

FOR AN INCOME TAX.

The Senate Favors a Two Per Cent Income Tax Levy on All Incomes of \$5,000 or Over.

Senator McAllister's bill to require all clubs to pay the regular saloon license to state, county and city has caused some anxiety around the state capitol. There are two such clubs in Jefferson City, and they are known as Sunday life saving stations. The bill provides that no clubs shall be allowed to sell liquor on Sundays and the passage and enforcement of this law would make a finish for the "life saving stations."

At the present time it can be safely stated that there will be no legislation that will curtail the privileges of the devotees of baseball, professional and otherwise, as to playing the great national game on Sunday. There are several bills prohibiting baseball on Sunday, but they are slumbering peacefully in the committee.

The house has passed the bill requiring saloons to close on Sunday, on days of general election, and nightly from midnight until 5 o'clock in the morning.

The following bills have been ordered engrossed: To require railroads to cut weeds and brush along their right of way. Providing for the improvement of public roads by dragging. Prohibiting the formation of pools, trusts and combinations, and making their format on a felony.

The senate has engrossed the income tax constitutional amendment introduced by Senator Avery. The engrossment was ordered in face of an adverse report by the committee. It provides for a tax of 2 per cent on all incomes of more than \$5,000 a year, the money to be used for roads and streets, and to be divided as the school fund is divided, according to the number of school children in each school district. The bill undoubtedly will be killed.

The anti tipping and the anti cigarette bills have been re-enforced by the anti-treating bill. If it becomes a law it will be a misdemeanor to take Gladys, Lillian or any of the other girls to a drug store and buy them a plain soda, just because drug stores carry intoxicating liquors in stock. Nor will you be allowed to give away a cigar to any person in a place where intoxicating liquors are sold. You can buy all you want yourself, but there must be nothing in the entertaining line.

The house committee that investigated the Kansas City stock yard's management made their report. The report finds that in the last six years the company sold 14,004 bushels of corn and 15 million pounds of hay more than it bought. It asserts that the company mulct-d the farmers and shippers out of money they paid for this feed. The committee recommends a bonded weighmaster; a reduction in commission charges, and a law regulating weights and charges.

A joint and concurrent resolution has been introduced in the house, providing for an inheritance tax for educational and road purposes. The per cent of taxation is to be graded by the relationship.

A bill which prohibits treating or giving away liquor to any person on any general election day, has been adopted by the house. The penalty is a fine ranging from \$10 to \$50.

The first house bill adopted by the senate was the bill to make the minimum term of school in the public schools of the state eight months. The bill provides that whenever a levy of 40 cents on the \$100 valuation of property in a district, together with the district's share of the state school money will furnish means for an eight months' term, the board must provide for such term, or lose the district's share of the state school fund.

The senate has killed the 7 per cent interest bill. Under the present law it is lawful for persons to contract for a rate of interest as high as 8 per cent. This bill proposed to cut down the legal rate to 7 per cent. It has been before every legislature of our state for the past dozen years, but never before came as near passing the senate as it did on Tuesday last. It lacked but one vote of passing.

Again has the Democratic house defeated a recommendation made by Governor Folk. The anti-pass bill was put upon its final passage on Wednesday last, and failed to carry, not receiving the constitutional vote. Representative Glick voted against the bill.

Representative Biggs, of Schuyler county, will introduce another bill, and another trial had on the question.

The house committee on private corporations have agreed to report favorably the bill to prohibit express companies from issuing money orders in this state. The measure was backed by the state bankers' association.

Seven hundred and eighty bills have thus far been introduced in the house, or about 100 more than were introduced in the 1905 session.

On Thursday last, the senate passed the Jim Crow bill. This bill provides for separate coaches for negroes and whites.

The house has engrossed the bill providing for the nomination of candidates for United States senator at the general election in November. Governor Folk

wanted the senator to be chosen at a regular primary to be held in September.

The house has passed the bill requiring all railroads doing business within the state to incorporate under the laws of Missouri. A similar bill is likely to be reported favorably by the senate committee.

