

GOVERNOR'S PLAN UPHELD BY HOUSE

HYDE'S \$4,500,000 TAX CUT PROGRAM PASSED BY A VOTE OF 74 TO 29.

FINAL VICTORY IS INDICATED

Whitaker's Measure to Reduce the Revenue Levy From 10 to 8 Cents Rejected on Motion by Davidson, St. Louis.

Jefferson City, Mo.—By a vote of 74 to 29 the House upheld Governor Hyde's tax reduction program as outlined in his recent special message.

The House rejected a proposition by O. B. Whitaker, of Hickory County, to reduce the state revenue tax levy from 10 cents to 8 cents and that there be no reduction upon the income, corporation franchise and inheritance taxes. The vote came on a substitute motion by Edward Davidson, of St. Louis.

Governor Hyde's program includes the reduction of the state tax levy from 10 cents to 8 cents; the corporation franchise tax from \$1 per thousand capital and surplus to 50 cents; the income tax from 1 1/2 per cent to 1 per cent; the blind tax from 2 cents to 1 cent; the capital bond tax from 2 cents to 1 cent; and the abolition of the tax of six-tenths of 1 cent upon school certificates of indebtedness for two years. This will reduce taxes about \$4,500,000 annually.

The House followed up the defeat of Whitaker's proposition, which mustered its strength among a group of agricultural members, with the enactment of the corporation franchise tax bill, in the form recommended by Governor Hyde and as reported by the House Ways and Means Committee, of which Wm. R. Lay of Crawford County is chairman.

The vote upon the adoption of the committee's substitute for pending bills was 81 to 9. The vote upon the enactment was also overwhelming.

Conflicts With Senate Bill.
The action of the House indicates that Hyde's entire tax program can be put through, but apparently it is in direct conflict with tax reduction bills which have passed the Senate.

Under the leadership of Senator Gray, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, an income tax reduction bill was passed which not only reduced the tax from 1 1/2 per cent to 1 per cent, but added the exemptions of married persons from \$2,000 to \$3,000 and the allowance for children from \$200 to \$400.

A corporation franchise tax reduction bill which was reported from Gray's committee and passed by the Senate, reduces the corporation franchise tax from \$1 per \$1,000 of capital and surplus to 50 cents. This measure included a definition of surplus and provided for the application of the tax to the surplus after all liabilities had been deducted. The Senate passed the measure reducing the state tax levy from 10 to 8 and the blind tax from 2 to 1 cent.

CHILDREN ON FARMS TO BE EXEMPT FROM LABOR BILL

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Barnes child labor bill was amended in the House Education Committee to exclude towns of less than 1,500 population and to exclude children on the farms from its operations.

This amendment was presented by William R. Lay of Crawford County, and was strenuously opposed by Mrs. Harriett Robertson of St. Joseph, a representative of the Children's Code Committee, who is here supporting the bill.

Mrs. Robertson said the children of the country need the same protection as the children of the city and that they should not be exempted from the law. The bill does not restrict employment of children by parents or guardians in agricultural or domestic work when school is not in session.

Mrs. Robertson told Lay afterwards he should be ashamed of himself—a "big, intelligent man voting to afford no protection to the children under 14 on the farms."

After adopting Lay's amendment, the committee voted to report the bill as amended favorably.

ASKS CONGRESS TO PENSION STATE MILITIA VETERANS

Jefferson City, Mo.—A resolution introduced in the house by Representative Elmer, asking congress to pension survivors of the Missouri State Militia during the civil war, was adopted unanimously. Missouri members of congress are pushing a bill for that purpose. Elmer said enlistment of the militia was authorized by President Lincoln, but the records were loosely kept.

NEW AUTO LICENSE BILL CHANGES TAX SCHEDULE

Jefferson City, Mo.—Senators Ralph of St. Louis County and Proctor of Kansas City jointly introduced a bill to the Senate increasing the state license on automobiles and motor vehicles used for commercial purposes to the estimated extent of \$1,000,000 a year over the amount collected at present.

The proposed rates are: Twelve horsepower and less, \$4; less than 24, \$8; less than 30, \$12; less than 48, \$16; less than 60, \$18; less than 72,

SENATE ENGROSSES BILL TO ELECT ASSESSOR HERE

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate engrossed Senator Blodgett's bill making the Assessor of St. Louis an elective officer and fixing his salary at not exceeding \$8,000 a year.

