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SOLONS CUT NEVADA TAX RATE 4 CENTS

Last Minute Bill Reduces State Levy; Governor Approves Appropriation Bill and Many Others.

A new tax rate bill was written and passed just before the close of the Nevada legislative session Friday which lowers the state tax rate four cents from its 1928 figures, according to the Carson City News.

The levies as finally adopted are as follows:

Year 1929	
General	23.5
Contingent university	.09
University public service	.02
State farm bureau	.01
University, permanent bldg.	.02
Consolidated bond interest and redemption	.075
State distributive school fund	.11
Teachers' retirement salary	.005
State treasury deficiency	.025
Highway maintenance	.05
Total	.64
Year 1930	
General	24
Contingent university	.09
University public service	.02
University permanent bldg.	.02
State farm bureau	.01
Consolidated bond interest and redemption	.07
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Four cents Lower

The state rate is accordingly four cents lower than the 68-cent rate of 1928, and five and one-half cents lower than the sixty-nine and one-half cent rate that Governor Balzar at the beginning of the session estimated would be necessary, says the News.

"Much of the reduction in state tax rate, despite salary increases voted by the legislature was made possible through favorable action by congress on the Nevada civil war claim bill. Through redemption of the \$380,000 irredeemable bond issue with war claim money the state will be relieved of an annual interest item of nineteen thousand dollars. Use of \$60,000 of the war claim fund in making repairs on the state buildings will also hold the state tax rate down.

Also, the state treasury deficiency levy was cut from five to two and one-half cents. By leasing the state building to the city of Reno the state transfers the cost of upkeep of the "white elephant," to the advantage of the taxpayers of Nevada counties other than Washoe."

Governor Signs Bills

Governor Balzar is at work on the bills passed by the legislature just adjourned. Among bills he has approved are the following:

The general appropriation bill.

Bills providing salary increases for capitol janitors and deputies in state offices.

The bill providing for the sinking of wells on the state prison farm and the orphans' home property.

Bill authorizing sale of the prison farm and purchase of another and more suitable tract.

Measure providing for repairs to capitol, orphans' home, and governor's mansion.

Bill authorizing repairs to asylum buildings.

Bill creating Colorado river commission of three members.

Bill making appropriation for relief of Colorado river commission.

Bill for relief of George W. Malone, for expenses on Colorado river and Boulder dam work.

Measure empowering state board of paroles to parole prisoners confined in county jails.

VEGAS STREET LAYOUT LAUDED

The layout of Las Vegas' streets impressed L. Mosbach of Toledo, Ohio, very favorably, he stated this morning during a visit at the Chamber of Commerce offices. The City Planning Commission of this city is to be congratulated on its foresight in laying out its streets wide enough now so that the situations of several cities will not recur here, he said.

In Detroit, for instance, there is a project for a new rapid transit under the city, which will cost \$85,000,000, to relieve the terrible congestion of traffic.

Also, in many eastern cities it has been necessary to cut through fronts of buildings and even cut churches in two to widen streets.

The fact that there are blue skies to be seen here instead of the smoky skies of the industrial east, also had commendation from Mosbach.

HANSON FINED \$100

H. C. Hanson paid \$100 into the city treasury yesterday for possession of liquor at his home in Block 11.

GRAF ZEPPELIN FINISHES TRIP

FRIDRICHSHAFEN, Mar. 28. (AP)—The dirigible Graf Zeppelin returned to its base here, completing a voyage of three and a half days, covering five thousand miles to the Holy Land and return.

U. S. STATUS OF BUZZ QUESTION

That Buzz Morrison's status as an American citizen may be in doubt, following his release on American soil after his having been a prisoner of the Mexican rebels for a week, is intimated in statements of American consular officials after his landing in the United States.

Morrison, who was captured while flying a federal plane in Mexico, waived any right to protection by his government when he enlisted as a Mexican federal aviator. It was stated in the American consular offices, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The former Las Vegas flyer was treated more as a guest than as a prisoner of war by the rebels, and is said to have been returned to American soil by a special train.

"Wouldn't have missed it," said Euzz, "but I'm sure glad to get back into the U. S. A."

FEDERALS TAKE REBEL OUTPOST

TUCSON, Mar. 28. (AP)—In a brief fight the Mexican federal troops captured a small rebel outpost across the international line from Sasabe, Arizona, the U. S. Immigration office announced.

Sasabe is thirty miles west of Nogales, rebel stronghold and headquarters.

Apparent evacuation of the town of Jimenez, Chihuahua, is reported by federal airmen. Insurgents are reported proceeding northward in the direction of the rebel stronghold, Chihuahua, and the government are now looking for a battle at the strong strategic point of Bachimba Pass. The rebels, on the other hand, declared a battle was expected at Jimenez, denying the retreat report.