The bill amending the collateral inheritance tax law has failed of passage in the house. The bill sought to authorize a person to bequeath to any private educational institution a sum equal to that which would be collected from his estate as collateral inheritance tax. The tax now goes to the state university.

The senate has passed a bill to allow juries in murder trials, when they find the defendant guilty, to say whether the punishment shall be by hanging or imprisonment for life. If it becomes a law there will doubtless be more convictions where the jury can order life imprisonment.

So pestiferous has become the lobby appearing on the very floor of the house and to the seats of its members, that the speaker was compelled to administer a strong rebuke, and instructed the sergeant-at-arms that such persons must be excluded from the floor of the house.

The Freight Rate Bill.

Since the house killed the Speer maximum freight rate bill the Democratic members who voted against it have been roundly censured by many of the leading newspapers of the state. They are chafing under this criticism and they are busy explaining their vote—but they say we will pass the Huck bill which gives the railroad commissioners power to promulgate freight rates. This is just what the railroads want, for it is well known that the railroad commissioners of Missouri have been noted for their failure to fix any freight rate which the railroads objected. Two of the three commissioners are ex-railroad men. Most of the farmers and shippers have virtually abandoned trying to get relief through the railroad commission. The reason can be found in the freight rate cases that the attorney general is prosecuting in the federal courts. He found as a rule the rates made by the board are not much higher than those made by the railroads in noncompeting territory, but in competing territory the railroads charge about half as much as the railroad commissioners consider to be reasonable rates. The Burlington does not have to make a competitive rate from Bevier, but the rate on coal from Bevier to Kansas City fixed by the commissioners is \$1.35 per ton. The rate actually charged by that company is 60 cents per ton. Unionville is not a competing point, but the current rate fixed by the commission from Kansas City to Unionville is \$1.60 per ton, while the Burlington disregards the rate and makes the haul for \$1.20 per ton. St. Joseph is a competing point. The commission fixes the charge of \$1.20 per ton for flour and salt and the Burlington and Missouri Pacific makes the rate at \$1.00 for flour and 50 cents for salt. The commission made a rate on lumber from Kansas City to St. Joseph that is exactly double the rate fixed by the railroads. These are simply samples of rates made by the board, and is why the railroads want the power to fix rates left with the board which is composed of railroad sympathizers. The present board is said to be preparing a new rate schedule, but there are no signs of anxiety in railroad circles about them. Another bill however will likely be introduced by Representative Speer, which will limit the coal schedule, and we can only hope for its passage. Better have no law at all, than place the power of rate making in the hands of the railroad commission.

Bulls for Sale.

I have for sale, near Oregon, Mo., one aged pedigree Red Polled Bull and a few thoroughbred and high grade Red Polled Bull calves fit for breeders.

T. C. DUNGAN.

For Sale

80 acres of good land, 2 1/4 miles northwest of Oregon, known as the Widow Meek's farm. For particulars, apply to JOHN MEEK, Forest City, Mo.

IDEN'S LAKE HOUSE

At Big Lake, Missouri.

T. E. BENIGHT

having leased this popular resort, extends a cordial invitation to the public and all who desire rest and recreation and the best fishing in the state, to call and see him. Mr. Benight is a first class cook, and while he may not do the cooking in person, will oversee that everything is prepared in a first class manner. Bigelow, Mo., is the postoffice address, and any information in regard to rates will be promptly answered.

Hacks Meet All Trains at Bigelow

Mr. Iden makes this change in order that his wife and self may obtain a much needed rest, but at the same time he will be there to go fishing with his old friends. Everything first class.

T. E. BENIGHT, Bigelow, Mo.

Cause of Deficit.

If the postoffice department were given credit for all the service it renders the government, the deficit in postal receipts would be practically eliminated, according to the report of the house committee on postoffice and postroads on the postoffice appropriation bill which has been submitted to the house.

The committee estimates that it is fair to assume \$5,000,000 worth of mail is carried for the government annually without credit to the postoffice department. The deficit in this department for the year 1906 was \$10,516,996, and the committee estimates that this could be entirely covered if it were possible to compute the amount of mail franked by federal officials in all parts of the country, in addition to the amount of free mail going out of Washington. The report does not attempt to estimate the actual amount of cut in pay to railroads for carrying the mail, but is generally believed the reduction will aggregate \$10,000,000.

