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WILL PAY MORE

Railroads Not Favored by New Tax Law.

Statement Made in Reply to Campaign Charges.

MAKES COMPARISONS.

Assessment of Roads Higher Than in Other States.

Text of Reply to Claims Used to Influence Votes.

From good authority it can be stated that the Santa Fe, Rock Island, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific railways, the four big railroads of the state, will each pay more to the state in taxes this year than they paid last year.

The Santa Fe railway, it is stated, will this year pay from \$10,000 to \$20,000 more taxes than it paid in 1907.

This information has been secured by certain state officials who have investigated the truth of the Democratic campaign charge that the new tax law has reduced the amount of taxes which the railway companies will pay in Kansas.

It is stated that the smaller railroads of the state will in some cases pay less taxes than they did last year. The Grand Island is cited as one instance of a small railroad which in previous years has been considerably overtaxed.

The Democratic campaign charge that the new tax law has reduced the amount of taxes which the railway companies will pay in Kansas.

The experts employed by the United States census bureau placed the actual commercial value of Kansas railroads at \$256,456,000.

In Wisconsin the tax commission placed the value of the railroads at \$220,000,000.

The United States census experts said the Wisconsin railroads were worth \$244,000,000.

Whereas in both Wisconsin and Michigan the railroads are taxed on a valuation more than 60 million less than the government valuation, while in Kansas, the Kansas assessment is practically identical with the valuation arrived at by the government experts.

Furthermore, the railroads of Kansas are assessed for taxation nearly \$150,000,000 more than the roads of either Wisconsin or Michigan.

The following is a statement given out by the state tax commission relative to the charges made by the Democratic party:

"Under the new plan of assessment there resulted unavoidably and of necessity a reading of the assessed values in the state, and the astonishing increase and decrease among the several classes of property have been noted.

"The real estate assessment immediately preceding that of 1908 was made in 1906, and that year the value of real estate was 60 per cent of the value assessed in 1908, the real estate assessment is only 64.15 per cent of the value assessed in 1906.

"Any statement that the new assessment has increased taxes is entirely erroneous and will be found to be so upon investigation for the reason, that the legislature so limited the tax levies for 1908 as to prohibit taxing districts from raising more than 2 per cent more money than could have been lawfully raised in 1907.

"In every community there may be citizens whose taxes have been slightly increased but correspondingly there are others whose taxes have been reduced in the long run and upon the average there will be decreased taxes in 1908.

STORM IN KANSAS

First Fall of the Season Began Last Night.

Especially Heavy in Eastern Section of State.

STARTED WITH A RAIN

Clouds Began to Weep Late Thursday Afternoon.

Mercury Rises and Snow Turns Into Slush.

The first snow storm of the season began in the night and continued into the day. The storm came without warning and was unexpected as far as the weather department is concerned.

As Thursday's forecast for today indicated fair and warmer weather, the snow is the result of a storm center which was over southern Texas yesterday and which was expected to move to the east.

The storm began as a drizzling rain Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock and two hours later developed into a sleet and snow storm which has continued since that time.

The temperatures of the past 24 hours have been so high that much of the snow melted as it fell though at 7 o'clock a morning measurement taken indicated 3.7 inches of snow.

The mercury has been rising steadily since 7 o'clock and nearly all of the snow which has fallen since that time has melted as it struck the water soaked ground.

The sleet which fell during the night and the water which froze on the wires of the telegraph and telephone companies caused slight trouble during the early morning hours.

The conditions which prevail in Topeka are about the same as those in other parts of the state and while the snowfall has been heavy, but little of it will remain on the ground for any length of time.

The snow which has fallen in some sections of the state as the result of the past month have been few and far between and the total precipitation light, amounting to less than an inch.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 23.—Northwest Missouri experienced its first snow storm of the season today. The temperature is not low, but the snow is considerably heavier than in other parts of the state.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 23.—A cold rain mixed with sleet fell here this morning and the precipitation was heavy throughout the day.

Coffeyville, Kan., Oct. 23.—The flood situation in southern Kansas today was not improved. The North Coffeyville, Verdigris river continued to rise and this morning lacked only a foot of reaching the mark of 1904, which was the highest known stage.

