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# REFORM THE TAX

Twenty Bills Introduced Covering the Subject.

Some of Them Decidedly Radical, While Others Would Perhaps Be a Good Thing For the Masses-No Oil Rooms As Yet Put In An Appearance-Other

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2 .- (Special to THE NEWS) .- The desire of the people for a reform of the present and old-time methods of as sessment for taxation is apparent from the number of bills introduced to correct this wrong, I think it safe to say that twenty bills are on the files of the two houses covering this subject in some form or other. One of these, which struck me as peculiar and, perhaps, radical, is that which compels the holders of all forms of securities to file such instruments with the county c erks, where they shall be taxed by the county commissioners, and providing that no intrument shall be collectable which is not so filed for taxation. That such a measure would result in largely increasing the amount of personal property tax is apparent on its face. Other bills propose that properly shall be assessed at its real cash value, and make it a be done is, of course, problematic.

The proposed Lincoln charter is, next to the Omaha charter, the biggest bill yet introduced. It is an antimonopoly measure, and likely to pass. It reduces the number of councilmen from fourteen to five, and gives the city the right to buy out the street railways, the gas and electric light companies. or to annul their charters on certain local government very completely, but is opposed, of course, by all the elements that have ruled in this city for

done by the committees, and the passing of bills will come faster later on.

Whatever else may be said of this legislature, no "oil" rooms have as yet been opened in any of the committee rooms, and thus far the atmosphere has not been tinctured with boodlism. Later on when the bills affecting the stock yards at South Omaha, the insurance preserves, the express and telephone companies, came up for consideration, no doubt a lobby will appear-how affectively time will tell. In general both bodies seem to be made up of men who are untrammeled and near nobody's collar They will doubtless make mistakes, but they will not be serious ones. When you know that a man is true at heart and honest you can forgive his errows of judgment, but if he is rotten at heart you despise him, no matter how smart he is. C. W. S.

#### THE STULL WILL CONTEST.

Judge Ramsey of This City To Preside at the Trial.

A special to the State Journal from and A. J. Burnham of this city. Proponent Judge John S. Stull is represented by W. H. Kelliger and G. W. Thomas of Falls City. Attorneys for be like the rest were I to make a both parties say it will take all week change. to try the case. There are 1,000 pages of depositions to be read, most of which are those of parties at the old home in Illinois. The case promises to be one of the hottest contests ever had in this county."

#### Meeting of the Aid Society.

which resulted as follows:

President-Mrs. J. H. Waterman. First Vice-Pres-Mrs. J. T. Baird. Second Vice-Pres-Mrs. F. E. White.

Secretary-Mrs. Agnew. Treasurer-Mrs. P. E. Ruffner.

After the business meeting was over

Loudin's Jubilee Singers.

A large and appreciative audience gathered at the Presbyterian church last evening to hear the Fisk Jubilee Singers. The concert was an artistic audience testified their appreciation by numerous encores. The trio "Lift Thine Eyes," from Elijah, was perhaps the gem of the evening's enter- Remaining uncalled for at the post- bombardment and assault during the one year in the penitentiary at Sioux tainment, but it is difficult to discrimi- office at Plattsmouth. Feb. 3, 1897:

nate where all was so good. It is safe to say should they again When calling for any of the above visit Plattsmouth they will be greeted letters please say "advertised." with a full house.

#### LETTER FROM THE NORTHWEST.

A Former Cass County Lady Tells About the Home of the Blizzard.

To the Editor of THE NEWS:

INKSTER, N. D., Jan. 29.-THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS-HERALD from Plattsmouth reached me last evening and was read with eager interest, as it always is being as a visitor from the old home state-telling me of its welfare, its prosperity, the well-being of its inhabitants and lastly its severely cold weather with the ice on the river ten inches thick and the men with teams rushing out before 6'o'clock in the morning with might and main to gather in the crystal cubes and store them away in the ice houses ere the sun should beam out as it does in Nebraska and reduce them to water again.

I wish I might tell you of a winter in good earnest-one that settled down to business the latter part of October with a sleet first, then wet snow which seemed to freeze fast to the ground and make good sleighing. The sleighs were running merrily in the streets of Grand Forks on the last day of October. Then the Red river began freezing over. I stood by the window and watched what seemed to be little circles of ice and snow eadying round in the current getting larger and larger and collecting in masses till at penal offense not to do so. What will last the river was entirely bridged over, the weather becoming colder all the time and the snow continued falling until the whole surface was covered and all the country white-the

cleanest, whitest snow I ever saw. The ice men predicted an early harvest of ice, but the heavy fall of snow weighed the ice down so the water rose over it and made snow-ice-which is not good. The only way out of the conditions. It covers the ground of difficulty was to clear away the snow, cut out the snow-ice and make a clear field and leave it to freeze over again. In this way they get a good quality, but the labor is more than double. Not many bills have as yet passed The first cutting was a little more both houses, but much work has been than two feet thick and very hard to right along about its business, however, God-loving business men, doctors, lawsent free on application. handle, but they take their time.

