

NEARING THE END

Tonnage Tax Bill May Pass—Senators at Heart Against It But Are Afraid of Constituents.

Mike Thinks Senator Joseph M. Hackney Would Make an Excellent Lieutenant Governor.

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St. Paul, April 14.—With the next issue of the Union the Thirty-sixth Minnesota legislature will be but a memory. At high noon Thursday, April 22, the finish will be reached and the lawmakers will seek their homes. Already the signs of dissolution are apparent and no one, unless it be the members of the "third house," whose per diem will cease with the announcement of adjournment, seems sorry because of the approaching end. They generally welcome it. The members of both houses feel that they have earned a rest, and they have.

With the next few weeks following adjournment the press of the state will be given over to telling what Minnesota lawmakers have done and what they have not done. Of the latter there will undoubtedly be a surfeit, but right here I want to anticipate any activity in this respect with the declaration that if any praise is coming to the members of the Thirty-sixth it should be for what laws they have failed to burden the statutes with rather than what they have sent to the governor for his signature. To those who have demanded an imaginary cure in the shape of a law for every ill the state was heir to, including a number of their own creation, this argument will not find favor, but it is true nevertheless. With them it is laws and laws, and nothing is exempt in their insane desire to control and to regulate. This has been a session where sanity prevailed. True, the bills so far enacted into laws have not been many, or unusually important, but there is one thing to be said in their favor, the majority of them are of a character that contain little of the element of blight. No industry has been wrecked and, as for the morals of the people, the individual has been left to work out his own salvation as his better nature dictates.

Advocates of the Borge tonnage tax bill, which passed the house some weeks ago, are now preparing for the final round, and the battle of ballots in the biggest thing of the session is due for Friday at the latest. If possible its supporters will force the issue sooner, but the prospects are that it will be delayed until then. Honestly at this writing I hold out little hope for the gallant band of Range business men who are giving their time and their money in an effort to show those favoring the bill the unjustness of the whole thing. Yet something may happen that will bring victory to their banner. At least I hope so. Last week the senate, which has possession of the bill, practically forecast the future when by a majority vote it forced from the committee the measure, and that despite the fact that a public hearing had been arranged for the Tuesday following. Ole Sageng, the populist senator from Otter Tail county, headed the demand for the bill, and many republicans answered his call. The best the senate leaders would give the bill up to Tuesday in the way of indefinite postponement was 25 votes, but Col. Weiss and others of Duluth, who were working like Trojans in an effort to convert some of the opposition, contended that this figure would be topped several votes. They were enthusiastic enough to declare that the finish would see a victory for their side. Tuesday evening the senate tax committee gave a public hearing to a large number of business men from what is known as the Cayuna range and it was one of the largest attended of the session.

One has to be on the ground floor to appreciate the difficulties attending the settlement of a state-wide question like the tonnage tax bill. Unacquainted with the embarrassing things that constantly beset men in public life and office, we of the north look upon the tonnage tax advocate as one catering to prejudice and jealousy, while those of the south regard the opposition as simply the tools of predatory wealth and the greatest octopus in the world—the United States steel corporation. If a majority of the members of the senate were free today to voice their own sentiments the Borge tonnage tax bill

would not last fifteen minutes. They know it is unjust, but they can not help casting their vote in its favor. Anything else would be political death, and while I am here I might say that while popular opinion makes the point that every member represents the entire state rather than his district, yet it is the latter that elects him to office. To it he is alone answerable and its views, whether they be right or wrong, come pretty near being the one thing that influences his vote. What the Iron Range must do if it is victorious this time is to educate the people of the state as to the justness of its cause. This whole question will be revived two years hence and the business men of the iron country must be ready.

Senator Thorpe's bill for the creation of a new department of banking is now up to Gov. Johnson for his signature, and it is needless to say that it will receive the required confirmation. This bill means the creation of about a dozen new jobs with one of them, the head of the department, carrying a salary of \$6,000. The others range from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each. Rumor here picks A. L. Roth, teller of the St. Paul First National bank, as the head of the new department, but the selection will not likely find favor with the state banks over whom the department will have supervision. When the new department was arranged for it is said the state bankers were assured that one of their own would be made its head and they are demanding that the administration keeps faith.