Remember Your Dead.

Relatives and friends of the following named ex-Union soldiers, now deceased are notified that suitable grave stones to mark their last resting place have arrived and are at the T. C. Dungan warehouse and may be had by calling for them, and paying to H. E. Denny, the sum of 15 cents, to defray the expense of bringing them to this city. They are requested to get these stones and place them at the graves of the departed. This should be done at once.

John W. Balfrey, Jas. B. Curry, Levi Crouser, Jno. Gregg, Herman Watson, Jno. McKnight, Matnew Pendergast, Josiah Carroll, H. J. Phelps, Rob't Coleman, E. P. Hostetter, A. C. Ware, J. W. Mapel, S. P. Dooley, Geo. W. Huatt, W. R. Vining, A. Thornhill, Thos. Dobbins, J. M. Noland, Thos. Balfrey.

Samuel Cooper, D. P. DOBYNS, Commander Meyer Post.

Obituary.

Died at his residence in Fortescue, Mo., Dec. 30th, 1906, William Jasper Williams, of dropsy—result of liver trouble and ulcer of the stomach, aged 52 years, 3 months and 3 days.

The subject of this sketch was born in Audrain county, Missouri, Sept. 27th, 1854. When a youth, his family moved to Mercer county, Missouri, and about the year 1880, Mr. Williams and his brother, Caleb, and sister, Mrs. John Stroud, moved to Holt county. He was married to Miss Luccetta A. Whipple, October 5th, 1882, and to this union were born three sons and two daughters. Viz: Alfred, James, Annie, wife of George Goins; Vista Olive and Amos Ralph. All of the children are living and residing at home with their mother, except Annie, who resides with her husband at Forest City. The remains were laid to rest in Elm Grove cemetery, Dec. 31st, 1906, followed by a large concourse of friends. Mr. Williams had been a sufferer from above named diseases for the past three years. He was treated by Drs. J. L. and J. R. Minton, who at times neglected other patients in order to be near him in case of an emergency. Mr. Williams had been tapped seven times and 50 gallons of water taken from him. The pallbearers were W. H. Lowe, John H. C. Hinkle, H. R. Stuart, H. C. Hines, Angelo Wake, Wm. Wagner. X.

Benton.

—Ed. Andler made his brother Gerald, a short visit this week.

—J. W. King has been with his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Staley, a few days this week.

—O. P. Babb passed through this neighborhood helping Jasper Radley move.

—Mrs. Gerald Andler and children spent the day with Mrs. J. M. Staley last Tuesday.

—Max Babb was in our neighborhood this week, looking for a place for the coming season.

—Mr. Wicker, who lives on the old Radley place, will live in the house on Walter Staley's place, the coming year.

—Edith Frazier is visiting her friend, Gertrude Knepper, at Skidmore. She expects to visit her cousin, Blanche Morgan, at College Springs, Ia., before returning home.

—Gale Emerson, who runs the engine for Dr. E. M. Miller's hay baler, had a very narrow escape from death, or at least from being seriously injured last Friday. He had planked the bridge across the drainage ditch below Mound City, and started across, when more than half way over, the bridge went down, carrying engine and engineer to the bottom, about 20 feet. Strange to say, he escaped without a scratch or bruise and no damage to the engine, excepting a bent shaft. He managed to dodge the banister as it fell and only missed his head by a few inches.

Truth.

—Mrs. C. A. Doughty met with a very unfortunate accident at her home last Wednesday morning. While sweeping the back steps, she slipped and fell, fracturing both bones of her right arm near the wrist. Dr. Kaltenbach reduced the fracture and Mrs. Cora Sempf is down from Fairfax helping to care for her. —Craig Mirror.

Where Is Your Girl?

