DELINQUENT TAX THEORY BLASTED BY RECORDS AUDIT counties in Nebraska.

Work of Atkinson Service Club Shows Increase of Expense But Little More Service.

house last week a Tax Audit Survey has been done. of Holt county for the years 1912, 1918, 1929, 1934 and 1935 containmittee of the Atkinson Service club ods. and was compiled by C. J. McClelland, accountant, who spent about six weeks here last summer auditing the records for the report.

Mr. McClelland makes an anal- 1935 were as follows: on the condition of the county, from a financial standpoint. The report HENRY LOSHER IS is very voluminous and a part of it follows. More will be published next week.

General Comments

fairs of Holt county has been an increasing problem apparently because of lack of supervision that applies business methods that would

and 1936 of \$17,078.40 for claims cemetery.

county purposes in the year 1918 1934. known in the state.

Delinquent Taxes

The item of delinquent taxes is Half of Moving Into New constantly used as an alibi to justify unpaid bills. The fallacy of this argument, for the year 1935, is best shown by the following statement of facts:

Total Taxes levied in Holt county in 1935

\$407,020.66 were 1934 taxes collected in \$252,740.82 1935 Delinquent taxes for

1929-1933 inclusive collected in 1935

1935 taxes collected in 63,824.22 1935 Interest collected on

9,529.33 above taxes

\$390,646.49 clude delinquent taxes and interest | His Hospital and Practice | children and four great grandchildon same that were collected in It is understood in county medfor 1935.

ly on the proposition of whether in and New York City.

the future, services and supplies PITZER CONFESSES for Holt county will be bought at the prices paid by well managed

Purchasing

No system of requisitioning purchases, services and supplies is in use. It is most emphatically impossible to place the expenditures There was received at the court on a firm business basis until this

ing an itemized, classified, analyzed supplies in use in the county offices section, plead guilty Wednesday man, Amelia; L. W. Barthel, Amelcomparative audit survey of all and for the highways and bridges afternoon to burglarly in connect- ia; M. F. Gribble, Chambers; Jack receipts and expenditure of all should be made and a perpetual ion with the robbery of the Frank Summers, Page; Art Runnells, Stucounty funds in the county, and it invoice maintained. The absence Weber liquor store at Atkinson last art; Mervin French, Page; H. Y. is very interesting reading. The of this perpetual invoice encour- November 24. He has not yet Greenburg, Stuart; Art Doolittle, audit was made for the tax com- ages waste by slack business meth-

Highways and Bridges

pended for highway and bridge pur- cases of assorted liquors, whiskies poses in Holt county for the year and wines. Later the authorities

DEAD, FAILING TO SURVIVE ILLNESS

For 83 Year Old Resident. Burial At Meek.

place Holt county on a cash basis. local hospital last Monday morning defendants had a hearing before of its employees, as they are now This lack of supervision empha- at 5 a. m., after an illness of about Judge Malone who bound them all division employees of the Intersizes the absolute necessity of dras- one month, at the age of 83 years, over to the district court. Pitzer state Power company instead of tic changes in the laws pertaining 6 months and one day. The fun- has now plead guilty. O'Connell district employees. The O'Neill to the operation of county affairs cral was hold Wednesday afternoon and Sesler are expected to come to office covers northeastern Nebrasand the control of county expendiat 2 o'clock, services at the Prestrial on March 15. These are ex- ka and southwestern South Dakota. With judgments taken in 1935 ciating and burial in the Meek in the new court house.

two and three years old and with Henry Losher was born at Peru, made a confession in which he said Iowa, instead of the division office present outstanding claims on file Indiana, on August 30, 1853. Short- that he and George O'Connell stole at Albert Lea, Minn. The advance letter, condemed the pending act in marriage at Svatoslow, Bohemia, The three men were brought to on September 28, 1936 aggregating ly after reaching manhood's es- the whiskey between one and two in grade from a district to a di-\$51,417.71 it is utterly impossible tate he came west and settled in o'clock on the night of the 24th, vision advance the following of a speaking tour to fight it.