Tuesday the house put the finish to a long standing controversy when it passed the Spooner anti-cigarette bill, and the act is now up to Gov. Johnson for his approval. That it will receive his signature there is no doubt, as Frank A. Day is known to have labored zealously in an effort to secure democratic votes for the bill. Day's efforts in behalf of the bill are credited to a desire to bring to his chief something that would appease the radical element in the state and show his interest in their behalf. By many the bill is looked upon as not worth the paper it is written upon. Anti-cigarette laws are in force in half a dozen states, but their enforcement is said to be farcical. Had the legislature passed a bill making it a felony to sell cigarettes to minors it would have served the state better.

Talking of Frank Day's activity it is said the Fairmount man has directed his energies at putting out of business what is known as the Nimmoicks club bill, and the measure by Frank Gartside of Winona allowing the playing of baseball on Sunday. The former is an act designed to permit legitimate clubs to dispense liquor to their members without the formality of a license. Day looks upon the two as liable to make trouble for Gov. Johnson and he wants the senate, in whose possession they now are, to kill them without delay. It was Day, too, who assisted in the passage of the tonnage tax bill in the house, but under pressure from Iron Range democrats he has refrained from any activity in the senate. Day was told that his activity would be remembered and he wisely refrained.

Not a little comment is being indulged in regarding the activity of former Attorney General Young, whose sole desire seems to be to even up old scores growing out of his defeat for the republican nomination for governor last summer when he declared that the repudiation of his candidacy was due to the opposition of the interests, so called. It was Mr. Young who drafted the Borge tonnage tax bill, also the Johnson railroad bond bill, and a half dozen other anti-corporation measures. How the house looks upon the former attorney general's desire for revenge was shown Monday when it killed beyond redemption the A. K. Ware bill to prevent brewery-owned saloons. Mr. Ware admitted that his bill had its origin in Mr. Young, and the house quickly put it out of business.

The house has given its approval to Dr. J. A. Graham's bill for the establishment of county, or district asylums, for the care of local insane. The bill is permissible in its character and allows one or more counties to combine in the erection of such institutions if they so desire. The state is to pay \$3 a week for every patient cared for.

Facing a threatened veto by Gov. Johnson, the house and senate have joined in a recall of the Spooner bill designed to compel all cities and

towns in the state to levy a tax for the pensioning of firemen. Gov. Johnson objected to the word "shall" in the bill and, rather than see it killed, the promoters of the measure agreed to the substitution of the word "may." The bill calls for the levying of a tenth of a mill tax. The large cities, which are exempt, already have such a tax.

Two gross earnings bills have passed the house. One compels companies to pay three per cent on the state proportion of telephone interstate gross earnings and the other, by John Rosenwald of Lac qui Parle county, provides for an eight per cent tax on the gross earnings of freight line companies. A feature of the telephone legislation this session is that it has not been hard on the companies operating in the state. The many rural telephone companies tend to restrict legislation of a regulative or tax character, and the big city lines realize as a result.

This is rather early for congressional activity, but word comes from the Second district that candidates who aspire to Congressman Hammond's Washington job are already in the field and are preparing to go after his scalp. State Treasurer Clarence Dinehart, whom some have been picking as republican gubernatorial timber for 1910, is said to be grooming himself for the job and there are others. In fact it is said that the state treasurer's congressional boom will be launched shortly with all the trimmings. The candidates for Hammond's job in the Second district are reported to be so numerous that a proposition for a convention has been advanced, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes to be the party nominee.

Pensions for those who participated in the Indian wars of 1862 and the period following is the object of a bill which passed the house Monday and is now on its way to the executive department for approval. Senator Wright is the author. There is a law now on the books authorizing the pensions of aged soldiers, but only a few come under its terms. The new bill is designed to take care of all who gave assistance in the putting down of the early Indian uprising.

The king makers have picked upon Senator Hackney of St. Paul as good timber for lieutenant governor and no one down here would be surprised at an aggressive movement in his behalf. The St. Paul man is a republican of the true blue kind and his official career to date has been above reproach. No one would grace the lieutenant governorship with more dignity and honor to the state and himself than Senator Hackney.

The bill of Bob Wells of Breckenridge for the taxing of water powers has practically received its quietus at the hands of the senate tax committee and will not likely be again heard from this session. The Twin City members of the committee are against it. The bill passed the house with little opposition. It was looked upon as a revenue measure and one calculated to realize the state considerable.