Faking for is topic, "The Blessings and Curse of Wealth and Home," Rev. Dr. A. W. Blodgett, at the North Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Pittsburg, Penn. Sunday last, made the Thaw case the topic of an extraordinary sermon. "Wealth need not be a corrupter of morals," he said. "It is the vulgarity of it that the world recoils from. This country is reading of the tragic scenes in the court of justice in New York with intense interest."

"Pittsburg is deeply interested. Here on the streets of Allegheny the poor wife of the chief actor played when she was a girl. Across the river the husband now on trial for the murder of a man in New York. The revelations of whose life make you shudder with horror, spent his boyhood days. They both came from respectable families. One knew what poverty was—hunger for bread—the other, when a mere lad, spent enough money in a year to keep a dozen families. They both go wrong."

"One seemingly by the cruel hand of fate, the other through love that was blinded. All our hearts bleed for them. Will the fathers and mothers of this and other cities take any warning?"

"We sing, 'Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?' but where is your girl? At the place of amusement, then decayed into some gilded studio—then sorrow and a life worse than hell. No higher virtue should be demanded of women than of man. The same code of ethics should apply to both."

"A treacherous scoundrel of a man, poor or rich, should have the same treatment as the abandoned woman. Poor Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is not the only girl that has been ruined as she was."

"In the outcome of the trial of Harry Thaw, the reckless and unfortunate boy of one of our most respected homes, millions are arrested. What of the outcome of the laws and lasses not grown to manhood and womanhood? Hearts are still to be broken and homes made desolate and some of them may be yours."

"No state can rise higher than the home, and no church can be more influential than the firesides from which its members come. The warning voice that comes to us over the clicking wires and the cold type of the press is: 'Have a jealous care of your boys and girls. Restriction is far better than unlicensed liberty, and a morsel with purity better than wealth with infamy.'"

—There will be an entertainment at Chambers school house, Friday evening, February 15.

—Miss Lillian Price, who is taking a special course in music at Warrensburg, is at home on a visit.

—Miss Lottie Williams, who is the teacher of the Culp school, has recently added 30 volumes to the school library at that place.

—"Uncle Jacob" Lewis, one of the best of the old colored men of this place, died Thursday, February 14, 1907, aged about 75 years.

—W. H. Van Vickie, the teacher of the Walker school, situated west of Fortescue, has established a very nice library for his school.

—I have some pretty new scarfs in the striped silks, going to be popular for spring wear; chiffon veil, etc.

Mrs. NETHERLAND.

—James Elder, who had quite a siege with kidney trouble, having been confined to the house for several weeks, is now able to be up town, and it is hoped he is now on the permanent road to recovery.

—The Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church, will give an entertainment Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no admission charged, but a collection will be taken for missions. All are cordially invited to attend.

—County School Commissioner, A. R. Coburn, forwarded this week to the clerks of all school districts in Holt county, school supplies for the year. Any clerk failing to receive these supplies, should notify him at once.

—Matt Gelvin and Oren Gelvin, who lost so heavily on the 2d inst., from the destruction of their home by fire, are firmly convinced that this is a good old world we live in, for their neighbors and friends have been overwhelming them with acts of kindness, since their misfortune, and they tell us to thus gratefully acknowledge these acts through our columns.

—The Choir and Organ Guild of the First M. E. church gave a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Graham, 101 North Fifteenth street, Friday night, February 1, 1907. A pleasing feature of the evening was the unique manner in which the women served luncheon to the men. The rooms were beautifully decorated with autumn foliage, the library in red and green, and the dining room banked with ferns. After luncheon, an informal musical program was given by Mrs. Fannie Louise Reed and Miss Elsie Barnes. Miss Barnes is the pianist of the First M. E. church. Her rendition of an etude by Wollenhaupt gave much pleasure. Mrs. Reed, who is a pupil of Carl Bach, of New York City, gave three selections, a Romanza, a Nocturne and a Caprice. Rare musical temperament was displayed in their performance, her interpretation of the heavy passages being excellent. Forty-five guests were present.—St. Joseph Gazette.

—Wanted—Good girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. T. C. Dungan, Oregon, Mo.

—Shauck Smith of Forest City, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Charles Dawson, of South St. Joseph.