At Naco, Sonora, federals threatened to start "some activity" themselves if the rebels did not soon start their long threatened attack.

Governor Rodriguez, of Lower California, denied that Mexican troops had marched through United States territory.

EASTER SERVICE PROGRAM GIVEN

The community Easter Sunrise service will be held at 5:45 Sunday morning on the hill on North Fifth street, by the Old Ranch, it has been announced.

The program will be as follows: Trumpeter—Thomas Martin. Hymn—Congregation. Prayer—C. S. Reynolds, Methodist church.

Hymn—Methodist Men's choir. Instrumental duet—Trombone: Eldon Larson; cornet: Ronald Stewart, both of L. D. S. church. Quartet—L. D. S. church. Cornet solo—Thomas Martin. Eastern message—Chas. Sloan, Baptist church. Benediction—Bishop Bunker, L. D. S. church.

POWER COMPANY HEARINGS SET

The application of the Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation and the Nevada-California Power Company for certificates of present or future public convenience or necessity, will be heard by a member of the Public Service Commission of Nevada Friday, April 12 at the court house.

The application of the Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation will be heard first and after that the Nevada-California Power Company will be heard.

OIL DRILLING TO START SOON AT ARDEN

A complete oil drilling outfit, which will be used near Arden in prospecting for oil by the Henderson company of Los Angeles, arrived in Las Vegas this week, and will be taken to the scene of operations soon.

STOCK PRICES RALLY

NEW YORK, Mar. 28. (AP)—Call money became more plentiful and stock prices rallied in vigorous fashion today, with extreme gains of four to nineteen dollars.

SCHOOL BOND MONEY! What Became Of It?

The Age has noted some slight opposition to voting bonds for High School purposes at the election next Saturday. Not much, but some.

That opposition was voiced in the inquiry, "What became of the money we voted in 1926? What have we to show for it?"

The Age has attempted to find out and we submit in a rough way the following accounting which proves to our mind that the funds were well and wisely administered and that we received full value for the money spent. The accounts in detail may be examined by anyone who will take the trouble to go to the office of the county auditor where all the records of expenditures, etc., are kept.

In 1926, \$250,000 in bonds was voted, \$50,000 for the grammar schools and \$200,000 for high school improvements.

Of the \$50,000 of grammar school bonds, \$37,000 were sold and \$13,000 still remains unsold in the treasury.

The \$37,000 grammar school bonds brought the following results:

Two new class rooms built. New floors, and metal ceilings throughout the old grammar school building; repairing inside and outside, with various smaller repairs and improvements; necessary furniture and equipment; putting in lawns and landscaping with sprinkling system installed; paying for the paving on Fifth street, Fourth street and Bridger street (the latter two not yet paved, but the cost paid for.)

If one will visualize the conditions of the grammar school property prior to these improvements and compare it with the present, one cannot but believe that the money was wisely spent and that full value was received.

Of the \$200,000 bonds voted for high school improvements, \$95,000 has been used and \$105,000 remains unsold in the treasury.

The \$95,000 was expended for the following:

A large addition to the high school building; remodeling and improving the old building; new basement and heating plant; new roof on old building; repainting inside and out; putting in lawns, landscaping and sprinkling system; paving Fifth street; purchase of two whole blocks of ground for new site; and a considerable amount of new furnishings and equipment including one piano.

Quite an accomplishment for that amount of money and one that will be better appreciated by those who make a personal inspection of the improvements.

To criticize without knowledge is easy, but it would be a task for most of us to accomplish as much as the Board has done with the same money.

The Age wishes to see the community move along safe and conservative lines. Nevertheless we can see no alternative but to meet the present school emergency by voting the bonds asked.

To do otherwise can result only in additional expense and much disruption in our schools with the inevitable harmful reaction on the good name of Las Vegas.

Tentative plans for the proposed new high school building are posted at the polling place in the high school gymnasium for the information of the voters.

GIRL BELIEVED NOT KIDNAPPED

That the asserted "kidnapping" of Elenore Nicholson from the Hewitson hospital yesterday morning was not a kidnapping at all, and that she had arranged to have members of a "gang" come for her is the belief of officials who have been investigating the case.

Elenore Nicholson was in the hospital with a hip broken by a hit-and-run automobile. March 28. She is the same party who was knocked to the sidewalk by Dick Swartz, local transfer driver, some time ago during an argument on Fremont.

Swartz, who was questioned concerning her asserted abduction yesterday, was absolved of all connection with the kidnapping.

The woman told of being taken from the hospital room by a masked man, who threatened her life. She said he carried her down the back stairs, and aided by a negro, took her to the cabin of Bill Fisher at First and Bridger.

Investigation today revealed some new angles on the case, though Fisher and Elenore Nicholson both refuse to talk about the affair.

