

# PENNY AUCTION MOVE WORRIES ALL CREDITORS

So Far Restricted to Chattel  
Mortgages, but May  
Be Extended.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
TOLEDO, O., Feb. 7.—Where is  
the penny auction move for farm  
debt cancellation leading?

This question is worrying cred-  
itors of all classes as northwestern  
Ohio farmers unite to extend their  
practice of taking over foreclosure  
sales and by silent intimidation  
keeping the bids down to a few  
cents, thereby defeating the fore-  
closure and keeping the property  
in the debtor's possession.

So far the united farmers have  
aimed their blows only at holders of  
chattel mortgages, which under  
Ohio's personal loan laws may legal-  
ly collect interest of 3 per cent a  
month, 36 per cent a year.

But the chip is on their shoulders.  
In union these traditional individ-  
uals have found strength and  
their leaders now talk of cancelling  
all their debts by "penny auctions."

## 'Settle Things Our Way'

A mortgage moratorium is not  
enough for them now, they say.  
"We asked for a moratorium two  
years ago and couldn't get it," said  
Ralph K. Weaver, farmer of near  
Fostoria, O. "Now we'll settle things  
our way."

Whereas the farmers were fight-  
ing foreclosures a few months ago,  
they may soon be forcing them un-  
der the "penny auction" movement.

When a creditor refuses to fore-  
close, the leaders of the debt strike  
say, a dummy second mortgage will  
be executed on the debtor's prop-  
erty by one of his neighbors.

Within a short time the neighbor  
will foreclose, the property will be  
sold at a penny auction, the pennies  
will go to the holder of the first  
mortgage, and the farm will be re-  
turned under a dummy lease.

The movement hasn't reached  
that stage yet, but the leaders are  
talking about it and creditors are  
worried.

"It's illegal," say the mortgage  
holders, and in at least one instance  
court action has been started to set  
aside a penny auction.

## Sheriffs Aid Farmers

Sheriff Bruce Pratt of Wood  
county attended the first penny  
auction and prevented the crowd  
from manhandling a loan company  
representative, but made no move  
to stop the sale.

On the contrary, the sheriff  
climbed aboard a wagon, and told  
the 700 cheering farmers he him-  
self was ready to bid a few cents  
for some of the goods and return  
them to the debtor.

The sheriff of an adjoining county  
refused a mortgage holder's re-  
quest to call off a foreclosure sale  
which attracted 5,000 farmers. The  
same creditor was unable to get  
service on a replevin suit to re-  
cover the goods before they were  
sold.

## Want Cheaper Money

Debtors in the cities and towns  
are listening to invitations to join  
the farmers' campaign.

The farmers have had popular  
sentiment on their side to a great  
extent so long as they have con-  
centrated their attack on small loan  
companies, the 3 per cent a month  
creditors. Their protests that this  
high rate of interest is unfair have  
not fallen on altogether deaf ears,  
and today there is pending in the  
Ohio legislature a bill to reduce the  
legal rate of interest to 1½ per cent  
a month.

With remedies for general farm  
conditions, the penny auction move-  
ment is not primarily concerned.  
"What we need is cheaper money,"  
one farmer said, "and if that means  
inflation, then let's have inflation."  
The farmer's immediate objective is  
to rid himself of his debt burden.

## TAXI RATE WAR IN CITY IS POSSIBILITY

Council Votes Against Minimum  
Fare Seek 'Gentlemen's Agreement.'

Possibility of a return to the  
former taxicab rate of 15 cents for  
the first one and one-third miles,  
and 10 cents for each succeeding  
two-thirds of a mile appeared today.  
The city council Monday night voted  
against a proposed ordinance to  
place a legal minimum on taxi  
fares.

Thomas F. Ruckelshaus, president  
of the Red Cab Company, declared,  
following the council's action, that  
he would call a meeting of represen-  
tatives of the various cab firms of  
the city today. Object of the meet-  
ing, he said, would be to reach a  
"gentlemen's agreement" on cab  
fares.

Agreement with the plan was ex-  
pressed by Frank D. Smith, attorney  
for the Union Cab company.

If no agreement is reached, a rate  
war will follow, operators of cab  
fleets said.

## SCREEN STAR IS BRIDE

Josephine Dunn's Marriage to At-  
torney Is Revealed.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The mar-  
riage of Josephine Dunn, musical  
comedy and screen star, to Eugene  
John Lewis, Philadelphia attorney,  
was revealed Monday.

Miss Dunn was a Wampus baby  
star in 1929, and played opposite  
Al Jolson in the "Singing Fool."  
The marriage took place at Great  
Neck, L. I., on Jan. 6.

## MAY HEAD BUREAU



Judge Robert Marx (above) is  
being proposed for the \$12,000-a-  
year job as head of the United  
States Veterans bureau, to suc-  
ceed Brigadier-General Frank T.  
Hines, when the Democrats enter  
Washington.

Judge Marx, wounded and decorated  
in the World war, was an  
organizer of the Disabled Ameri-  
can Veterans.