—Mrs. Don Morgan, of Forbes, came up Wednesday evening for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Castle.

—Lawrence Kaucher, Assistant Chief Clerk, R. M. S., was in Oregon on a brief business trip, Wednesday of this week.

—Charles Bunker, of the Fitts Bunker Mercantile Co., has returned from the markets, after buying his spring stock of goods.

—Mrs. Netherland is in Kansas City, making her purchases of new spring millinery, and studying the very latest in styles of hats, etc.

—It is understood that Prof. A. R. Coburn will be a candidate for reelection as county school commissioner at the coming spring election.

—Dr. Netherland's Veterinary Hospital 7th and Charles, St. Joseph, Mo., will answer all calls to Oregon and Forest City and surrounding country.

—Mr and Mrs. John Imboden, of Graham, Mo., were visiting with Mr. Imboden's sister, Mrs. J. A. Milne, of Forbes township, the past week.

—Ladies, don't forget the American Beauty Corset—you will need a new one soon. Sold only by

Mrs. NETHERLAND.

—Harry Hasness is in St. Louis, making his purchases for his new spring stock, and in a few weeks, the side walks around his store building will look like a box factory.

—Oakley Morris has been a very sick child from pneumonia the past week, and a professional nurse was called Monday to take charge. His aunt, Mrs. Neva Nicholson, of Omaha, is also here at his bedside to assist his mother in caring for him. Oakley is one of the dear, good lads of our little city, and a universal favorite, and all pray for a speedy recovery.

OREGON LECTURE COURSE, 1906-1907,

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—Bruce Plummer living in the Oakland district is a student in our school here, and on Saturday evening last, he most graciously entertained a number of his school mates at his home. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer made it exceedingly pleasant for the young people, and the evening was delightfully passed with games, music and sparkling conversation, and enjoyable refreshments were served. The crowd that was there, all say they are open for another invitation from Bruce, as it will be repeated.

—Mrs. A. R. Coburn barely escaped being burned to death on Wednesday evening of this week. By mistake of some one in filling her order, for coal oil, gasoline was substituted for coal oil, and when she started her fire Wednesday evening, she poured some gasoline into the stove, supposing of course it was coal oil—a match started the trouble—an explosion, and Mrs. Coburn lost her eye lashes and her bangs, and Coburn is thankful to Him on high that it was no worse—a miraculous escape.

—"Squire Jacob King and wife were called to St. Joseph, this week, by the sickness and death of their little four-year-old grand son, Glenwood King, son of John and Nettie King, the little fellow dying from meningitis, Monday, February 11, 1907, and the remains were brought here for interment, the body arriving here Tuesday, evening on the Willicia train, and the funeral was held Wednesday, February 13, from the home of the grandparents, conducted by Rev. T. J. Eneyart, pastor of the M. E. church. The parents have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends, in their sad hour of bereavement.

—Rural mail carriers and old soldiers will have reason to remember with kindly feelings the present session of congress. A bill has already become a law, raising the pensions of a large number of the soldiers of the civil war. And recently a bill passed the senate, providing for a raise of \$10 per month in the salaries of rural mail carriers. As the present salary is \$730 per annum, this new measure, when it becomes a law, as it will without doubt, will give the carriers \$840 per year. It is very probable that their pay will be increased to \$900 per annum. There are a number of old veterans here who will be advanced to the pension increase of \$12 per month by reason of being 62 years of age and under 70. George Fryman is 70 years of age; Alex Gentry, 72; Jacob Mark, 70; Alex Reel, 73; Dan Thornton, 70 and August Weigel, 72; these will be advanced to \$15 per month. George Adolph is 77 and C. P. Bartram, 79; Jacob Kinsley, 89; E. W. Headley, 77, and they are the oldest of the members of Meyer Post here, and they will be advanced to the \$20 per month list.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of Jacob Limpp, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 8th day of February, 1907, by the Probate Court of Holt County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred.

EDWARD PINKSTON, Administrator.

This 15th day of February, 1907.

NOW THE BRACELET COCKTAIL.

