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THE STATE'S TAX LEVY

The Nebraska tax levy for 1916 has been made by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, and from now on the public will be entertained by the democrats, making boast of the reduction in assessment accomplished. Seven-tenths of a mill has been lopped off the general fund levy, and this will be the basis for bragging. It will be well for the voters to keep in mind certain facts.

According to the summary of appropriations as exhibited by State Auditor Smith, the legislature of 1915 set aside \$8,856,887.44, as against \$8,143,038.85 appropriated by the legislature of 1913, an increase of \$713,848.59, and a new record for expenditures in Nebraska.

The total amount to be raised by direct taxation under the 1915 levy was \$3,277,130.08; under the established levy for 1916 the total amount to be raised will be \$3,057,194.97, a decrease of \$219,935.11, instead of "almost a million," as was announced from Lincoln. Of this decrease, \$117,313 has already been paid from the 1915 collections. This leaves the total net reduction but \$42,422.11.

No reduction in levy is made in any

but the general fund. For university, special university, normal school and state bridge aid the assessment is the same as it was last year although the total valuation of the state has been increased by twenty millions, which will increase the collection for those funds by just that much.

But the general fund is compensated by the increased collections of fees. Auditor Smith reports a probability of these collections reaching \$450,000 for 1916; as a matter of fact for 1915 the collections in the various offices turned over to the general fund amounted to \$461,172.69, and it is not likely they will fall far below that total this year. This will bring the general fund up to approximately \$2,165,000, or \$225,000 less than last year. Out of last year's general fund deficits amounting to \$355,600 were taken care of, which will not have to be provided for this year, which really leaves the administration with \$130,000 more in the general fund for 1916 than it had to spend in 1915.

Just keep these figures before you when reading of how the present state administration has reduced taxation and saved money.—Omaha Bee.

DAVIS CREEK NEWS.

Charley Young has been on the sick list the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zaruba were in Ashton last Wednesday.

Joe Sowokinos was in Loup City on business one day last week.

Ernest Paddock and father-in-law, autoed to Ashton last Monday.

Mr. Warner, of Loup City, is thrashing on Davis Creek this week.

Several from here took in Uncle Tom's Cabin show last Thursday.

The Misses Polly and Katie Sowokinos attended church in Ashton on Sunday.

Jess Barnett hauled a load of coal from North Loup last Thursday for thrashing.

Miss Rena Young is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Hainmer, of North Loup.

The Misses Ethel and Florence Trump went to Arcadia last week for a short visit.

The Pulsers Brothers thrashed for George Barnett and Tony Zaruba Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Frank Man-

chester visited with Mrs. E. F. Paddock last Thursday.

Frank Manchester and Conrad Jakubowski were in Ashton Saturday, remaining over Sunday.

Ernest Paddock had a load of melons on the Ashton market Saturday, and they were dandies too.

Miss Nettie Barnett visited with Mrs. Frank Manchester and daughter, last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Heberer and sons, and George Fenton, of Valley county, were at F. Manchester's Sunday on business.

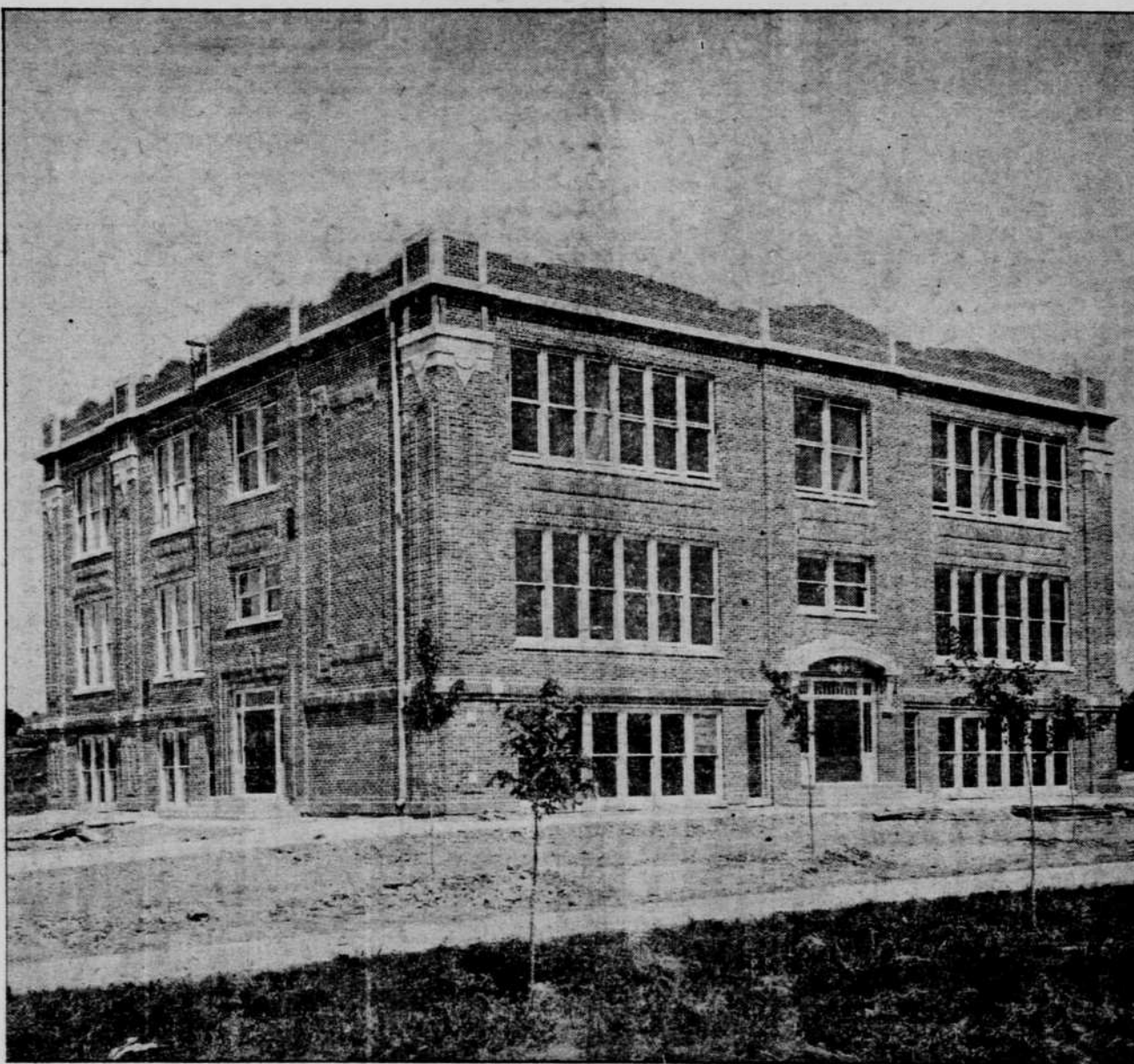
Henry Orent helped Frank Manchester and Clare Kettle with their hay, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zaruba, and babies autoed to Loup City last Thursday.