Burdett Thayer's bill prohibiting lumber companies from selling their stocks cheaper in one locality than another is now up to the senate. After killing the bill a week ago the house reconsidered its action Tuesday and gave its approval. The bill is designed to curb the activities of the lumber trust.

L. A. Rosing Dead.
Leonard A. Rosing, member of the state board of control, died early yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital, St. Paul, after a lingering illness. He had been sinking constantly since last Friday, when an operation was performed for removal of a clot on the brain. For nearly a year Mr. Rosing had been incapacitated from work by partial paralysis and his condition became so grave that the operation was performed as a last resort. He is survived by a widow and three sons. The only daughter, Margery Rosing, is lying seriously ill, also, at St. Joseph's hospital. She has been a student at the state university.

Alfred Gumbrell Dead.
Alfred Gumbrell, formerly of Anoka, last week fell from a four-story building which he was erecting in San Francisco, Cal., and received injuries from which he died three days later. Mr. Gumbrell was a contractor and was known to a number of Princeton people. He erected J. J. Skahan's residence and bank building.

FINISHES ITS WORK

District Court Proceedings Ended on Friday After a Session of Four Days' Duration.

Resume of the Cases Disposed of Subsequent to the Issue of Last Number of the Union.

The district court finished the calendar at 11:30 o'clock on Friday morning, having been in session less than four days. There were no long jury cases and thus Judge Taylor was enabled to proceed expeditiously. Judge Taylor is one of the ablest jurists in the state—thoroughly conversant with the law and absolutely fair in his rulings. Below is a synopsis of the cases disposed of since the last issue of the Union:

Citizens Savings Bank, Columbus, Ohio, vs. H. W. Prescott. Reynolds & Roesser for plaintiff, Chas. A. Dickey for defendant. Suit to collect on note given for purchase of stallion. Continued by consent of parties.

Union National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, vs. Samuel Winsor et al. Reynolds & Roesser for plaintiff, Chas. A. Dickey and Geo. C. Stiles for defendant. Suit to collect on note given for purchase of stallion. Continued by consent of parties.

Howard C. Parks et al. vs. Samuel Winsor et al. Reynolds & Roesser for plaintiffs, Geo. C. Stiles and Chas. A. Dickey for defendants. Suit to collect on note given for purchase of stallion. Continued by consent of parties.

Chas. Malone vs. Ole N. Reiquam and Peter Kennedy. A. M. Harrison and Chas. Noyes for plaintiff, Chas. Keith and E. L. McMillan for defendants. Action to enforce conveyance according to contract for purchase of land, which contract defendant Kennedy contends was canceled. Evidence submitted and case taken under advisement.

Clara Alma Bemis vs. Clarence Eugene Bemis. Chas. A. Dickey for plaintiff, E. L. McMillan for defendant. Suit for divorce. The court made an order appointing Ira G. Stanley to take and report evidence. Such evidence was taken by Mr. Stanley on Friday afternoon.

John Nims, as father and natural guardian of Jennie Nims, an infant, vs. Great Northern Railway Co. McElwee & Hollihan and Chas. Keith for plaintiff, John W. Mason for defendant. Suit to recover \$25,000 damages for personal injuries sustained in railroad wreck. Continued by consent of parties.

Chas. Keith, as receiver of the Eastern Minnesota Land Company, insolvent, vs. Nels T. O. Lee, Carl A. O. Lee, J. H. McGilvra et al. E. L. McMillan for plaintiff, Oscar C. Ronken for defendant Lee. Action to determine title to land. McGilvra disclaimed any interest in the land. Arguments were heard and case taken under advisement.

The North Star Shoe Company vs. Ole H. Uglem, Bernhart Uglem and Olander Uglem, copartners as Uglem & Co. Crocker, Patin and Storer for plaintiff, E. L. McMillan for defendant. Action to collect on balance of account due. Continued by consent of parties.

A. D. Polk, as administrator of the estate of Norman D. Seavey, deceased, vs. John Ashcroft, Clara Ashcroft et al. A. D. Polk for plaintiff, C. J. Traxler for defendants. Action to correct description in mortgage deed. No appearance on the part of defendants. Judgment ordered for plaintiff as asked in complaint.