## SENATE BALKS ARMY ECONOMY

Limitations on Officer Pay  
Stricken From Bill as  
Made in House.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Two  
limitations on the pay of active and  
retired army officers, imposed by the  
house, have been stricken from the  
war department appropriation bill  
just reported to the senate.

The two amendments were de-  
signed to save some \$4,000,000—  
covering amounts added by the house  
to the bill for citizens' military  
training camps, the R. O. T. C. and  
organized reserves.

The first amendment removed  
from the bill by the senate com-  
mittee forbade payments to retired  
officers raising their total income  
above \$3,000 a year. The second  
provided that in computing pay of  
both active and retired officers no  
service should be counted except ac-  
tive commissioned service.

This last amendment would affect  
the pay of 5,064 commissioned of-  
ficers, reducing them by amounts  
ranging from \$11.46 a month to  
\$161.00 a month, in addition to the  
\$1-3 cut imposed by the economy  
act.

It would fall with particular  
severity upon officers who served in  
the ranks of the regular army and  
then won their shoulder straps in  
France. Many of them were com-  
missioned in the regular army after  
the war and, under the present law,  
received credit for their enlisted  
service in computation of pay.

## \$4,000 ESTATE GIVEN TO BATTLE ON T. B.

Failure to Fulfill Conditions of Will  
Bring Probate Court Order.

Estate of Leander S. Burdick, who  
died in Indianapolis in 1915, leaving  
property valued at nearly \$4,000, was  
given to the Marion County Tubercu-  
losis Association today on order of  
Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers.  
Failure to fulfill Leander's will led  
the court to direct disposal of the  
estate as nearly as possible within  
terms of the will.

Leander left the estate to a house-  
keeper, after whose death it was to  
be used to build a cottage for ben-  
efit of sick mothers and children at  
Fairview.

The charity organization of Indi-  
anapolis named as beneficiary, de-  
clined the gift because it could not  
carry out provisions of the will.  
Loretta Fuller, housekeeper, died  
Aug. 6, 1928, leaving \$3,590. This  
goes to the tuberculosis association  
on petition of the Indiana Trust  
Company, administrator.

Albert H. Perdue, given \$500 in the  
will, has not been located.

## POSEY COUNTY ORATOR MAY BUY EAR MUFFS

Combination of Weiss and Tally  
Clerk Likely to Force Action.

Senator Jesse E. Wade, the fiery  
orator from Posey county, is con-  
sidering the purchase of ear muffs.  
Or, perhaps, he will decide to stuff  
his ears with cotton.  
It's this way. Wade's seat is next  
to that occupied by Senator Jacob  
Weiss of Indianapolis, and is in di-  
rect line between Weiss and the tally  
clerk.

Weiss never was known to indulge  
in whispers when expressing his  
views or votes. When Weiss says  
aye or nay, he speaks in what novel-  
ists like to call stentorian tones.  
Wade gets the full benefit of these  
blasts from the Marion county sen-  
ator. So he is making inquiry  
among his friends to find out what  
is better or sensitive ear drums,  
muffs or cotton.

A lady's valuable wrist watch be-  
longing to Mrs. Knapp was re-  
covered through the medium of a  
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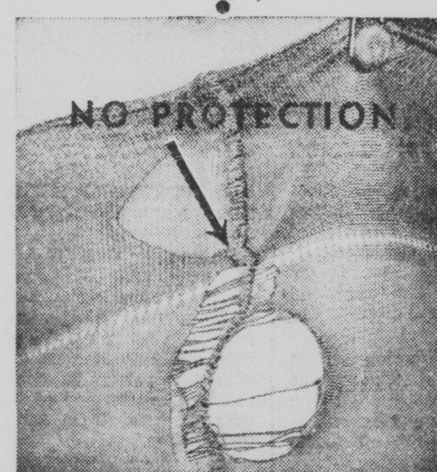
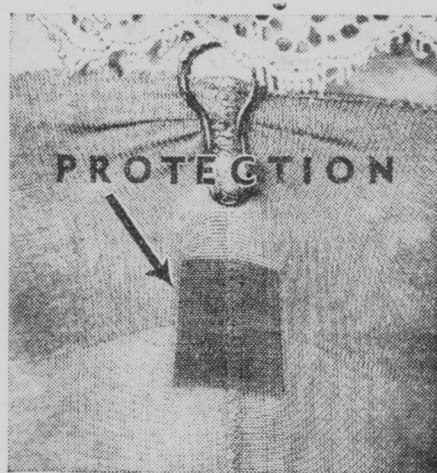
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## HOW'S MICHAEL'S COUGH?

"I used to be afraid to give my  
boy Michael medicine—because  
almost everything upset his  
stomach. Last week he had a  
bad, dry cough—I tried Smith  
Brothers' Cough Syrup. Would  
you believe it, his cough got  
better after the first teaspoon-  
ful. Soon it was gone. And the  
syrup never upset his stomach."  
L. F. Manheim, Forest Hills, L. I.

GONE OVERNIGHT—  
THANKS TO  
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