

### 4,000 Properties in Omaha Have Evaded Taxes for From 3 to 20 Years; Scavenger Sale Soon

Four thousand pieces of property in Omaha pay no taxes and haven't paid any taxes for from three to 20 years.

They are privately-owned, revenue-producing properties.

The county and city treasurer is keeping stern account of the tax and charging up the 12 per cent interest per annum as provided by law.

And the day of reckoning is coming. The county board has instructed County Attorney Henry Beal to begin foreclosure proceedings against the 4,000 properties immediately after the regular annual tax sale, which begins November 2 and ends about a month later.

It will be the first scavenger tax sale since 1908.

One piece of property located on Capitol avenue, downtown, and belonging to a large estate of a pioneer, hasn't paid any tax for 20 years.

More than \$50,000 in taxes and interest is due the county on this piece alone.

Advertised Three Times.

The 4,000 pieces of property will be advertised three times and then each piece will be sold to the highest bidder.

The advertisements will all appear in The Omaha Bee. Some pieces will bring only a fraction of the total taxes due.

But, at any rate, the record will be cleared up, the county and city will receive considerable amount of cash and it is expected that the future taxes will be paid annually.

Mortgages on the properties will be wiped out, theoretically, at least.

"But in fact such is not the case," said County Attorney Beal. "If, for example, a man holds a \$2,000 mortgage on a property worth \$5,000 with \$400 taxes accumulated against it, we would not foreclose at this sale, but would let it run, expecting that the mortgage holder will see to it that the taxes are paid up in order to protect his mortgage."

As a matter of fact, there isn't a mortgage against more than one in 100 of the properties involved.

Sheriff's Deed in Two Years.

A person who buys in a property at the scavenger tax sale will get a sheriff's deed to it two years later, provided the original owner does not redeem it within that time.

"There isn't a single argument against this law," said County Attorney Beal. "It is the only way to bring these delinquents to time and make them bear their share of the government expense."

How much the scavenger tax sale will yield is problematical. It depends on many things, such as the state of the real estate market and the condition of the money market.

It should bring considerably more than \$2,000,000 into the governmental coffers, says county treasury officials.

Sam Greenleaf, chief clerk in the treasurer's office, says \$1,636,357 is due in delinquent city and school taxes from 1904 to 1923 and \$579,308 unpaid for the period prior to 1904.

Up to 1916 the percentage of city and school taxes uncollected was 1.25. The uncollected taxes up to August 1, 1924, were 2.36 per cent of the total levied.

At last year's annual sale of delinquent properties (no piece with more than three years' delinquent taxes) about \$500,000 was realized.

Original Owners Redeem.

"Practically everything sold at that sale has been redeemed by the original owners," said Greenleaf. "It was bought by speculators who only sought to profit by the 15 per cent interest."

At this year's regular tax sale, not the scavenger sale, nearly 40,000 pieces of property will be offered. These have delinquent taxes for all the way from a few weeks to three years.

In Nebraska no bills for taxes are sent out. Some property owners complain because of this fact. There seems to be a reason for this.

"Such a proceeding would be unworkable," said Deputy Treasurer Fred J. Armbrust. "For the reason that property is constantly changing hands and much property stands in the name of persons or concerns who are not charged, with paying the taxes, such as that being bought through building and loan associations."

"If we started sending out bills a large proportion of them would not reach the present owners of the property. The former owners would pay no attention to the bills and then the county could complain that they had received no bills and therefore were not to blame for failure to pay taxes. All know that taxes are due every year and they must see to it that they are paid."

Amended Tax Law.

The amended law under which the scavenger tax sale is to be held was passed by the 1919 legislature and is as follows:

Section 2711. Lien by County Foreclosure—Counties shall have a lien upon real estate within their boundaries for all taxes due thereon to the state, county or any subdivision thereof. After any parcel of real estate has been offered for sale for taxes for three consecutive years, and not sold for want of bidders, the county commissioners shall make and enter an order directing the county attorney to foreclose the lien for all taxes then delinquent, in the same manner, except as herein provided, and with like effect as if such lien were a mortgage.

Separate parcels may be joined in one action, but the court shall find the amount due against each parcel and apportion the costs to the date of the decree. After 20 days from the date of the decree an order shall issue for the sale of every parcel covered thereby, but not theretofore redeemed. The sale shall be conducted in the same manner as sales of real estate upon execution, and each parcel shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The owner of the fee or any person having a legal interest in any separate parcel may redeem at any time within two years from the date of the sale thereof, by paying to the clerk of the court the amount of subsequent taxes paid by the purchaser, interest on such amounts at ten per cent per annum, and a

proportionate share of the costs to the date of redemption.

At any time after the expiration of two years the court shall, on motion of the county attorney, examine the proceedings, and, if they are found to be correct, shall make and enter an order of confirmation, and shall direct the sheriff to make and deliver to the purchaser without further cost to them, a sheriff's deed for any real estate not redeemed. The delivery of such deed shall pass title to the purchaser free and clear of all liens of every nature whatsoever, and the interest of all persons over whom the court had jurisdiction.

From the proceeds of the sale of any separate parcel the costs charged thereto shall first be paid. The balance thereof, or so much as is necessary, shall be paid to the governmental subdivisions entitled thereto in discharge of their claims. If a surplus remain after satisfying all cost and taxes against any particular parcel it shall be paid by the clerk of the court to the person entitled thereto. If the proceeds are insufficient to pay the costs and taxes, the amount remaining shall be prorated among the governmental subdivisions.

In any event the proceedings shall operate as a release of such parcel from all liens for the taxes included therein. The proceeds of the sale of one parcel shall not be applied to the discharge of a lien for taxes against any other parcel. The proceedings herein provided for shall be construed to be not exclusive, but cumulative.

This is a rigorous law. It is expected that many who have not paid their taxes will come in within the next few weeks and pay up, thus saving themselves added expenses hereafter. Under this law, scavenger tax sales will be held every three years. There will never again be another wait of 20 years within which payment of taxes can be avoided.

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### Rosebud Day Is to Be October 1 at "Ak" Festival

150 Representatives of Dakota District Coming as Honor Guests of Samson.

A "Rosebud day" will be observed during the Ak-Sar-Ben fall festival. The Greater Rosebud association of civic clubs of that section has asked for a day all its own. Samson decreed that October 1 should be that day and provided a place in the electric parade that night for those members who register.

Already plans for the day have been made by the members of the Greater Rosebud association. Members who will not be able to reach Omaha to participate in the celebration may hear at least part of the fun, as a special program will be broadcast from W. O. A. W. by the visitors.

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Third Floor

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