Leu Petaratus came up from Elba Monday evening and visited a couple of days with Tony Orent, and family.

Norram Hulverson is nursing a bad arm, the result being a boil. He went to North Loup Thursday and had the member lanced.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Paddock autoed to North Loup Tuesday to visit her



LOUP CITY'S NEW MODERN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The Loup City High School building is one of the finest and most modern of any building in the state. There are three main floors. In the basement floor are to be found a large gymnasium for physical culture, a manual training room and a domestic science room, the last two rooms to be equipped for next year's work and not completed as yet. On the ground floor are the seventh and eighth grade rooms, a library, laboratory and the mathematics and language room. On the second floor is a

fine assembly room, two offices, and four recitation rooms.

The teaching force and the contractors will be ready for work Monday, September 11. With a good building, and plenty of room we look forward to good school work this year. The people of Loup City are to be congratulated upon their fine new building. Superintendent C. U. Bitter, and his force of teachers are determined to give Loup City the best school work the town has ever known.

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The carpenters, who were to have begun work on the new school house in District No. 24 arrived the middle of last week and began building.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Diewbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Zaruba, and Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett, and families, all autoed to Scotia Sunday morning to fish and hunt.

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INSPECT WATER PLANT.

Mayor R. H. Mathew, Wm. Graefe, John Ohlsen and Chief of Police Reynolds made a trip to Grand Island to look at the electric pumps there with a view to discovering a means of bettering the pumping facilities at the Loup City plant. The water question is getting to be something of a problem here and the council intends to put in a pumping system that will do for all time and eliminate the expense of operation as far as possible.

The Grand Island system is composed of numerous electric pumps fitted to the wells and pumping directly into the mains. They operate themselves automatically, pumping when the pressure falls below a certain point and shutting off when a required pressure is reached. It is highly probable that the same system will be used in Loup City as it appears to be the most feasible one.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Chris Peterson was a passenger to Archer, Tuesday.

Rev. L. V. Slocumb made a business trip to Omaha Wednesday.

Cornell Brown went to Austin Wednesday to see his sister, Mrs. Karl Mickow.

Grace and Lee Jung went to Aurora Wednesday to visit a few days with relatives.

Miss Marcia Ver Valin went to Farman Wednesday where she expects to teach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Sickles arrived home from their visit with relatives in Corning, Iowa, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Outhouse left for Wyoming on Monday, to spend a few days visiting with relatives.

Mrs. John Ohlson and daughter, Dora, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Daily, went to Grand Island Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Boone returned to her home in Wood River after having visited for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Aufrecht.

A Christian Endeavor social will be held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Friday, September 1. Admission 15 cents.

Mrs. Viola Odendahl and Mrs. Wall went to Grand Island last Friday to see Mrs. Wall's son who was there that day with the Ringling Bros circus. Mr. Wall is treasurer of that show company.

Twelve car loads of Ansley people came down Sunday and picniced in Jenner's park. Miss Grierson, one of the high school teachers, came along and remained for teachers' institute this week.

China shower was given for Miss Florence Reed by Mrs. James Johansen and Mrs. Lester Hiddleston at the home of Mrs. Johansen last Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was delightfully spent. A two course luncheon was served.

On Wednesday, August 30, County Judge Smith presided over the case of Osceola, Iowa, and Miss Minnie Peterson, of Truro, Iowa. On the same day the county judge issued a marriage license to Frank H. Pesota and Miss Barbara Weisierski, both of Ashton.

J. W. Thompson returned from St. Louis, Missouri, Saturday where he participated in the American handicap blue rock shoot. Mr. Thompson won a trophy for breaking fifty-one blue rocks straight and shared in one

of the prizes, breaking ninety-two out of a possible one hundred targets. He was out of luck and didn't make a very good showing in the other events.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Foy recently received a message from their son, John at Loup City, to come to his home at once. At first some alarm was felt, because the message did not state the cause for the call, but they responded at once, and upon arrival, found a large gathering of relatives, for a family reunion. A most excellent time was reported, and the day will be long remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present.—Grand Island Independent.

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