

The U S legislature did a good thing when it passed a resolution to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks at the capital building. It should have been done many moons ago. The capital building is no place for the conducting of such a business.

We have carefully examined the new revenue bill, House roll No. 344, and believe it to be well calculated to furnish a large revenue to the state. There are however a good number of sore spots in its construction, and which will create considerable opposition. The fact that it fixes a uniform valuation all over the state and makes the eastern land and personal property owners pay on the same valuation as the property owners in the western part of the state, displeases the eastern land owners.

For instance, a few years back the people of Sherman county were assessed on one third valuation while eastern counties were only paying state taxes on one fifth or eighth. It was finally discovered that we were paying more than our share of state tax and of late years we have been assessed at one fifth. Many of the other counties noted our deduction and kept going us one better and we found that we were no better off in the end, as the levies were always fixed by the state board and the valuation by the local officers. Now under the provisions of the proposed new law, the state legislature fixes a uniform valuation and all counties must pay to the state, taxes on the same valuation according to their wealth. In this respect the bill is just, and while it will not make any difference with the state tax of this county, except as the county increases in wealth the state taxes in other counties will be raised up to a level and much greater than they have been, should the bill pass.

A Lincoln staff correspondent to the Bee says: "Friends of Gottheb Niengen find the murder of his wife, father-in-law and assailant of his sister-in-law, who is condemned to be hanged at the state penitentiary Friday, have invoked the aid of the legislature to secure the governor's approval of a stay of execution. Promoters of the Wall bill to abolish capital punishment are co-operating in the movement. A petition has been circulated among the members of house and senate. It was signed by 20 or 25 today.

The purpose of the movement is to have Niengen find's execution deferred until the end of the legislature, in the hope that the Wall bill will have passed. The chances for passing the Wall bill are not at all promising and even if they were such as to insure the bills passage subsequent to the time set for the hanging of Niengen find, the success of the petition circulated is by no means guaranteed.

When informed this afternoon of this latest movement in behalf of Niengen find, Governor Mickey said: "Yes, I rather expected that. You will always find a great many sympathetic people willing to sign a petition of that character. But they have no responsibility in the matter. I have. I have given this case the most thoughtful and prayerful consideration; honesty and conscientiously I have considered and reconsidered it from every standpoint and I am satisfied that that man ought to hang. By the law of the state and the sentence of court he is deserving of a death penalty. My duty is plain. I am sworn to enforce the laws of Nebraska and I am going to do it. I can't afford to be influenced by every sentiment and emotion exercised in this man's behalf. My task is not a pleasant one but duty imposes it on me and I must and will perform."

LINCOLN LETTER

Lincoln, Neb., March 9, 1903.

ED. NORTHWESTERN: Many are becoming impatient at the slow progress of the revenue bill, but this is a case where it is necessary, or best at least, to make haste slowly, for much depends upon the manner of making assessments and the collection of the same. Other states have spent several years of time and thousands of dollars in drafting bills, more crude even than ours, and the republicans are determined to fulfill their pledges to the people to give them a good revenue law up to date, if possible, and it surely seems that it will be passed before the close of the session.

The pure food bill is meeting with strong opposition from the wholesale dealers and jobbers, who claim they sell only what the people want and no one has a right to investigate their breakfast foods, extracts or other stuff which they buy and pay their money for, but Judge Wall thinks differently and will do his best to pass the bill in its present form, so that goods will be branded exactly what they are.

Senate File No. 85, known as "The Bulk Sale Bill", provides that a retail dealer must file a notice with the county clerk five days before he can consummate a trade or sale of his goods in bulk. This bill is now on general file in the senate, and, if it passes, will prevent schemers, who have obtained a large share of their goods on credit, from defrauding their creditors by transferring their goods to some other schemer who is willing to participate in an illicit transaction.

There have been bills introduced for thirty-four amendments to the constitution, and, should they become laws, this legislature would be equal to a constitutional convention.