have bright, pleasant days, but none the surface and takes a fresh start above to attend. "When the righteous are warm enough to spoil the ice. Nebraska people could never imagine the depth of snow here. In Meinto, Walsh county, the artist has made photographs of several snow scenes. One lady was photographed on top of a drift thirty-five feet high, and some men had their pictures taken sitting on the cross pieces on top of the telegraph poles with their feet resting on

In some places the stables are drifted under. One man had to dig a on the peaks about its headwaters in hole through the drlft to get into his Colorado and northern New Mexico, and stable, and some houses can only be later in the summer, when heavy showentered through the second story windows. At Christmas time the weather was quite pleasant, but throughout this month we have had a succession of storms or blizzards with intense cold—the thermometer sometimes as below Isleta and in the Merilla valreaching thirty-eight to forty degrees ley, the old channels in which the river below zero. At such times men

wanted mittens for their noses. Tobogganing is good. People go Auburn says: "District court con- up on top of the stable and slide vened last evening at 7:30 for the down, and it is lots of fun. 1 wish to trial of the Stull will case, Judge say, though, that this is an exception-Ramsey of Plattsmouth presiding. A ally stormy winter-the worst for jury was empanelled and the opening years. I have been in Dakota ninestatement on behalf of contestants teen years, and but one other winter and then court adjourned to 9 a. m. has been as bad as this. Still people today. Contestant William Stull of come here and stay, and those who Lincoln is represented by W. S. Sum- do go away, come back and invarimers and C. C. Flansburg of Lincoln, ably say Dakota is good enough and they are glad to get back. Why I making at all speed for the nearest can never tell you. For my own part bank, and lucky he is if he reaches it I often think a less vigorous climate safe. The chances are that before he gets Cornell of this city, and Judge E. W. would be more agreeable, but I might | there he hears the roaring of waters up

MRS. MAGGIE HAWKINS JONES.

Mr. Bryan Undecided.

W. J. Bryan is down on the coast near Galveston, Tex., engaged in hunting in company with ex-Governor seen them again. Hogg. In an interview he said: "I will probably lecture in Galvesten be-The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid fore leaving the state, and from there society were entertained by Mrs. John I will go directly to my home in Lin-Waterman at her home yesterday af- coln, Neb. I do not know in just what ternoon. This being the first business manner my public work will be car- enriches the soil of its valley to the meeting of the year, the election of ried on, but so far I have refused sev- point of inexhaustible fertility. Along officers for the ensuing year was held, eral good offers, which would, had I accepted them, have interfered with for two centuries have been cultivated my public education of the people on yearly, yielding great crops, and they the silver question. I have received one offer of \$3,000 per annum from a legal firm, and another offer of \$25,000 per annum from a certain newspaper to become a member of its editorial an hour of social was enjoyed, followed staff. I refused both offers, for the enriches. A trip along the river reveals by the serving of dainty refreshments reason that I do not want to give up a succession of pictures of a primitive by the hostess. The society adjourned my work. I have been criticised by civilization of the old Spanish-American to meet in two weeks with Mrs. David my friends for entering the lecturing roofed houses built about antique field. Their criticism, however, is churches, and the spacious houses of the unjust, as I have been no more taking vicos, or great men; orchards, vineyards, advantage of my notoriety in deliver- wheatfields and grazing cattle are all ing lectures than I would be were I features of the scenery of the Rio has sued Col. Marvin of the Democrat to engage in the practice of law, or to Grande, the American Nile."-New engage in any other vocation. I must York Sun. success in every particular. The part having cancelled my present lecturing contract. I am not ready to state, caused the allies so much trouble during until I reach Lincoln, just what my the six months' defense of the fortress plans are."

> List of Letters. Malaski, Wilhelm Cumber, J C

> > W, K. Fox, P. M.

#### THE AMERICAN NILE.

SUCH IS THE GREAT RIO GRANDE' WITH ITS VAGARIES.