Another Fascinating Vision of Metropolitan Life.

The cocktail bracelet is the latest for women. There are fashionable women of this city who wear bracelets on their wrists which sometimes contain a Martini dry or a Manhattan, says a New York correspondent. The bracelets have one drawback, it is said, and that is they will not accommodate the cherry that goes with the fairy cocktail. The other night a Pittsburg attorney observed a woman of fashion place her lips to her bracelet. He thought that she was paying tribute to her own loveliness, but learned later she was merely refreshing her inner self with a mixture of cordials. The nip contained in a bracelet cocktail is so small that it cannot be called a drink, but a cocktail it is, nevertheless. Of course, the bracelet is hollow. If large enough it holds three thimblefuls of ready-made cocktail, and pressure on an almost invisible spring permits the fluid to trickle through a tiny hole in the gold shell, which is almost too small to be seen. With one of those graceful movements which appear to be natural with a woman, the drink may be imbibed without fear of detection. A Broadway goldsmith sells numbers of the bracelets every week, and as most of the purchasers prefer secrecy in connection with the transaction they pay a pretty penny for the dubsously useful trinkets.

FOR AN OLD-TIME ROOM.

Articles Were Just the Thing Miss M. Was Looking For.

They were at a utility table at a charity bazaar, and everybody seemed to ignore them—to consider them, probably, only ugly little bands of white crocheted cotton, with a cord running through the scalloped edge on one side—but when Miss M. discovered them among a pile of iron holders and dust cloths she bought them without even asking the price, and in her joy at getting them would probably have paid \$5 for them as readily as she did 50 cents.

"Just what I have wanted for ages," she sighed with satisfaction, as she hugged her little bundle close to her side and departed with her hum.

"What are they—wash rags?" "Hushers."

"What are they?" demanded her friend.

"Easily telling you're not from New England," replied Miss M., who then explained the mission of hushers. "They slip over the edges of soap dishes and other articles of the washstand furnishing, and, as their name suggests, deaden all noise. They are so quaint and oldtimey, and will give just the finishing touch to my colonial bedroom."

New England Sheep Ranches.

A new use has been discovered for the abandoned farms of New England, so that even if the free alcohol visions do not materialize, the farmers of this section may still have the possibility of fortune making before them. In 1905 a corporation was organized for the promoting of sheep growing through this section, and in two years about 6,000 animals have been imported and leased to the farmers of the state. An educational campaign as to the rearing of sheep has also been conducted through the state and three headquarters ranches have been in operation for the demonstration of the possibility of this branch of the farming industry. The results are said to have been successful. There has been a considerable distribution of sheep, and profits have been earned by the company. If it provides a new means of income from some of the deserted bush-overgrown hillsides and pastures of abandoned farms in New England, it deserves to be encouraged.—Haverhill Gazette.

Origin of "Piccadilly."

A new theory as to the origin of "Piccadilly" was put forward by Archdeacon Bickersteth about 40 years ago, says the London Chronicle. He had discovered a Piccadilly among the Chilterns, the central one of three conical hills near Ivinghoe, and he learned that this hill had at one time been known also as Peaked Hill. Might not London's Piccadilly likewise be a peaked hill. No doubt the hill in Piccadilly is not remarkably peaky, but then the same thing might be said of the Derbyshire peak itself. There is another Piccadilly near Aberystwith, and yet another near Bolton. But in the provinces one almost suspects borrowing from London in such cases. There are Hyde Park Corners in provincial towns that have no Hyde Park to justify them.

Equity.

Until recently there was a partnership existing between two dark blacksmiths in an Alabama town. The dissolution of this association was made known by a notice nailed upon the door of the smithy, which notice ran as follows:

"The kopartnership heretofore existing between me and Mose Jenkins is hereby resolved. All persons owing the firm will settle with me, and all persons that the firm owes will settle with Mose."—Harper's Weekly.

Paying for Speed.

"It costs more to live than it used to," remarked the economist.

"Yes," answered the energetic man, "but think of how much more business you can transact in a given time and the corresponding results you can get out of life."