miss Madoline Blickensderfer of Denver, came Saturday to visit her cousin Madoline Blickensderfer.

Mrs. Rose Garrison is taking her vacation from duties at the Lexter Merc. Co. and is visiting in Paxton.

Chas. Lennen passed through the city yesterday enroute from Los Angeles east. He was a former resident here.

Mrs. P. M. Sorenson returned today rom Vermillion, South Dakota, where she visited her daughter Mrs. Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eyerley went to Portland and Los Angeles yesterday and expect to be absent for several weeks.

Don Hinckley, formerly in business here, later in the drug business in Gothenburg and now in the automobile business in Omaha, was a visitor in the city Saturday. He is on his way to Colorado on a short vacation.

Glen G. Hampton, Vice-President of the Gothenburg State Bank, stopped here Saturday on his way to Colorado. His family will return with him after short vacation in the mountains. They are travelling by auto.

On Thursday, a fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Amen, of Julesburg, at the Platte Valley Hospital in this city. Mrs. Amen was formerly Miss Pearl Kooztz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kooztz of this city. Everyone concerned is reported to be doing nicely.

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## LOCAL WESTERN UNION GROWS.

NEW LINE BEING BUILT.

LOCAL FORCE TO BE DOUBLED WITHIN A SHORT TIME.

"A gang of twenty-one men is now at work building a new telegraph line between North Platte and Scottsbluff" said J. B. Young, local Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company today. "When this line is completed which will probably be within the next two or three weeks, North Platte is to be the relay station for all Western Nebraska." Mr. Young said that until the Western Union opened up its local downtown offices here just thirteen months ago, there was not a man in North Platte on the payroll of the Western Union, all the business being handled by the Union Pacific. Now there are sixteen full time employees and with the opening of the new line and the relay station the force here will be doubled. He expects to have more than thirty employees in the North Platte payroll within the next few weeks. At the present time all transcontinental messages passing through Omaha and Cheyenne are caught up here and given a shove. This is the object of relay station and North Platte was selected because of its location.

With the introduction of the Multiplex System of handling messages an operator sits at a keyboard, practically like that of a typewriter and manipulates the keys just as in typewriting. The message is registered and carried to Omaha or Denver and there it is automatically written out ready for delivery. The old time telegraph operator is not used with the Multiplex System. The local office uses three Multiplex machines and three local young women are handling them. They are Ruby McMichael, Helen Sandall and Grace Breternitz. "All three of these young ladies are graduates of the North Platte High School where they took the typewriting course and they are quite expert and especially accurate in their work," said B. Jaeger Chief Operator in the local office.

The wires of the Western Union were placed under the paving from the depot to the headquarters in the Waltemath Building and all improvements are being protected in the same way.

### McMichael-Bolan.

Thomas C. Bolan and Miss Josephine McMichael, both of this city were granted a marriage license last Saturday and were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents in Wellfleet. Mrs. Bolan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McMichael who resided here a short time ago but returned to Wellfleet to make their home. She is a graduate of the local high school and has been connected with the W. R. Maloney Co. since graduation. Mr. Bolan is employed by the Union Pacific in the local yards. They will return to North Platte after a trip in the west and make their home here.

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**CRYSTAL THEATRE** Thursday and Friday  
Robert Warwick supported by Kathleen Williams  
in  
**"THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE"**  
A story of tares in the garden of love. Mighty good entertainment. A deeply human story that you will not soon forget.

**Attention Cream Sellers.**  
To advertise the change in management of the North Platte Creamery, we are giving to our cream patrons a 12 inch Genuine "Taylor" Thermometer.  
Come in and get yours, or send us a can of cream and we will mail it to you.  
**53c Highest Price Paid for Cream. 53c**  
**The Dickey Cream Co.,**  
Successors to THE NORTH PLATTE CREAMERY.  
**PATRONIZE YOUR HOME CREAMERY.**

At the **SUN**  
Tuesday-Wednesday  
A Rip-Roaring Romance  
**William Desmond**  
in  
**BROADWAY COWBOY**  
Here he is, just 'making up'  
He's the matinee idol, a heart breaker, a Broadway Jazz Beau, and quite by chance he became a real cowboy—and then, oh boy! oh boy! You'll split a rib laughing.



Jimmy Page Went to Arizona so can you if you go to the  
**Sun Theatre, Thursday and Friday**  
to see  
**"SLAM-BANG JIM"**  
Adapted from "Snap Judgment" with  
**WILLIAM RUSSELL**