As amended the Senate and House bills are the same. The present salary of the Assessor may be as high as \$15,000 and the Mayor is authorized to make the appointment. This power will not be taken away from the Mayor until after the election of 1922 when the office will be filled at the polls. The present appointee will accordingly hold until after the 1922 election. Under the Blodgett bill the office would have become vacant and the Governor would have filled the vacancy until after the election next year. The Senate took this section out of the bill.

\$60,000,000 ROAD BOND BILL PASSES SENATE

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate passed Senator Ralph's bill providing for the sale of state road bonds to the amount of \$60,000,000. Senator Whitecotton of Monroe cast the only vote against the measure.

It provides for the sale of \$10,000,000 of bonds this year by the State Board of Fund Commissioners and \$5,000,000 annually thereafter until the entire issue has been sold.

An express provision was put in the bill that the bonds shall net the state not less than 30 cents on the dollar clear of all commissions and kindred expenses. The securities are to bear 5 per cent interest and provision is made for a sinking fund, under which the last of the bonds will be redeemed by the state within thirty years.

BILL GIVES COUNTIES RIGHT OF WAY OVER BRIDGES

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate sent to engrossment companion bills by Gordon of Clay, giving cities and counties the right to acquire, by condemnation, right of way over bridges spanning navigable streams in this state, and providing for maintenance of such bridges after they are so acquired.

The real purpose of the bills is for a free highway bridge at Kansas City across the Missouri River, but the bills, which are enabling acts, would apply if they are passed, to the highway bridges at St. Charles and Jefferson City. The vote by which the two bills were engrossed, 20 to 9 on right to condemn, and 19 to 11 on the maintenance measure, indicates they will pass the senate.

SENATE IMPOSES PRICE LIMIT FOR ROAD BONDS SALE

Jefferson City.—Practically all the session of the senate was spent considering the bill providing for issuing the \$60,000,000 in road bonds. The committee amendment offered by Senator Gray, providing that the issue be not sold for less than 90 per cent of par value, was adopted without discussion. This discount is to include commission for sale and handling of the bonds.

There was a long discussion over an amendment proposed by Senator Bowker, providing that the fund commissioners be required to take up \$2,000,000 of the issue each year after the first year. This was defeated by a vote of 8 to 13.

CITY PARK AND LIBRARY BILLS PASS SENATE

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate passed two bills under which cities of the second and third classes will be empowered to vote special levies for the maintenance of parks and public libraries.

Senator Blodgett's bill, enacting a special statute under which the ballot boxes and poll books used at the primary elections may be utilized by grand juries in seeking proof of primary election frauds, passed the Senate without a dissenting vote.

Capitol Bills Postponed.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate postponed consideration of the bill providing for reducing the state levy for paying the bonds incurred by the state in building the new state capitol from 2 to 1 per cent. Lawyers of the Senate attacked the bill on the ground that the levy is fixed by the constitution and cannot be changed by the legislature.

Bill to Buy Bridges Engrossed.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate engrossed a bill under which cities and counties or the State Highway Commission may make arrangement for the purchase or lease of bridges over large streams where tolls are now charged and convert the same into free bridges.

Wing Appointment Confirmed.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The Senate confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Alice Curtis Moyer, Wing of Greenville as State Industrial Inspector. Confirming Mrs. Wing was postponed because she had twelve Democratic inspectors on her staff.

\$22; over 72 horse-power, \$26. Motorcycles will pay \$4 and those with sidecars will pay \$5.

SENATE PASSES CORPORATION FRANCHISE BILL, UNCHANGED
Jefferson City, Mo.—In the fact of the direct demand by the Governor in his special message to the Legislature, that there be no definition of surplus to relieve corporations from paying corporation franchise tax on their total assets, Senator Gray called the bill up for passage and it was passed by the Senate.

Writes Finis to Guffey's Career

Wall Street Once More Puts Her Quietus on Man Who Was Too Ambitious.

HIS STORY IS SENSATIONAL

Nephew of Colonel Guffey, Who Made and Lost Many Fortunes, Himself Did Some Very Spectacular Things With Oil Stocks.

