

Home Owner Only One Who Pays His Own Tax, Says Ure

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"The public treasury never has a dollar to pay anyone for anything that it hasn't taken from some one else," said W. G. Ure, former city and county treasurer and city commissioner, now a member of the tax bureau of the Omaha real estate board, speaking at the noon luncheon of the Omaha Concord club at the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday.

"The taxpayer is the man who furnishes the money for everything, and the home owners are the only ones who pay their own taxes. They have no chance to pass it on. The retailer, the wholesaler, the telephone company, the street railway company, the landlord, all pass their taxes on."

Mr. Ure gave figures on taxes and bonded indebtedness and stated that it is time for taxpayers to wake up to the seriousness of the situation. June 8 has been set aside as Concord day at the Ak-Sar-Ben spring races, it was announced. The club is planning to go out in a body following their noon luncheon on that day.

Man Tried on Charge of Furniture Theft

Oscar O. Christian, former employe of the Bowen Furniture company, who admitted in a written confession, according to police, that he stole furniture and traded it for liquor, went on trial before a jury in District Judge Leslie's court, charged with grand larceny.

The defense, according to County Attorney Coffey, does not deny that Christian stole some furniture, but is fighting the case on the ground that the charge should be "petty larceny," as the cost of the furniture did not exceed \$35, it claims.

M. Wyatt, also arrested, pleaded guilty to petty larceny, while Joe Knecht, another member of the trio, has his case still pending.

According to Detectives Franks and Aughe who arrested the men, the Bowen Furniture company gave them a receipt for \$3,500 for furniture they received.

Metcalfe Still Secretary of Associated Retailers

An erroneous headline in The Bee yesterday morning said a new secretary had been named by the Associated Retailers. The headline should have said a new secretary had been named by the Retail Grocers' association. J. W. Metcalfe is secretary of the Associated Retailers and will continue in that capacity.

Federal Judge to Return

Federal Judge Woodrough, who went to Des Moines last Monday to hold federal court, will return to Omaha Friday night and will hold court here Saturday and return Sunday to Des Moines, where he will be busy all next week.

SLEEPY-TIME TALES THE TALE OF NIMBLE DEER BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XXIV. Uncle Jerry Chuck.

Soon Jimmy Rabbit's friends arrived at his party in throngs. And soon Nimble Deer's antlers bristled with hats and coats of many kinds and colors.

"I must look like a Christmas tree," Nimble thought. "I wish Jimmy Rabbit and his friends would come and dance around me so I might see the fun."

But they didn't. They stayed down



"The old dog Spot" somebody cried in a little hollow some distance away. Nimble could hear their voices. And

they seemed to be having a delightful time.

As for Nimble, he wasn't having a good time at all. "I'll never help at another party!" he promised himself. He couldn't believe that midnight—and the end of the party—would ever come.

At last, however, he took heart. For old Uncle Jerry Chuck came hurrying up and began taking hats and coats off Nimble's antlers. And Nimble knew then that the party must be almost over.

"This is a good hat!" Uncle Jerry muttered to himself. "I'll take it."

And then he said, "This is a good coat! I'll take it." Then he looked closely at another hat. "This is a good one, too!" he remarked. "I might lose the other. I'll take this one, too—and this coat here," he added, selecting a second coat that pleased him.

Little did Uncle Jerry Chuck dream that the Deer's head was a real, live one. And just as the old chap reached for the second coat Nimble Deer had to cough. He didn't want to. Hado't Jimmy Rabbit cautioned him not to stir—not to open his mouth? But the cough came all the same, right in Uncle Jerry Chuck's ear. And Uncle Jerry jumped. He dropped both hats and both coats. And then he waddled off as fast as he could go and scrambled over the stone wall, out of sight. He didn't even wait to get his own rusty coat and tattered hat, which he had left lying on the ground.

Uncle Jerry hadn't been gone long when all the company came jostling up to Nimble. Everybody—except Nimble—was very merry. Amid a good many jokes the company put on their hats and coats, until only Aunt Polly Woodchuck's poke bonnet hung from Nimble's horns.

Then—just for fun—Jimmy Rabbit set the bonnet on Nimble's head and tied its strings under his chin. And Aunt Polly Woodchuck herself laughed hardest of all.

And then all at once something happened. A dog barked. "It's old dog Spot!" somebody cried. "Nimble Deer was the first to run. One leap took him out of the evergreen thicket in which he had been

standing all the evening. Three leaps more took him over the stone wall.

After that nobody saw him—nor Aunt Polly Woodchuck's bonnet—again that night.

The whole company scattered and vanished like grasshoppers in the woods. And when old dog Spot reached the clump of evergreens a few moments later, he found nothing to show that there had been a party there—that is, he found nothing except a battered hat and a rusty coat lying on the ground.

Spot sniffed at them.

"Unless I'm mistaken, Uncle Jerry Chuck has forgotten something," he murmured. "No doubt he'll be back here in a little while."

No spot waited and waited there. But Uncle Jerry Chuck was half a mile away and sound asleep in his underground chamber.

And Nimble Deer was a mile away, over in Cedar Swamp, trying to tear Aunt Polly's bonnet off his head by rubbing his horns against a young cedar.

THE END.

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Townsend Southwell Lamb begins to gambol through a whole set of Bailey stories. He liked to frighten Uncle Jerry Chuck by jumping off the stone wall on top of Uncle Jerry's nose. Once Snowball followed Johnnie Green to school—but only once!

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