In the meantime the frie allowed, the actual expenditures in Dakota where he worked in the Meadow Grove about 5 o'clock the L. C. Walling, who has been the primary are planning an are: Mrs. Fannie Dvorak, Spencer; charge and were taken before While we cannot state definitely, February 20, 1888, he was united was arrested that day and taken to years, is now division manager. the information that we have in- in marriage to Miss Frances Ples- Bassett in connection with a bad Fred Robertson, who has been than 35 per cent of the vote cast Sophia Novatil, John and Frank, deferred. The Streeter wheel was dicates that for many years the sel and they moved to this county check and that upon his return to district manager of maintenance at the primary. county expenditures have exceeded eleven years later. Mr. Losher Norfolk the liquor was gone. He here for several years is now divisthe cash income. It is quite evident was the father of four children, then came up to Holt count to look ion manager of maintenance. that if the supplies and services of three sons and one daughter, all of for it finding it at the Bob Carr L. C. Cain, district accountant, the county had been purchased on whom survive and were present at place. the same basis as well managed the funeral services. The child- He says the robbery was planned years, is now division accountant. counties in the state and a few un- ren are: Samuel, of Dearborn, in the Frank Sesler beer parlor on K. D. Fenderson, former district necessary activities eliminated, ex- Michigan; George, of O'Neill; the highway by Emmet and that superintendent of operation and penditures could have been easily Dewey, of Chadron and Mrs. Pete after the robbery and on their way maintenance is now division superconfined to the cash income and the Peterson, of O'Neill, who are left to Norfolk with the liquor they intendet of operation and maincounty affairs administered on a to mourn the passing of a kind stopped and left a case and a half tenance.

were \$110,284.27. In the year of Henry Losher had been a resi-recover the liquor. 1935 they were \$156,513.37 accord- dent of the county for thirty-eight | Sheriff Duffy went to Fremont towns supplied by the company in ing to claims allowed, but were in years and had always taken an returning Sunday afternoon with this territory, also are advanced claims were filed and not allowed. years he lived on his large ranch pending completion of the Holt O'Neill district. But even the claims allowed in 1935 about fifteen miles north of this county bastile. He was placed in The Frontier is pleased to note political parties are just about as show an increase over 1918 of city, retiring about twenty years the new jail having the dubious that the Interstate Power company useful at Lincoln as the fifth wheel \$46,299.10. It is well to inquire ago and moving to town, where he honor of being the first prisoner to recognizes this city and its local of a wagon. what new governmental functions resided up to the time of his death. occupy it. On Monday the Sheirff offices as one of the important All of these signs and omens have are being performed by county of- He was a good citizen, a student went to Neligh returning with chains in their distribution system, alarmed the lobby. It is a common ficials in 1935 that were not avail- of civic affairs, a great reader and George O'Connell who had been which is indicated by the increase sight to see a trained and skilled able to the taxpayer in 1918. It was unusually well posted on the kept in jail there. He is now also in rank given the local office, and bunch of lobbyists coming out of a must be remembered 1935 and sev- affairs of his country and com- in the new jail. eral years prior were depression munity. He had a host of friends years in Nebraska while 1918 was among the older citizens of the Funeral At Page Sunday one of the most prosperous ever county who will learn with regret of his passing.

of Schools McClurg are now in the Page cemetery. engaged arranging their offices for at Dayton, Ohio on Dec. 18, 1847. taxpayers and others having busi- where she grew to womanhood and 64,552.12 ness with the respective offices. The was married to John Lamason at pected to move into their new ily came to this county in 1889 ed some furniture that has been Page, where Mrs. Lamason had ordered arrives.