New York.—When the directors resigned the other day and the Tidewater Oil company, a Standard Oil subsidiary, thus got control of the Guffey-Gillespie Oil company, insiders knew Wall Street once more had written "finis" to the career of a man who "bit off more than he could chew."

The victim was Joe Guffey, more formally Joseph F. Guffey of Pittsburgh, and fully described thus: President of the Guffey-Gillespie Oil company, with leases covering 220,000 acres in the Mid-Continent and Texas fields.

President of the Atlantic Gulf Oil corporation, controlled by the Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies Steamship lines and operating around Tampico.

President of the Columbia syndicate, controlled by Guffey-Gillespie and "Agwi" and owning a million acres of oil lands along the Magdalena river in South America.

Director of Reliance Life Insurance company, and several Pittsburgh banks.

Democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, promoter and "angel" of A. Mitchell Palmer's last presidential boom.

Former director of sales for the alien property custodian.

Uncle Lost Many Fortunes.
Back of this announcement lies a story seldom equaled in American business and political biography. It parallels the story of another Guffey of a preceding generation. For Joe Guffey is a nephew of old Col. James M. Guffey, also of Pittsburgh, said to have made and lost more fortunes in oil than any other person in the United States.

By 1919, when the partnership was reorganized as the Guffey-Gillespie Oil company, it had become one of the largest in the midcontinent field. In addition, Guffey & Gillespie, with other Pittsburghers, acquired 125,000 acres of oil lands in Colombia, and the Columbia syndicate was formed.

Then "Agwi" entered the Mexican field, organized the Atlantic Gulf Oil company, and elected Guffey president.

Boosted Stock to \$30.
Last summer Guffey found the bears out gunning for Guffey-Gillespie stock, although it had earned \$9 a share the year before. Guffey began the fight which ended Tuesday in total defeat. Putting in almost every dollar he had and borrowing \$2,000,000, he formed a pool to "peg" the stock with New York and Pittsburgh friends.

Late in February Guffey's pool tried to rout the bears and boosted the stock from 22 to 30. The effort exhausted his strength, and the bears, buying in New York and selling by wire in Pittsburgh, flooded the latter market. When the price reached 20 the Pittsburgh banks called their loans.

The Tidewater Oil company took over the stock held as collateral and bought enough more to give it voting control. Guffey, Gillespie and the old directors attempted to fight for places in the reorganized company. Tidewater asked for their resignations, and called for a receiver.

THIS MAKES MR. HAYS HAPPY

His Policy of Humanizing the Postoffice Department Results in Saving a Woman's Life.

Washington.—Postmaster Will H. Hays probably is the happiest man in Washington today. His slogan "Humanize the Postoffice Department" has been carried out to what appears to be the limit. Here is the story:

In a little Nebraska farmhouse a woman lay dying for lack of medical attention. The nearest physician was Dr. Selby at North Platte. True, North Platte was only two miles away, but between the dying woman and the physician was the South Platte river, flooded to a raging torrent that had swept away every bridge near and far.

Dr. Selby had telephoned to every town within a radius of twenty miles.

Elixir of Youth Found in Chicago

Decrepit Old John Shebec Took But One Dose and Did Some Great Stunts.

GLIMPSE OF "DICK'S" STAR

Senie Cripple Overtook Trolley Car and Would Have Defeated Police Driver if the Street Crows Had Not Hampered Him.

Chicago.—John Shebec, who is 67 years old, discovered the elixir of youth the other day. Before taking he was stooped, lame, decrepit, hopelessly senile. After one dose he was able to hop a speeding street car, outrance a flivver, and stand on his car. Mr. Shebec was first observed by Detective Sergeants Bierndt and Janiczak at Western avenue and Madison street. He was limping.

"Give me a quarter for carfare,"

Keeping the Czech and Magyar Apart



Only at certain hours on Sunday may persons cross this bridge, and then under strict supervision, for it is the bridge between Hungary and Czechoslovakia, over the Donau river, at Estergom, Hungary.

PROFITEERS ANGER TRAVELERS

Extortion Practiced in Paris Arouses Americans.

French Authorities Tell Them the Remedy is in Their Own Hands.

Paris.—The effect of the high cost of living in Paris upon tourist trade, as indicated by the growing frequency of complaints of extortion by Americans visiting France, is occupying the attention of the government.