Last Friday was the last day for introduction of bills, and, while not so many have been brought forward as usual, the senate has 303 to its credit and the house has 487. This is quite a grist when either body spends half a day on one bill, in committee of the whole. However, the sifting committee will begin its deadly work next week and many will be consigned to the furnace room. In the senate, the sifting committee is composed of Senators Warner, Wall, Way, Reynolds, O'Neil, Hall of Douglas, and Day. These gentlemen will control largely the bills which will become laws. A like committee will be appointed in the house, and they will probably hold joint meetings in order to save time. Their work will begin next Monday or Tuesday.

Senator Meredith, a democrat, had a bill up, Friday, to require an applicant in remonstrating against the issuing of a saloon license to give a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars. It was an effort on the part of the liquor dealers' association to get an entering wedge into the Slocum law. Here, again, did our senator shine, as he led the fight against the measure; and it was indefinitely postponed. Senator Wall took the position that the people were well satisfied with the working of the Slocum law, and that, until the people demanded a change, it was not the province, or desire, of the lawmakers to change it.

Senator Wall has introduced Senate File No. 235, a bill to abolish capital punishment, and it is understood that he will make the effort of his term to carry this bill. If it can be learned when this will come up, there will not be room enough on the floor or in the gallery to hold the people, as his earnestness and eloquence have become well known, even in his short career.

Quite a little excitement was sprung, last Friday, by the senate committee on accounts and expenditures, as to purchase of carpets and supplies for the legislature by Secretary of State Marsh. The matter has not yet been cleared up, and the committee is investigating. A committee has also been appointed, with Knox of Buffalo as chairman, to investigate ex-Treasurer Bartley's condition as state treasurer when Gov. Holcomb accepted Mr. Bartley's bonds as state treasurer. It is understood that several prominent persons will be called as witnesses.

The legislature will begin its night sessions, next week. NORBY.

SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS.

Loup City, Neb., March 9, 1903.

County board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment of Jan. 14 1903. Present D. C. Grow chairman, Wm. Jakob, Andrew Garska, W. H. Chapman, Peter Thode, John Maiefski, and W. O. Brown, Supervisors, and G. H. Gibson, Clerk. The following business was had and done, to-wit: Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read.

E. D. Radecliff then appeared before said board and offered \$15.00 for a tax sale certificate for lots 7 and 8, in block 32, in the original town now village of Loup City, Nebraska, and by motion said proposition was accepted.

Board then took up the matter of allowing contract for constructing and repairing bridges in and for Sherman county, Nebraska for the year 1903 and up to April 13, 1904, and after examining bids and considering conditions the contract was by vote of said board, awarded to W. T. Gibson, according to his plans and specifications on the said contract was made in writing as per his bid as follows:

To the Hon. Board of Supervisors: Gentlemen—I will build your bridges for the ensuing year according to the plans and specifications submitted by me for the following prices, except Loup river spans for which I add 20 per cent: Plan No. 1— 16 ft. Roadway, per lineal foot \$ 7.77 12 ft. Roadway, " " " " 7.43 Plan No. 2 16 ft. Roadway, one span, per lineal ft. 7.45 16 ft. two or more spans, " " " 6.65 12 ft. Roadway, one span, " " " 6.88 12 ft. 2 or more spans " " " 6.47 Low water bridges according to plans and specifications per lineal foot 7.47 Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GIBSON. E. Holcomb then came before the board and requested that he be allowed to purchase lots 1 to 6 inclusive, in block 4, of Lalk & Kreichbaum's addition to the village of Loup City, at 50 cents on the dollar of taxes delinquent thereon and by motion the treasurer was instructed to accept 50 cents on the dollar for such tax certificate.

It appearing to the county board that the east quarter and the north east quarter of the south east quarter of Section 31, 14, 16, had been erroneously assessed double for the year 1902, the treasurer was by motion, instructed to correct the same on the tax list of 1902 and cancel one half of said tax.

By motion the resolution presented by Andrew Ghorstha was adopted as follows: Resolved: That it appearing to the board that the sum of \$5.00 was unjustly deducted from the account of Andrew Garska, as assessor for the year 1902. On motion is reconsidered and said sum of \$5.00 is allowed and clerk authorized to draw a warrant on the general fund for the same.