The State of Minnesota vs. Fay Cravens. Jos. A. Ross, county attorney, for the State, Chas. Keith for defendant. Libel. On motion of defendant's attorney, and with consent of county attorney, case was continued.

Sixteen Thousand From Ireland.
Figures issued by the Irish Emigrant society show that during 1908 there landed at the port of New York from Ireland 16,341 persons. Of that number 6,990 were males and 9,351 females; 1,987 were under 14 years of age; 14,579 between 14 and 45, and 684 over 45. Of this total more than half remained in New York city. The emigrants brought in cash nearly \$500,000. During the year ninety were debarrd from landing.

A Battle of Names.
According to a Washington dispatch in the Tribune "there is a movement on foot in Washington to restore the use of the term 'Executive Mansion' instead of 'White House,' which has been the custom during the Roosevelt administration," and many members of congress are said to prefer the

longer and more pretentious name, "White House." It is, in the mind and mouth of every American; so known across the water, too. The term, as recent researches by correspondents of the Sun have shown, is of respectable antiquity. It seems to have been traced as far back as Madison's second administration. It will soon be entitled to its century. It is a familiar figure, of homely and cordial look. It is not to be put out by a long trained intruding trollop like "Executive Mansion." That may accommodate itself well to the legal, formal and clerical style, but the popular and fittest name is and will be "White House."

Mr. Taft is no friend of pomp and swollen words. We have no doubt that he prefers to live in a "house." As for those members of congress who from fondness for eloquence or want of taste love high sounding names, Mr. Taft may tell them a little jest by which Dr. William Everett used to teach simplicity: "At Yale 'the president's lady retires'; at Harvard 'the president's wife goes to bed.'"—New York Sun.

Goest to St. Cloud.
Elmer Chapman has purchased a five-chair barber shop in St. Cloud and entered into possession last Friday. Mrs. Chapman and family will remain in Princeton for a week or two. The people of the village and vicinity will be extremely sorry to see these good people move away. R. S. Chapman has purchased Elmer Chapman's residence.

Mr. Chapman is one of the most experienced barbers in this part of the country and the people of St. Cloud should feel proud that he selected their city as a place to engage in business. They will find that Mr. Chapman will make good. The shop which Mr. Chapman purchased from Edward Lentz is one of the very best in St. Cloud.

Another Fire at Milaca.
At midnight on Tuesday fire was discovered in Anderson's steam laundry, Milaca, and the building was reduced to ashes, the machinery in the laundry being practically ruined. The Arlington hotel sample room and the hotel itself—a separate building—were also scorched and the Veidt block, owned by the Minneapolis Brewing Co., was slightly charred. Besides these two barns belonging to Sam Moore and Geo. Pressley were burned down. No one seems to know how the fire originated. The property destroyed was partially covered by insurance.

Wright-Motz.
J. E. Wright of Lake Fremont and Miss Elizabeth Motz of Crown were married at Elk River yesterday afternoon by Rev. Galbraith of the Methodist church. Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Wright gave a reception at their home to almost a hundred guests and they received many valuable presents. Mr. Wright is a brother of Mrs. J. C. Van Alstein of Princeton, who, with her children, was present at the reception.

An Orrock-Santiago Wedding.
Merle H. Smith of Orrock and Clara Larson of Santiago were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Larson, Saturday, April 3, at 8 p. m. Rev. Henry Orrock performed the ceremony in the presence of about 150 guests. Mr. Smith is the grandson of Hon. H. E. Craig, and after the honeymoon he and his bride will go to housekeeping near the old home.—Star-News.

What's the Motive?
"Nothing would so completely kill the tonnage tax bill," said Representative Congdon, "as to drop an iron mine in every county of the state." The tonnage tax bill could not command a single vote in the legislature in that event. What, then, is the motive that now prompts votes for the measure?—Duluth Herald.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Princeton, Minnesota, April 12, 1909: Mr. Chas. Gauge; Mr. Claus Holmquist. Please call for advertised letters.

L. S. Briggs, Postmaster.
Fresh Vegetables.
List of fresh vegetables on hand at the California Fruit store for Friday evening: Spinach, green onions, green peppers, watercress, radishes, blue ribbon celery, parsley, fresh tomatoes, fresh lettuce.