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TAFIS UP EARLY

Resumes His Speaking Tour at 6 A. M. Today.

Makes Address to Farmers on Tariff Question.

MANY OLD SOLDIERS.

They Line Route of His Auto at Lafayette.

Greeted by Many Enthusiastic Hoosiers.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Oct. 23.—Judge Taft is today making a complete circuit of Indianapolis, about 60 miles distant at all times and tonight he will go there as the attraction for a monster rally.

During the day he makes extended speeches in Lafayette, Marion, Muncie and Anderson, and 10 to 15 minute speeches in Brazil, Green Castle, Roehdale, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Rushville, Kokomo, Greentown, Shirley, Knightstown, Russiaville and Shelbyville.

To carry out this heavy itinerary it was necessary for the candidate to be up at 6 o'clock this morning. At that time his train was on a siding in a quiet field about five miles from Brazil.

The comparatively short run had been made after midnight from Evansville to the siding that the candidate might have a few hours of quiet. Like yesterday, the day began with indications of intense political interest.

"I take it as a great compliment to our cause that you are out at this hour," was the greeting of Judge Taft after he had been heartily cheered.

"I am sure it argues," he added, "that the people of Indiana are aroused to the necessity of voting as Republicans on the third of next November."

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 23.—Lafayette's reception of Judge Taft was another outpouring of people. The candidate was driven through the streets in an automobile.

On one side of the square, occupied by the federal building, a crowd of old soldiers. Mr. Taft arose and bared his head, while the veterans cheered.

Wherever he went there were crowds which he greeted with a hearty "Hello" to break into cheering. He spoke to thousands from a platform overlooking a street corner, but many hundreds stood around him.

London Agitators Refused Alternative of Giving Bond.

London, Oct. 23.—Seventeen of the women suffragists who were arrested October 13, during the "storming" of the house of commons on charges of disorderly conduct were sentenced in the Bow street police court to terms of imprisonment varying from three weeks to three months.

Weather Cloudy and Cool.

The sun has not shone for a moment today and there is small chance that a ray will reach the surface until some time Saturday.

Bad in Southern Kansas.

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BRYAN IS IN EAST

Makes Hurried Visits in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Greeted by Large Crowds at the Railway Stations.

WANTED MRS. BRYAN

Hailed as Next "First Lady of the Land."

Forced to Appear on Platform of Car.

Washington, Oct. 23.—A small crowd was greatly disappointed at not being able to see William Jennings Bryan on his way to New York. Mr. Bryan came in from West Virginia over the Chesapeake & Ohio and was asleep during the entire time the train stopped at the union depot and no member of the party put in appearance.

The candidate's train departed at 7:23 o'clock for West Philadelphia. Makes short address.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 23.—A large crowd gathered at the Pennsylvania railway station here today to see W. J. Bryan. His train was late and Mr. Bryan had only time to make the following remarks:

"I am watching the newspapers very closely these days, and I noticed yesterday morning that President Roosevelt had deposed Mr. Gompers as labor leader and substituted Senator Knox. This means to see the papers this morning to learn if he had deposed me as the Democratic candidate for president and substituted some one else."

Mr. Bryan is today enroute to New Jersey, where he will deliver numerous speeches. He did not awake until 10 o'clock and was very fatigued as the result of his labors in Ohio and West Virginia.

He had had more than 11 hours sleep and was much refreshed. The itinerary today provides for stops at Trenton, Lambertville, Frenchtown, Milford, Phillipsburg, Hamilton Junction, White House, Somerville, Bound Brook, Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, New Brunswick and winding up at Newark at 8:30 tonight.

Big Crowd at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—A large crowd including many railway men, greeted William J. Bryan at the West Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railway today.

Mr. Bryan was greeted with much enthusiasm and calls for a speech. He was interrupted in the midst of his talk by cries for Mr. Bryan and when she was escorted to the platform of the car by the presidential candidate there were cries of "hurrah for the next first lady of the land."