The above resolution was adopted after it was clearly shown that said \$5.00 had been unjustly deducted.

By motion W. T. Gibson was instructed to accompany the different supervisors through their respective districts and examine the bridges and ascertain what repairs are needed.

By motion board adjourned to 9 a. m. March 4, 1903. G. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.

Loup City, Neb., March 4, 1903.

Board of supervisors met this day. All members and county clerk present.

By motion it was ordered that the treasurer, S. N. Sweetland be instructed to transfer from the district school bond fund to the district school fund in amounts as follows: Dist. No. 27, \$32.00 Dist. No. 36, 22.28 Dist. No. 38, 10.65 Dist. No. 9, 11.89

W. J. Fisher appeared before the board and requested that the taxes on lots 6, 7, 8, and 9, block 35, original town of Loup City be reduced and that the treasurer be instructed to receive a less amount that is now due on said lots; whereas, after due consideration the request was rejected.

Board then took up the matter of erecting a new residence building upon the county poor farm and by motion the plans submitted were accepted and clerk was instructed to advertise for bids.

W. R. Mellor then appeared before the board on behalf of James N. Clark, Receiver of the Nebraska Loan and Trust Co., and notified the board that he had paid for the said James N. Clark a thistle tax levied in 1895 upon the north east quarter of Section 17, T. 13, R. 16, with interest amounting to \$55.75 and on the south east quarter of section 17, T. 13, R. 16 with interest amounting to \$103.70 and on the north west quarter of Section 20, 13 16, taxes with interest amounting to \$239.10, the total payment amounting to \$398.55, which payments were made under protest, and proposed that if one half of said amount be refunded to the said James N. Clark, receiver, that no suit would be instituted for the recovery of same; and it appearing that heretofore the said special thistle tax had been generally collected only at 50 cents on the dollar, therefore a recedent having been set in the past that would most likely bind the county in law, the clerk was by vote of board, instructed to draw warrant on the general fund for one half of the above amount \$214.76 in favor of James N. Clark.

The contract and bond of W. T. Gibson for doing the bridge work for Sherman County was considered and approved and the chairman instructed to sign same.

The report of Peter Thode on acceptance of new bridges was read and accepted as follows: Loup City, March 4, 1903.

I, Peter Thode, supervisor of Dist. No. 2, beg leave to report that I have examined the bridges built by W. T. Gibson as follows, and find them built according to plans and specifications and in a good and workmanlike manner: The Larson bridge on Coal Creek, 46 ft. long, under truss; and the Sandh Bridge, 40 ft. long, pile and stringer.