The authorities hold that the tourists have the cure largely in their own hands, exaggerated prices being due in large part to indiscriminate spending by visitors, aided by the spendthrift tendency of French profiteers.

It is admitted that abuses practiced in amusement resorts, where meals, wine and dancing are provided, have their effect upon prices in gen-

eral, but how to correct that evil without discouraging the most profitable trade is a question.

Undersecretary of State Painsant, discussing the question with Americans, proposes publicity as a remedy. He has invited American visitors to join in a protest which will be published in the Paris press, and he also will take up personally individual cases of extortion brought to his attention.

The most frequent causes of complaint are charges for lodgings in hotels and apartments. Mr. Painsant told the Americans he had decided to ask the papers to publish their rates in the papers. This remedy would not, however, affect apartments, which are the subject of profiteering on a scale hitherto unknown.

There are very few unfurnished apartments to let, according to the real estate agencies; as fast as vacated by tenants, they are transformed into furnished apartments and

Heavenly Dust Cloud of Vast Bulk Is Found

London.—Dr. A. Pannekeek, a Dutch scientist, has been demonstrating the existence of an inconceivably vast object in the heavens. Its mass, he says, is 20,000,000,000 times greater than that of the sun. He calls it a celestial gas or dust cloud. Doctor Pannekeek says this huge body is situated in the constellation of Taurus and his estimate of its size is greater than many estimates of the combined mass of the whole universe itself.

At each turn it was the same disheartening story—bridges gone and no way of fording the turbulent waters.

Just when all hope seemed gone, Dr. Selby remembered something. Somewhere he had read that the postmaster general was "humanizing" the postoffice department. He rushed to the telephone and asked C. A. Sluder, manager of the air mail field at North Platte, to take him across the river in an airplane.

"Sorry," said Sluder, "but I couldn't without getting authority from Washington first."

"But the woman is dying," the physician urged.

"In that case," replied Sluder, "we will take you first and get the authority afterward."

So it was that the life of a woman in an humble Nebraska farmhouse was saved just because the postoffice department has been humanized. And so it is that Postmaster General Hays is probably the happiest man in Washington.

"You old rascal, I just gave you carfare," shouted the man.

"Alas," quoth Bierndt, "come with me."

He exhibited his star. One casual glance at the glittering elixir worked a marvellous transformation. It penetrated the ancient's system instantaneously and invigorated his feet with a zest for voyage.

The next instant Shebec was ten yards away. The instant after that he was scarcely discernible for dust.

"Holy haste!" exclaimed Bierndt. "That guy's exceeding the speed limit. What he needs is a pair of brakes."

The detectives jumped into their flivver and tore after the vanishing Shebec. About a block ahead was a street car, traveling at the rate of numerous miles per hour. It saw the ancient chasing it and tried to get away.

"Too Durned Slow."

No use! With an easy leap Shebec had achieved the step. Then he looked behind him and saw that the police flivver was making better time than the street car.

"You're too durned slow," said he to the conductor—and off he jumped. The particular section of the metropolis into which the ancient leaped was a bit populated. The abundant citizenry impeded his progress and made straight running impossible. In the zigzagging which ensued the flivver had time to catch up and Shebec was apprehended. In his pockets were found twenty \$1 bills and about \$5 in coins.

"I think I'll enter that bird in the Indianapolis sweepstakes next year," said Bierndt at the station. "He runs without gas and never has tire trouble. He's the fastest thing I ever saw in pants."

either let at rentals of from 300 to 1,000 per cent higher than the average before the war for furnished apartments of the same class, or rented at an increase of 200 to 300 per cent above the average for unfurnished apartments, with the proviso that the tenant buy the furniture at excessive figures.

Wool Clip of West.
Winnipeg, Man.—The wool clip for western Canada this year will be in the neighborhood of 5,000,000 pounds. Alberta's wool clip is estimated at 2,200,000, which is about the same as last year. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia are expected to contribute about 3,000,000 pounds to the total.

\$30,000 Home for White Rats.
New York.—A \$30,000 home for white rats will soon be erected by the Wistar Institute of Anatomy. The building will be entirely devoted to the housing of the thousands of rodents kept by the institute for biological research work.

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