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"Uncle Tom" Jones one of our
earliest settlers is once more amongst
us. Although over eighty years old
"Uncle Tommy" is as spry as most
men at half his age.

All the tillable land in Walnut will
be farmed this year.

Town meeting was held April 1st,
with a slim attendance. The meet-
ing was called to meet at the new
framed school house in District 3, but
owing to misconnections the school
board were late in arriving to unlock
the house to the people thinking that
it was another "lock out" adjourned
to the old store house, to relieve all
misapprehension, had the people
waited five minutes longer they would
have gotten into the house.

A levy of 2 1/2 mills for township
expense was voted, the lowest amount
ever voted in Walnut. The supervi-
sor was instructed to leave a levy of 25
mills made against old district 3 to
apply on mandamus. The supervisor
was also instructed to take legal ad-
vice as to what could be done toward
repudiating our road machine contract
all who have worked with this machine
pronounce it N. G.

A discussion on delinquent personal
taxes arose and an attempt was made
which failed, to have our supervisor
use his influence toward crowding
these taxes by means of distress
warrants or regards these taxes, Dennis
has decided views based in a great
measure on his conversation in regard
thereto with many people. Of course
there is quite an amount owing to the
country by delinquents and the
delinquents will be as witness that
they are charged 10 per cent interest
supposing it was paid into the county
treasury, it would be deposited in some
bank and the interest that the county
would get would be NIX. Dennis
has noted with amusement that in
nearly every case the parties clamor-
ing the hardest for the collection of
these taxes are men who homesteaded
their land and hold it 7, and even
12 years without paying any tax while
their neighbors who had bought R. R.
land were paying not only their own
share of taxes but the homesteaders
share as well, Dennis has agreed to
show where in the "years gone by"
a citizen of Walnut with no children
to send to school paid \$15 tax for one
year on 160 acres of land his interest
in the land amounting to 2 payments
while his homesteader neighbors with
2 or 3 children going to school in our
\$2000 or \$3000 school house paid
nothing. This wasn't for one year
but it ran for several years, the

amount was not always quite as large
but nearly as and now that home-
steader's neighbor sweats with a
big D "delinquent taxes have got to
come." Now for a point of history.
Along about '87, our county commis-
sioners out of the goodness of their
hearts had stricken from the tax list
all delinquent personal taxes prior to
'80. Dennis knows of one citizen of
Walnut (perhaps more) who held his
land free from taxes to that time and
was besides delinquent on his personal
taxes which by this act he escaped
paying. Personal taxes are nothing
but robbery in Webster county any
way. It is a tax on something which
6 times out of 10 doesn't really belong
to the party, to illustrate, a man owns
100 acres of land mortgaged for all it
would sell for. He pays taxes on
full assessable value, he takes the
borrowed money and invests it in
personal property and is called again
to pay taxes on it. The party holding
mortgage pays no tax, another man may
borrow \$500 to feed cattle that will
sell in the spring for perhaps \$1500
April 1st, he is assessed the full
assessable value of these cattle and
the man with the \$500 interest in
them doesn't pay a "nick" there is a
good deal that could be said on this
subject but space forbids. "Double"
taxation like this is hurting the farm-
ers just as much as R. R. extension
although our alliance friends don't
seem to think so. A man's cow can
be taken for taxes. The Lord knows
that the farmers hereabouts have had
it hard enough for the last 4 years
and to many a distress warrant now
would be the last straw. With one more
item Dennis is done. Our supervisors
have made their estimate for the coun-
ty expenses for 1890 it amounts to
\$40,000 our school township and
state expenses will be no much more
making in all \$60,000. There are
2300 votes in Webster county and the
per capita tax for each voter will be
\$25. "Sweet spirit hear me utter"
Like others Dennis is somewhat
behind on his personal taxes but
aside from that he has paid into the
county treasury of this county between
\$250 and \$3000 as taxes on nearly
160 acres of land, so a person for this
he has received absolutely nothing
except to be arrested when he failed
on having a little use of the school
house himself, he has neighbors who
for from 5 to 12 years paid no taxes
and all the time had from 2 to 10 or
20 children in school, of course these
taxes should be collected and eventu-
ally will be but "wait till the clouds
roll by" a little. For men who homesteaded
their land in this county to talk
about "distressing" people right now
in the shape we are all in is simply
"sheeky". There are some parties
whose sole anxiety to see these taxes
crowded lies in the fact that they
have a grudge at some one and in-
stead of taking it out any other way
would see his family "chopped" in
their supplies by means of a distress
warrant. Dennis can name one or more
such men in Walnut, another class
who want these taxes crowded are
the women. If the supervisors want
to do something fair let them go
through the chattle mortgage record
and make every money lender pay
taxes on what he has recorded un-
successful. Mr. McNitt showed
good sense when he jumped into the
sea instead of following the lamented
advice (by many) of the lamented
H. G. "go west young man". It
would have been all right had he
added "and beat up with" the coun-
ty.
Dennis.

Taylor