It Is a River of Frenkish Habits and Must Be Seen More Than Once to Be Understood-Flows Mainly Underground,

but at Times There Is a Torrent on Top. "It's a river 1,500 miles long, measfrom New Mexico, speaking of the Ric Grande. "For a few miles, at its mouth. gulf of Mexico. Above that it doesn't float a craft except at ferries. In the old days, when New Mexico was a province of Spain, the people along the river didn't even have ferryboats, and the only way they had of getting across was by fording. For this purpose a special breed of large horses was reared to be kept at the fords. When the river was too high for these horses to wade across, travelers camped on the bank and waited for the waters to subside. Now there are bridges over the river at the larger Rio Grande towns, and in other places rope ferries and rowboats are the means

"In times of low water a stranger would be apt to think slightingly of the Rio Bravo del Norte, as the New Mexicans love to call the great river. Meandering in a small part of a very wide channel he would see only a little muddy stream, for ordinarily nine-tenths of the Rio Grande is underground, the water soaking along toward the gulf through the sands beneath its channel. The valley, bounded everywhere to left and right by mountains or foothills, is sandy, and the water, percolating the sands down to hard pan, spreads out on each side so that it may always be found anywhere in the valley by digging down to the level of the river's surface. For the greater part of the year the river above ground flows swift and muddy, narrowing as it swirls round a sand bar and widening over shallows. But the thing that strikes the stranger most for reaches, many miles in length, of its channel, which, except, it may be, for a water hole here and there, is as and where a rock reef or clay bed blocks vers, editors, school teachers, office There is no danger of a thaw. We its subterranean current it emerges to clerks, hotel landlords and merchants ground, running as a big stream which. farther down, may lose itself in the

sands again. "It is when the floods come down that the Rio Grande shows why it requires so big a channel for its all the year round use and demonstrates that would be an advantage to residents of vast area and steep descent, which in times of rain and melting snows precipitates the waters rapidly into the channel. In June, when the snow melts ers and cloudbursts are the order of the day, the Rio Grande overflows its banks, deluging wide tracts of valley and somechanging its course for miles. Where the valley is unusually wide and sandy, used to flow are plainly indicated in the

"No one who has seen the great river in flood is likely to forget the positive ferocity it seems to display as its waters at Star and broke both of his legs, sweep all before them, and woe to the which were afterwards amoutated. man or beast who is overtaken by them! The flood arrives without warning. The sky may be clear above when the traveler, leisurely jogging across the wide channel, hears his wagon wheels grate hurt. upon the sand with a peculiar sound. It means that the waters are stirring the sands beneath him, and then, if he knows the river, he lashes his horse, the channel and sees them coming down toward him with a front like a wall. rolling forward and downward as if over a fall, with a rising flood behind. and, buried in sands or cast away on desert banks, no human eye has ever

"The great river has its pleasing and romantic aspect, so fascinating that it is valley that 'whosoever drinks of its wa- scribers. ters and departs will come again to seek them.' Like the Nile, the Rio Grande its banks in New Mexico are fields that are as productive today as when they first were tilled. Irrigating canals, called acequias madras (mother ditches). convey water from the river to be distributed through little gates to the fields of the valley, which it both waters and type. Adobe villages, with small, flat

The fortifications of Sevastapol, which by the Russians, were at first very first few days of the siege. The igno- Falls, S. D. rance of the allied generals in regard to the strength of the works caused a delay which the Russians improved by making the defenses almost impregnable.

Ladies' Clubs In London

is a fact that the social historian can- aware what color a voice should have, not afford to overlook; for it is a sign but probably a rich yellow would be between the two sexes is no longer These musical critics are getting too summed up by Kingsley's line, "Men too, and only appear at ease in the must work, and women must weep," since women work, too, nowadays, and hence have less time and occasion for ever, to suggest that fun and frivolity by all means to be in Nebraska and are the keynotes of these institutions. not west of the Rocky mountains .-They have various aims to suit vari- Ex. ous needs; and as the modern English woman is inclined, on the whole, to be serious, she is apt to combine an aim nity of Hastings was unusually heavy and a mission with her amusement. this year, is the way the air ship story have what might be described as an Prune juice is bad for the imaginaseeing its current for the first time Object with a capital? O, which justifies the members in their own eyes in partaking of their comforts and advan-

The M. E. Revival.

Ho! everyone that thirsteth! Come. ome ye to the waters, and he that money and without price,-Isa. 55:1. The revival is going on at the M. E. church in this city. Preaching every evening of this week at 7:30; prayer meeting at 2 o'clock every afternoon. Everybody cordially invited good work that is going on. It is in authority, the people rejoice"-Prov. 29:2. Come, and go along with us, for God has spoken good concern-

along its banks. It is fed by a watershed you on the merits of your Remedy. It fic.-Lincoln News. cured me of chronic bronchitis when sale by all druggists.

NEBRASKA NOTES.

his countenance.

Eli Trullinger fell from a windmill

head by the derrick handle and badly ton Route.

The editor of the Grand Island Independent says he can tell the difference between a Poland China rooster and a Jersey hen.

Perry Wescott's house, at Arcadia, was completely destroyed by fire last Many a man and whole wagon trains week. He managed to rescue his bed, have been overwhelmed in this way, but that, too, caught fire from the

a saying among people who live in its it makes poor reading for the sub- Route, Omaha, Neb.

farm machinery were destroyed.