WALKER FIGHTS FOR NEW TITLE

By CHARLES W. DUNKLEY (Associated Press Sports Writer)

CHICAGO, Mar. 26. (AP)—Edward "Mickey" Walker, the oy bull dog of the ring, ambitious seeker of his third championship, finally gets his chance to win the world's light heavyweight crown. He battles Tommy Loughran, the titleholder, here March 28.

This battle between champions opens Paddy Harmon's new \$7,000,000 Chicago stadium, boastfully proclaimed to be "larger than Madison Square Garden."

The stadium will seat 25,000 persons if there are that many willing to part with prices ranging from \$3.30 to \$21.60 for the opening night. If it is a sell out the gate may reach \$300,000, a record breaker for indoor shows.

If precedent means anything, Walker, reigning middleweight and former welterweight champion, may as well consider himself light heavyweight champion of the world right now. Mickey has not had a decision go against him in Chicago, which is possibly a better way to phrase it, than to say that Mickey has not lost a fight in Chicago.

He won the world's middleweight title here by outpointing Deacon Tiger Flowers. The ruling resulted in yells of protest heard for weeks. Last summer Walker grabbed a close verdict from Ace Hudkins in a match involving the title.

Loughran's title will be at stake as they have agreed to make 175 pounds. Walker will scale around 170, giving him the force of his full fighting energy.

A 10-rounder between Tuffy Griffith and Leo Lomski, recognized as an outstanding challenger for the light heavyweight crown, will back up the title clash.

FERRON IS NOW CITY PLAN HEAD

W. E. Ferron will succeed Dr. William S. Park as president of the city planning commission. Two vacancies on the board remain to be filled.

Dr. Park resigned from the commission a short time ago, after having served for a number of years.

Ferron is one of the senior members of the body.

BROKERS SIGN TO SELL LOTS FOR LAWRENCE

Special Will Bring Many From Los Angeles March 6 for Opening; Realtors' Association Is Suggested.

Fourteen Las Vegas real estate brokers have signed contracts with T. J. Lawrence Incorporated for the sale of lots in the Artesia Park Estates, subdivision formerly known as the Sand tract, and others plan to sign up, according to G. E. Bryant, divisional sales manager in charge of sale of the property in this city.

A special will bring hundreds of people to this city April 6 for the grand opening of the tract, it is planned, this special and the Boulder Dam rodeo held on the same day, being mutually beneficial to each other in pulling people to Las Vegas.

A program will be arranged for this special. Willis Owen's writings of Las Vegas' industrial possibilities, radio and films will be utilized in advertising not only the Lawrence properties but Las Vegas as well, a group of realtors meeting at a luncheon held yesterday noon were told by Frank M. Riley, personal representative of T. J. Lawrence, and who presided at the meeting.

Talks were given by Dr. O. D. Thomas, of San Diego, who is helping with the initiation of plans here, Dr. Roy W. Martin and Mr. Miller, of the John P. Mills Organization.

Brokers Are Listed

The realtors who have signed to sell these lots to date are:

P. J. Gallagher, Reed and West, Higgins and Bingham, Frank Millett, C. W. Schlicher, Honrath and Wilson, A. H. Harrington, A. B. Witche, B. B. Tankel, Kimball and Williams, G. E. and Julia Johnson, Dr. Roy W. Martin and Mr. A. M. Minette of Boulder Realty Corporation, Crump and Merritt, and J. C. Beatty of the Beatty Investment company.

Others who were present at the meeting yesterday included Mr. Miller of the John P. Mills Organization, T. Youngquist and W. K. Cox, of Vegas Boulder Addition, E. F. Kemp, R. H. Dale, Thomas Hall and Miss Brown.

Office Being Prepared

The central office for T. J. Lawrence is to be in the Simon Garage building, and is now being equipped.

The United States will have a population of 200 millions within 25 years, and we must look forward to that time, ridding ourselves of petty jealousies, avoiding ultra-conservatism and planning for a great future, said Dr. Thomas, who has been a mining expert in the southwest for 40 years, and who carried a hundred-pound pack across Death Valley on his back sixteen years ago.

For the promotion of resources in this district, the formation of a real estate brokers association, was suggested by Dr. Thomas. He was organizer of the San Diego Bureau of Mines and Industries, which was later turned over to the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Thomas plans to call a meeting of miners soon, it was stated.

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ILL-FATED RUM RUNNER WITHIN 12 MILES, BELIEF

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (AP)—Coast guard headquarters announced it received information from "responsible government officials at New Orleans" who investigated the sinking of the Canadian rum runner "Im Alone" that she was within 12 miles of the American coast when first sighted by coast guard vessels.

SENATOR SMITH SLOWLY SINKING

Senator Ed E. Smith, who has lain unconscious in the Las Vegas Hospital since he was stricken with paralysis last Saturday, is slowly sinking, it was reported today.