Repeated cheers for Mrs. Bryan caused her to appear on the platform for the second time. Mr. Bryan was here for about 15 minutes and in his speech talked of the labor question and the applause greeted his declaration: "I can stand defeat much better than the laboring man can afford to have Republicanism in this campaign."

The action of President Roosevelt in attacking Mr. Gompers who has had the confidence of the laboring men for many years, to my mind an evidence that the Republican managers have lost all hope of holding or securing the labor vote and that they are now trying to secure the support of corporate interests by denouncing the leaders of the labor organizations.

The crowd demanded that Mr. Bryan talk some more.

"We know you are tired, but just give us one more of that kind."

"No," said Mr. Bryan, "I am not tired. I am feeling better now than at any time during the campaign. I will keep it up until the night of election."

Mr. Bryan asserted that when his opponent was in Nebraska, he did not talk of the guaranteeing of deposits.

LAND LOTTERY OVER.

Many Kansans Among the Number in the Final Drawing.

Dallas, S. D., Oct. 23.—The big land lottery of the Rosebud reservation passed into history.

The town of Dallas will present a different appearance in another week, as many temporary buildings have been erected to accommodate the thousands of visitors who are expected to take place on Long Island tomorrow morning.

Hundreds of them have motored into the city from various nearby cities and have come hundreds of miles in their cars. There seems to be every prospect that the largest crowd ever brought out by the blue ribbon event of the American automobile world will line the streets of Dallas on the morning of Saturday.

One of the big hotels, when it opened this morning, announced that it had \$100,000 in cash in its safe corners. The purpose of cashing checks for its guests who may bet on the races or run short of ready money during their stay in Dallas.

After receiving final instructions at the Garden City hotel the drivers and mechanics who are to guide and watch over the cars have come to the motel in today's Vanderbilt cup speed contest, devoted most of the morning to grooming and overhauling their cars.

Strang, Lytle and Robertson, the trio upon whom center most of the interest of tomorrow's race, each had his car out for a final spin around the circuit, which is perhaps the most difficult of a common accord, avoided speeding for full laps, the cars were let out for fast miles at the Waterbury turn, which is perhaps the most difficult of the entire course.

Strang, in particular, seems to have estimated to a nicety the maximum speed at which it is safe to negotiate the corner. The fastest rival is drives between Strang and Lytle. Lytle exits the Italian car with which Strang won the Savannah, Briar Cliff and Lowell races.

Strang, now that he drives a car of different nationality and make, is determined that the car which he thrice piloted to victory shall this time go down to defeat. All Lytle defeated Strang two weeks ago over the same course on which tomorrow's race is to be run.

While the fiercest struggle of the day promises to be between Strang, two—the one representing Italy and the other France—a third factor may be injected into the battle in the person of Robertson, representing America.

In addition to a wonderfully fast car, Robertson possesses the mastery and daring which have made him famous in both hemispheres. Among his most recent exploits are the winning of the Quaker City Motor club 200 mile race at Philadelphia two weeks ago, and of the 24 hour race at Brighton Beach, a week earlier, when he finished 70 miles ahead of the world's record.

FASTRACING CARS

Entered for Vanderbilt Cup Contest Saturday.

Gotham Is Almost Overrun With Gay Motorists.

PREPARE THE AUTOS.

Strang, Lytle and Robertson the Expected Winners.

One Hotel Safe Has \$100,000 to Bet on the Races.

New York, Oct. 23.—New York is almost overrun with motorists and the big hotels where out of town automobile lovers are in the habit of staying while in town are filled to overflowing.

A half dozen of the big uptown hotels announce this morning that standing room is at a premium and all the vacant spaces about the hotels are filled with motor cars, the regular garages having overflowed.

The visitors are here for the Vanderbilt cup races which take place on Long Island tomorrow morning. Hundreds of them have motored into the city from various nearby cities and have come hundreds of miles in their cars.

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MUSKOGEE IS SHIVERING.

Twenty Thousand Left Without Gas Supply.

Muskogee, Ok., Oct. 23.—Twenty thousand Muskogees are shivering in the cold north wind this morning.

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