Queer Ideas of Values.
"We have queer ideas of values," says the philosopher of folly. "I know a man who will sell his vote for \$1.50, but he has a yellor dog that no money could buy."—Cleveland Leader.

A Clean Profit!
What men are pleased to call a clean profit is often the proceeds of a dirty transaction.—Chicago News.

EASTER OBSERVANCE

Resurrection of Christ is Befittingly Commemorated in the Sacred Edifices of Princeton.

Services Partake of a Choral Nature and Sermons Are Particularly Appropriate to the Day.

The various places of worship in Princeton were on Easter Sunday attended by large congregations and special programs were presented in commemoration of the resurrection of the Savior. Decorations of flowers and foliage, artistically arranged by the ladies of the congregations, were profuse in the religious edifices.

At the Congregational church the services consisted largely of singing and instrumental music and the programs for both morning and evening, arranged by Mrs. H. C. Cooney, were well selected and prepared. The solo parts were exceptionally good and the chorus was a strong one. Rev. Swertfager, the pastor, delivered the sermons.

Easter observances at the Methodist church were also largely of a musical nature, the programs having been arranged by Mrs. C. A. Caley. There were vocal solos, instrumental music and singing by the chorus, all of which were admirably rendered. In the chorus there were about twenty-five voices. Rev. J. W. Heard preached the sermons.

At St. Edward's Catholic church the usual low mass was observed at 8 o'clock in the morning and high mass at 10:30. At the latter service a special musical program was rendered.

The Swedish Lutheran, German Lutheran and German Methodist churches observed the day with due propriety. The singing was unusually good and the sermons inspiring.

SWEDISH-ENGLISH CONCERT.
Euphonia Society of St. Paul Will be Assisted by Local Talent.
A concert will be given by the Euphonia society of St. Paul under the auspices of the Swedish Lutheran church in the M. E. church, Princeton, on April 18, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Singing in both the Swedish and English languages. It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children will be charged.

Program.
PART I.
Scripture Reading..... Pastor A. Lundquist
Piano Solo..... "Lohengrin"..... Richard Wagner
Song..... "Christ is Risen"..... Finley Lyon
Choir—Soloists, Ruth Lundquist and L. Anderson.
Solo..... "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"..... Clara Johnson.
Song..... "Lead Kindly Light"..... Buck Anderson Bros. Quartet.
Trio..... "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"..... Emma, Clara and Agnes Johnson.
Duet..... "The Minstrel Boy"..... Albert Johnson and David R. Anderson.
Song..... "Still, Still With Thee"..... Mixed Quartet.
Song, David's 8th Psalm..... "Herre var Herro" Soloist, Agnes Johnson.
INTERMISSION.
PART II.
Piano Solo..... Adena Lundquist
Song, David's 136th Psalm..... "Nar Herrens Zion's Faggar" Choir—Soloist, Ruth Lundquist.
Solo, David's 84th Psalm..... "Min Själ Laugtar" David R. Anderson.
Song..... "The Shadows of the Evening Hours" Mixed Quartet.
Solo..... Ruth Lundquist
Song..... "Softly and Tenderly" Anderson Bros. Quintet.
Lrio..... "My Soul Doth Long for Thee" Agnes and Clara Johnson and David R. Anderson.
Song..... "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Soloists, Ruth Lundquist, Clara Johnson, Eva and David R. Anderson.

A Warning to Farmers.
Cold storage concerns were too much for the creamery at Maynard, and the man who had charge of it the past year found it impossible to keep it going any longer and left for greener pastures. At New Richmond, too, the centralizers were encroaching upon the business of the individually-owned creamery until in desperation the farmers adjacent to it felt compelled to organize a co-operative concern, the existing creamery being finally purchased. It is hoped now that they will be able to hold their own. These two incidents are cited as a warning to farmers to keep a firm grip on the nearest co-operative creamery. It will pay in the long run. Once let the centralizers get control, the jig is up.—Litchfield Review.

Died From Blood Poisoning.
Mrs. Ella Brown Cutter, a nurse in an Anoka hospital, died on Tuesday morning from blood poisoning. She assisted in an operation a few days ago and received a scratch on her arm, which was not thought to be serious at that time, but blood poisoning set in. She is survived by one son, who is attending the state university, and one married daughter living in St. Paul.