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State Controller Favors Change of Inheritance Tax Law.

CAN BE EASILY EVADED

Change of Domicile Circumvents Statute, Says Mr. Williams—Returns Not Satisfactory.

Albany, Dec. 25.—The ease with which men of wealth may circumvent the recently enacted amendments to the inheritance tax law is pointed out by State Controller Clark Williams in his forthcoming annual report to the Legislature.

Certain objections to the law are raised by the Controller, who recommends that the Legislature give serious consideration to the effect of the present transfer tax law on the general interests of the state.

The net receipts from the tax on transfers of decedents' estates during the last fiscal year were \$3,217,561, an increase of \$1,260,120 over the tax collected during the preceding year.

Controller Williams calls attention to the fact that the number of estates appraised under the provisions of the new progressive inheritance tax law has been so small that he has caused the tax to be calculated at the new rate on all estates on which the tax has been paid during the last fiscal year in the fifteen counties in which the tax is paid directly to the Controller's office.

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POLICEMEN ON GANG

Bullets Hit Two of Twenty Men Trying to Rescue Prisoner.

Surrounded by more than twenty members of the notorious "Gopher" gang, who were trying to rescue two of their number who had been arrested at Tenth avenue and 25th street early yesterday morning, four patrolmen of the West 27th street station drew their revolvers and shot two of the men.

It is not believed that either of them was seriously wounded, although both were taken to the New York Hospital. The police say that some of the gang had broken into the store of Henry Siebenborn, at No. 209 Tenth avenue, and carried out a cash register.

While the streets were still dark yesterday morning, Patrolman O'Connor was trying to break the doors on Tenth avenue, when he found that the drug store had been broken into. The interior was wrecked, including the sub-postoffice in the store, and, losing no time, O'Connor telephoned to Siebenborn, who sent his son to the place, and then reported the robbery to the lieutenant at West 27th street.

Patrolmen Meyer, Hoodlum and Butler were sent out to run down the burglars, but before they arrived O'Connor saw Edward Kennan, of No. 462 West 18th street, pass by the store, and he stopped him.

Kennan's manner and answers strengthened the patrolman's suspicions, and the man was placed under arrest. At the same time O'Connor saw several other men loitering at the entrance to the store. He and young Siebenborn then moved over Kennan, and then went after the rest of the gang. The druggist's son had a revolver and kept the weapon leveled at Kennan, telling him that he would shoot if he attempted to get away.

When the three patrolmen arrived at the store the officers started to march Kennan to the station house. It seemed as if the signal for the prisoner's friends to make an attack on the patrolmen, and James Arthur, of No. 2 Newark street, Jersey City, attacked O'Connor, is charged, and tried to wrest the prisoner from him. He succeeded in getting a hold on the patrolman's handcuffs and then aimed a blow at his face.

At the same time Kennan, with his free hand, struck O'Connor on the jaw. While O'Connor was battling with Arthur and Kennan the other patrolmen were having their own difficulties with more than a score of the gang, who hurled bricks and other weapons at the policemen. O'Connor and his companions soon realized that the situation was serious, for they were outnumbered at least five to one, and they drew their revolvers.

Kennan, when he saw his friends rushing to his rescue, made a final effort and tore himself free from O'Connor. He started to run down the street, but was caught by Patrolman Meyer, who laid him on the sidewalk with a blow from his night stick. As soon as Kennan had broken from O'Connor's grip Arthur started in to attack the patrolman again, but, finding that he was getting the worst of it, broke away and ran.

O'Connor called upon Arthur to halt, and when the man did not heed his command he shot over his head. The shot fired made Arthur run faster, and the patrolman then fired a second shot, which entered Arthur's back, sending him to the sidewalk.

Richard Shea, of No. 24 West 20th street, made an attack on O'Connor, and was struck with a bullet in the right leg, bringing him to the ground. The revolver was fired about this time, and sailed into the gang, taking two more prisoners.

ROGERS PEET & COMPANY. Three Broadway Stores. at Warren st. at 13th st. at 34th st.

AMUSEMENTS. NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES. EMPIRE Broadway, 40th St. Eves. 8:15. Mat. 2:15. WED. 8:15. THUR. 8:15. FRI. 8:15. SAT. 8:15. Wm. Gillette. To-day, Mat. & Eve. The Private Secretary. To-morrow Eve. Too Much Johnson. Wed. & Sat. Mat. & Eve. The Merry Widow. Next Monday Eve. Seats Next Thurs. "MOMENT OF TRUTH" IN THE LAMBY. ETHL BARNHORN OF THE WELLS. LYCEUM 45th St. Eves. 8:15. Mat. 2:15. BEGINNING TO-NIGHT AT 8:15. MISS BILLIE BURKE SIZZLE. Extra Mat. New Year's Day. Jan. 2.

GARRICK 50th St. Eves. 8:20. Mat. 2:15. ANNIE HUSSELL THE IMPROVER. KNEE REBOKER, Eves. and 3rd Street. Extra Mat. To-day, Regular Mat. Sat. "MOMENT OF TRUTH" IN THE LAMBY. FOOLISH VIRGIN. THE FOOLISH VIRGIN. THE FOOLISH VIRGIN. THE FOOLISH VIRGIN.

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