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WAGE WAR ON CORPORATION TAX

LAWYERS BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT READY TO PRESENT THEIR CASE

Washington, D. C., March 11.—From briefs filed in the supreme court of the United States in opposition to the corporation tax, lawyers who have examined them have drawn the conclusion that one of the principal fights on the constitutionality of that measure is to be waged over the question whether it is an improper tax on the power of states to grant franchises.

Frederick R. Coudert, counsel in two cases in which the tax is opposed, foretells this attack on the law. He argues at length against the so-called infringement by the federal government on the rights of the states.

"The power to grant charters," says he in his brief, "is one of the oldest of the state powers. It antedates the revolution. Taxation with its logically concomitant potential destruction of this power by the general government would thus be an attack upon and possibly the annihilation of one of the greatest and oldest state functions."

In the brief of John G. Johnson and Frederick J. Stimson, in opposition to the tax in another case, they conclude their argument by this quotation from former Chief Justice Marshall:

"No political dreamer was ever wild enough to think of breaking down the lines which separate the states and, by compounding the American people into one common mass."

Jed L. Washburn, in a brief in favor of holding the tax unconstitutional refers to the same point as follows:

"If whatever the United States has the right to do," said he, "individual states have no right to undo as has been stated, it is equally true that whatever the reserved power under the tenth amendment have the right to do, the congress of the United States has not the right to undo."

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Keosauqua Couple Who Have Passed the Half Century Wedding Mark



WILLIAM T. HOLBERT AND SARAH J. HOLBERT.

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March 3, 1860, and soon after their marriage they located in Keosauqua, where they have since made their home. Nine children have blessed the union, and all of these were present at the celebration Thursday. Mr. Holbert is seventy years old, stands perfectly erect and is hale and hearty. He is a stone mason by trade. His wife, too, is in good health. The couple have eighteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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William Allison and daughter, Ruth, of Avery, visited at the parental Allison home in Eddyville today.

Mrs. Laura Hofstetter of Oskaloosa visited her friend, Mrs. William Steinhoff, Wednesday.

Frank Littlejohn of Greenidge transacted business in Eddyville today.

Mrs. Keen of Ottumwa was in Eddyville today trying to dispose of her residence property.

Eddyville will have a new broom factory. The men are moving a building to the Johnson property, which will be used for this purpose.

Wig Harding was transacting business in Des Moines Tuesday.

Mrs. Al Mater of Coalfield has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Switzer, east of town.

RUSSELL. Curtis Latham, C. D. Smith, S. Randall, Charles Kells and M. C. McKinley went to Des Moines on Monday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Stote of Charlton spent Sunday with Dr. Stote's parents.

Earl Wiltsey of Hemingsford, Neb., who has been attending the Commercial college at Charlton, arrived here Monday, but is going to return to Hemingsford on Friday.

County Attorney William Collinson and wife of Charlton spent Sunday with Mr. Collinson's parents.

J. O. Murray and N. W. Kendall, who have been on the sick list, are somewhat better.

Myrl Johnston spent Sunday in Charlton visiting relatives.

Rev. D. E. Killion of the Evangelical church is holding evangelistic meetings at Le Grand.

Mrs. D. B. Long of Osceola spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Murray.

W. A. Hanks went to Corydon Wednesday to examine the telephone switch board.

Fred Baker spent the first part of the week in Ottumwa.

John Eastes and Jerry Cadagan Sr. spent Wednesday in Charlton.

Mrs. A. M. Nolan returned to her home at Tingley Wednesday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. James Randall.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harve Morford, a son, on Sunday, March 6.

James Randall went to Parnell and Williamsburg Wednesday morning to attend fine stock sales.

John Davis sold his farm to Elias Horner. Mr. Davis will move to town and Lloyd Davis will move onto the farm.

Mrs. Alex Robb entertained a company of ladies at dinner on Wednesday.

Lizzie Evans, who has been attending the State Teachers college at Cedar Falls, arrived Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Claude Bowers.

Clyde Wiltsey of Des Moines arrived Wednesday for a visit with his mother.

Mrs. Nellie Milnes of Charlton spent Wednesday in Russell visiting with her mother, Mrs. Z. Wiltsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gookin of Corydon stopped off here Wednesday night and visited with Mrs. Gookin's brother, Ed Hill, on their way to the Ottumwa hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Frank Ricey spent Monday in Charlton.

Earl Miksell returned Tuesday from a visit with his parents at Oakley.