At Orleans one-fourth of the population have had the grip, one-fourth are just recovering, one-fourth are will sell tickets on Nov. 3 and 17, Dec.

expect to have it very soon. INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

Will Knotts of the Beatrice Times for \$10,000 as damages Knotts claims to have suffered from a libelous publication printed in Marvins esteemed

might have been taken by a vigorous and was fined \$100 and sentenced to & Co.

A musical critic, speaking of a Cass county to select from. young ladies voice, said: "Her voice is of good quality and color, carries

well and was used in an intelligent, The rise of ladies' clubs in England satisfying manner." We are not of the times. The division of labor better than a blue or green voice discussion of abstruse propositions.

The farmers of California are going weeping. Then the old-fashioned strongly into sugar beet raising. The ured in its windings," said the man pleading, "Poor dear! he works so pioneers in the business have made so hard all day, he must have some much money that others are hastenamusement in the evening," is gradu- ing to drop their old crops to take up light draft steamers run up from the ally disappearing before the concious- beet culture. The demand for sugar ness that women too have a right to a is practically inexhaustible, but it will little fun when their day's work is not do for the farmers of Nebraska to over. So the British matron and the let some other state lead them in the English girl have started clubs for cultivation of the sugar beet. The themselves; and London is growing factories must go to the best and full of them. Far be it from me, how-

> The prune harvest out in the vici-As a result, many of the ladies' clubs from that town is accounted for.

A new book, "Knitting and Crocheting," of 64 pages, over 50 original designs illustrated, beautiful lace patterns, shawls, hoods, jackets, etc., has been published by The Home, 141 hath no money, come ye buy and eat, yea, come buy wine and milk without sent with a subscription to that paper. The Home is a 20-page monthly filled mestic topics and fashions. Its department of Farcy Work is a special feature, new and original designs each A. H. WECKBACH. issue. The price of subscription is 50 to attend all the services. Last even- cents per year and will include one of ing there were thirteen conversions- these books. As a special inducement it was a wonderful meeting to the to trial subscribers, a copy of this people of God. Come, brothers and book will be given with a six months' sisters, let us hold up our pastor's subscription. The price of book is queerly is its disappearance altogether hands, and God will smile on the twenty-five cents, but a six months' subscription and the book combined hoped that business men will find time will be sent for only 15 cents. Their Finest line of Canned Goods. Dried Fruits and dry as Sahara. The river is keeping to attend these meetings. We want annual premium list for 1897 will be

> From everywhere come words of length of limb, but when he gets up praise for Chamberlain's Cough on the Burlington table his pole ac

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericksthe doctor could do nothing for me." town, Mo., was troubled with chronic CHAS. F. HEMEL, Toleto, O. For diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had Pawnee claims to have more law- been treated by some of the best phyvers than any other city in the United sicians in Europe and America but get no permanent relief. One day he Giles Cole fell over a bank in the picked up a newspaper and chanced to Lincoln darkness at Stromsburg and skinned read an advertisement of Chamber. Omaha lain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Helena A gasoline tank exploded in a Hum- Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the Portland phrey saloon and cracked a \$100 plate first dose helped him and its continued ise cured him. For sale by all drug-

Comfort to California.

While loading coal at Superior Francisco and Los Angeles leaves No 4. Local exp. daily, Burlington, Charles Beeman was struck in the Omaha and Lincoln via the Burling. No 10. Local exp. daily except Sun-

It is carpeted; upholstered in rat-Half a dozen Nebraskans have slip- tan; has spring seats and backs and is ped up on the ice during the past week provided with curtains, bedding, inflicting various injuries to their rest towels, soap, etc. An experienced excursion conductor and a uniformed Pullman porter accompany it through to the Pacific Coast.

While neither as expensively finished nor as fine to look at as a palace sleeper, it is just as good to ride in. Second class tickets are honored and the price of a berth, wide enough and big enough for two. No 3 Vestibuled exp. daily, Den-

The Hayes Center editors spend call at the nearest B. & M. R. R. most of their time calling each other ticket office. Or, write to J. Francis, names. It is lots of fun for them, but Gen'l. Pass'r. Agent, Burlington

matches caused a fire near Superior in flicted with rheumatism. His right which a poor man's barn, horses and leg was swoolen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was ad-The saloons of Tecumseh were made | vised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. to run last spring and now the sinners | The first bottle of it helped him conwill have their race. Evangelist Sun- siderably and the second bottle efday commences work in that town this fected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by all druggists.

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Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

As we figure it out this matter of the federal judgeship was invented simply to find out whether General Manderson or Senator Thurston has the strongest pull with the United States senate. The general isn't much on

> San Francisco All points west.

Every Thursday morning, a tourist No 20 Local express, daily, St Joe. Kansas, St Louis, all points sleeping car for Salt Lake City, San

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