No hope is held for the former senator, who has not been conscious since the stroke came upon him.

GOVERNOR OF ROTARY HERE

Herbert E. Harris, Governor of the Fifth District of Rotary, was the guest of honor at the meeting of Las Vegas Rotary this afternoon.

Governor "Herb" is one of the instructors at Whittier College, California and, as might be expected, delivered an eloquent and instructive address on Rotary with particular stress on the great part the organization is playing in bringing about closer and better understanding between nations.

He illustrated his discourse by citing Las Vegas, where the forces of nature are being subdued and a greater community built. This in turn demands better highways and greater means of transportation and communication. "The world has struck into one great community," Governor Harris said.

K. O. Kristman urged the Rotary to go 100 per cent to the district convention in Los Angeles April 18, 19, 20.

Fig Newton gave an unusually fine five minutes of Rotary education. Miss Frances Kramer of the high school made a clever little talk on the necessity of voting school bonds at the election next Saturday.

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SHAFER'S CAR STOLEN IN L. A.

Bad luck comes all at once to William Shaffer, of the staff of this paper, it seems. Called to Los Angeles Tuesday when Mrs. Shaffer took a turn for the worse after an appendicitis operation, he drove his Chevrolet coupe to Los Angeles in eight hours, only to have it stolen just before he had planned to start on the return trip.

Shaffer left the car parked on Kingsley drive, in Hollywood, Tuesday night just after midnight, and went to the home of a friend to snatch a few hours of sleep before starting the 300 mile drive back. When he went down to start the return trip he found the car gone, and notified police headquarters.

He returned by stage to this city last night. The loss is virtually covered by insurance.

Mrs. Shaffer will undergo a minor operation before returning to the Shaffer home in Las Vegas. She is now at St. Francis hospital.

U. S. BRITAIN, GERMANY LEAD IN RADIO EXPORTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28. (AP)—Approximately 90 per cent of the radio apparatus in the world is of American, British or German manufacture, the electrical equipment division of the department of commerce reports.

The United States exports of radio apparatus has been increasing steadily, reaching a value of \$12,000,000 in 1928, which was a record figure. During the last seven years more than \$50,000,000 worth of radio equipment and supplies have been sold in foreign markets. Canada is the most important customer for radio equipment, taking 44 per cent of the total shipments in 1928.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CHINA WAR REPORTED

NANKING, China, Mar. 28. (AP)—Heavy fighting is reported on the Hupeh Anhwei border. Nationalist forces claiming capture of the town of Huseh in Hupeh.

ALLEGED DOPE CHIEFS CAUGHT BY MAC'S RUSE

Federal Narcotics Agents Thank Deputy Sheriff McCubrey for Part in Capture of Pair.

How a letter of introduction stratagem engineered by Deputy Sheriff McCubrey brought about the arrest in Los Angeles last Thursday of a pair declared by federal narcotics agents to be the two "master minds" in one of the most notorious and successful narcotics rings in the West is revealed in a letter received yesterday by McCubrey from federal agents in Los Angeles.

The capturing of William Reiling and his wife, who is known as Mary Main, said to be elusive narcotics wholesalers, took place in the Southern Pacific depot after an under-cover agent bought seven ounces of morphine from the pair for \$490, and the capture was made possible by a ruse consisting of communication with the wholesalers, introducing a prospective "purchaser" to the dope peddlers.

Clue Found in Las Vegas

The catching of three men in Las Vegas by McCubrey March 13 and 15 in a similar trap, in the act of selling morphine behind Ladd A. Knapp's cabin, led to the apprehension of the alleged wholesalers, it is said.

Letters found in the suitcase of one of the men caught in this city gave clues as to the whereabouts of the alleged heads of the dope ring in a certain Los Angeles hotel. A letter written under McCubrey's direction told the Reilings a certain individual would be there at a certain time with a letter of introduction, to make a purchase from them.

They "Lied For" Ruse

The pair, who have been traced through half a dozen states in three months, always eluding pursuers "laid for" this ruse, and when they had sold the morphine and had gone to the station to take the train for Arizona, they were taken into custody by Agents J. C. Welliver and A. M. Monroy, the marked money accepted for the "dope" being found in Mrs. Reiling's suitcase, according to the government men.

"Please be advised that on March 21e we arrested William Reiling and Mary Reiling, whom you knew under the alias of Herbert A. Seavey, for selling seven ounces of morphine to one of our agents for \$190," said Monroy and Welliver in their letter to Under Sheriff McCubrey, written under date of March 25 in Los Angeles.

Agents Thank McCubrey

Thanking you for the assistance that you have given us in this matter and in other cases, Very truly yours, Monroy and Welliver, Narcotics Agents.

Bonds of \$10,000 each were to have been set for the couple, who refused to make comment, beyond admitting the \$490 sale of morphine.

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