George Singleton and family, Lee Singleton and family and James Plotts and family left Sunday morning for Oregon City, Oregon, where they have secured employment in a paper mill.

The farmers around Russell gathered on the boundary lines of Lincoln township and marched to the center of the township on a wolf hunt, trying to get the wolves out of this part of the country. They were successful in killing one wolf, but several got away.

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RUNAWAY BOYS ARE SENT HOME

GLEN BRYANT AND GEORGE HALL OF MUSCATINE PICKED UP FOR VAGRANCY RELEASED

Glen Bryant, age sixteen, and George Hall, age eighteen, hailing from Muscatine were picked up last evening by the police and placed in jail on the charge of vagrancy.

When Morrissey the lads admitted that they had left home without their parents knowing of their whereabouts. The boys stated that they had gone to Mystic to visit relatives of young Bryant and that they were returning to Muscatine when taken into custody.

Bryant stated that he was employed in a tin shop in the river city, while Hall is a button cutter. Upon their promise to leave the city for their home in Muscatine, they were released by the magistrate.

W. S. Vance, who gave his trade as that of a switchman and en route from La Crosse, Wis., to his home in Kansas City, Mo., was found sleeping in the Union depot and was arrested for vagrancy. He was released this morning upon his promise to Judge Morrissey to shake Ottumwa dust from his shoes.

Frank Babbitt and Azel Hanks, aged and gray headed, were before the magistrate for intoxication. Babbitt was fined \$10 and Hanks \$5 and being without funds, both went to jail to serve out the time. J. J. Terrell, charged with intoxication, entered a plea of not guilty and will have his hearing tonight.

RAILWAYS TO ANSWER TODAY

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT WAGE SCALE MATTER WILL BE SETTLED AMICABLY.

Chicago, March 11.—The 25,000 or more firemen on the 190,000 miles of railroads west, northwest and southwest of Chicago, who by a vote authorized their national officers to call a strike if the railroads refused to grant wage concessions, will receive the answer from the railroads tomorrow.

At that time the general managers of the railroads will formally notify President W. S. Carter of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen just what their position is in regard to the demands. It may be several days later before the union officials and the railroad managers again meet to determine what shall be done.

This arrangement followed a conference yesterday by Mr. Carter and the firemen's delegation with the railroad managers' committee, of which W. C. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, is chairman. Managers of nine other western roads were present. The firemen presented their vote, showing that 86 per cent of their membership were in favor of accepting an agreement for improved working conditions without increased wages. The railroads were told that the vote authorized a strike, should the union officials decide on it. It was then stated that the railroads would make their report in writing today.

Confidence was expressed on both sides that a strike would be averted and arbitration would be resorted to. A prominent official said last night it was unlikely the railroads would grant the wage demands.

"If all the demands of the firemen were granted the wages would have to be increased 22 1/2 per cent," he said. "This is a greater increase than the railroads can afford to pay. Moreover it would necessitate a similar increase for all other employees. Such an increase on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road alone would mean an additional expense of \$5,000,000 annually. If all the railroads of the country entered into any such increase they would have a deficit of over 4 per cent a year. At present one-half of the railroad gross receipts goes out for labor, and to increase that expense by such an amount as is asked for by the firemen would bankrupt us."

These facts will be impressed upon the firemen and we do not feel a strike will be called. We even hope to settle the dispute ourselves without the aid of arbitration. Tomorrow the managers will determine what answer to make to the report of the so-called strike vote and a joint meeting of employers and employees will be called later on."

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Mrs. J. Kelly of Parnell, came up Tuesday evening and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lillis.

Thomas Bell of Green township, transacted business here Wednesday, and visited with his friends of the city and vicinity.

M. McCarty and wife of York township, visited Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCarty.

Ed. Hanson of East Troy was visiting recently at the home of his brother Thomas.

Richmond of Webster, came up Tuesday evening for a visit with his many old time friends.

G. H. Treasurer left for Iowa City Wednesday morning in response to a telephone message announcing the serious illness of his brother, J. C. Treasurer.

David Rowland of Marengo was in the city recently, and visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Simmons, and also with his sister, Mrs. J. Hughes, Jr.

Ed. Evans and wife of Hilton, were in the city Wednesday and called at the home of Mrs. Evans' brother, David James.

Fred Schwartz of Evansville, was in the city recently shaking hands with his old time friends.

Twenty-eight bids in the last New Yass & Wallace addition to Williamsburg, sold last Monday at public auction for the sum of \$11,000.

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