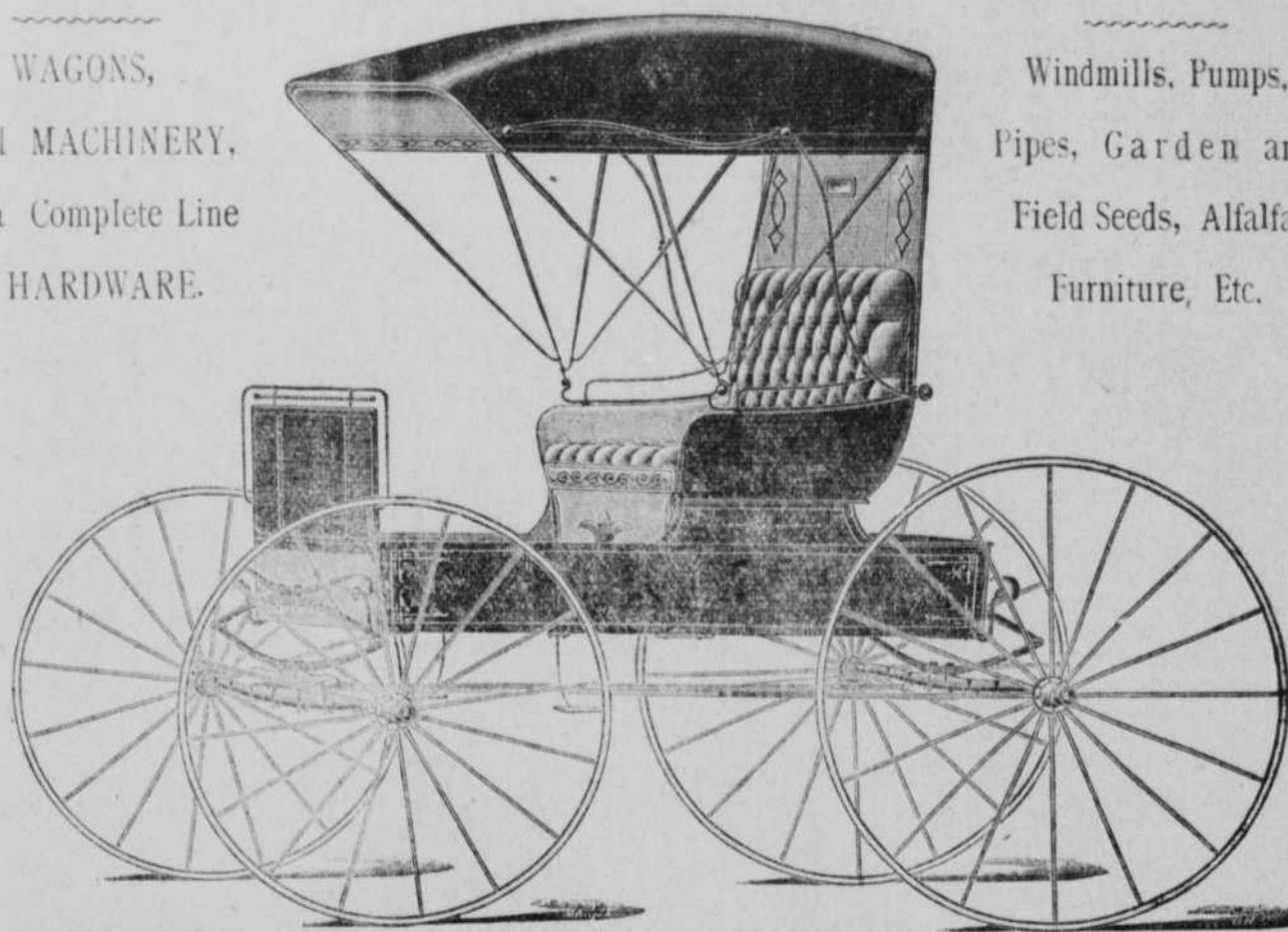
Respectfully, PETER THODE.

The Ashton bridge petition was by motion laid over to next meeting for action.

The following bills were audited and allowed and the clerk was ordered to draw warrants on the respective funds in the following amounts, claims for taxes deducted: Hemmond Printing Co. \$ 49.25 T. S. Nightingale, \$35.00, allowed at 15.00 E. G. Taylor, all taken for tax 15.00 F. E. Brewer, " " " " 2.50 C. H. French, all taken for tax 2.50 W. T. Gibson, " " " " 144.35 Edward Snyder, " " " " 6.85 Dirks Lumber Co. " " " " 10.40 Geo. E. Benschoter, all taken for tax, 12.50 State Journal Co. " " " " 1.75 A. B. Outhouse, " " " " .82 W. T. Gibson, " " " " 246.37 W. T. Gibson, " " " " 344.34 E. A. Brown, " " " " 28.35 A. Garska, " " " " 5.00 S. N. Sweetland, " " " " 7.00 D. C. Grow, " " " " 12.20 Peter Thode, " " " " 6.00 Wm. Jakob, " " " " 8.00 Andrew Garska, " " " " 7.40 John Maiefski, " " " " 7.50 W. H. Chapman, " " " " 8.00 W. O. Brown, " " " " 6.20 J. N. Clark, receiver, " " " " 115.05 J. N. Clark, receiver, " " " " 115.05 County board then adjourned to April 14, 1902. G. H. GIBSON, County Clerk.

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