1935 for the years prior to 1929, ical circles that Dr. F. L. Wilson hence it will be seen that the total of Stuart, widely known thruout taxes available for the operation of northeast Nebraska as a physician the political subdivisions of Holt and surgeon disposed of his prac- Spring District Court county very nearly equalled the tice and hospital at Stuart and will total amount of all taxes levied shortly leave this locality. The re-The constant flow of delinquent some time in post graduate work March 15, with a jury for the trial to O'Neill the first of the week and doubt on the legality of certain being called here by the serious tion. Congratulations, Ralph. tax payments that will hereafter in the east after which he expects of a couple of criminal cases and will make this city their future sections of the bill. Governor Coch- illness of his father. Mr. Losher be available to Holt county should to locate in some Nebraska city a few civil cases. It is the opinion home. Mr. Hicks had a filling sta- ran bitterly attacked Murphy. materially aid toward placing the and specialize. His successor at of court attaches that the session tion in Page the past two years, Governor Cochran had tried to at Dearborn, Mich., for several Elhaney were holding court in county on a cash basis with lower Stuart is a Dr. Clark, formerly en- will last about a week. levies after 1936. This rests square- gaged in surgical work in Michigan The following are the names of to his successor on March 1, and keep the extra 1 cent tax, allotting a strike is called at the Ford plant pleting the spring term Tuesday

PART IN ATKINSON LIQUOR ROBBERY

Brought Here Sunday From Fremont Where He Was Held Waiting for Jail Here.

Frank Pitzer, who now claims Omaha as his residence but who Damero, O'Neill; Frank Imsick, formerly lived at Norfolk and Plain- Orchard; Pat Kilmurray, Atkinson; An invoice of all materials and view and who is well known in this John Vitt, O'Neill; Arthur Waldbeen sentenced.

Some time during the night on November 24 Mr. Weber's liquor Interstate Power Office The amounts collected and ex- store was robbed of some thirty arrested Pitzer, George O'Connell ysis and some general comments (Continued on page 4, column 1.) and Frank Sesler of Emmet and state Power company has taken on Bob Carr of near Atkinson who added importance in the field of were all charged with the robbery electrical distribution in Nebraska. and with receiving stolen property. Since the Interstate Power com-Bob Carr plead guilty to receiving pany has had charge of this secstolen property saying that five tion the O'Neill office of the comcases of the whiskey was brought pany has been classified and listed The administration of county af- Funeral Services Held Wednesday to his place early the second morn- as a District office, and all of its ing following the robbery by Geo. employees as district employees. O'Connell and that he let him store it in the hay mow. He has not yet was made a Division office, which Henry Losher passed away at the been sentenced. The remaining automatically raised the rank of all

on his trip to the Carr place to

for Mrs. Mary Lamason

Mrs. Mary E. Lamason died at Court House Is Finished incident to old age, at the advanced Holt county officials have been age of 89 years, 2 months and 15 busy all week moving over to the days. The funeral was held Tuesnew building. County Clerk Gal- day afternoon at 2:30 from the lagher, Register of Deeds, County Methodist church in Page, Rev. Judge Malone and Superintendent Carmony officiating and burial in

their new quarters and are busily Mary Elizabeth Abbot was born the accommodation of Holt county Her parents later moved to Ilinois rest of the county officials are ex- Pekin, Ill., Jan. 22, 1874. The famquarters the coming week, provid- and settled on a farm northeast of made her home continuously since. Her husband died in 1890. She The above statement does not in- Dr. Wilson of Stuart Sells leaves one son, Leslie, seven grandand affectionate mother and grand-

port is that the doctor will spend will open in this city Monday, for the past two years, moved back Drafter Mike Murphy cast some last Saturday from Detroit, Mich., active in the affairs of the associa-

jurors for the March term, which at once came back to O'Neill.

will open at 10 a. m.: cmfwyp will open at 10 a. m. March 15:

D. D. Jonason, Atkinson; Leo Mossman, Inman: Art B. Sanders, Ewing; Pat Regan, Inman; Adrian Mitchell, Butte; Elmer Krueger, Inman; John Connolly, O'Neill; Paul Schwisow, O'Neill; Merl Richards, Atkinson, Frank Hoyt, Atkinson; Harry Scott, Chambers; John Amelia; Elmer Ernst, O'Neill.

Here Changed From A

District To A Division The O'Neill office of the Inter-

About Jan. 15, the O'Neill office byterian church Rev. Johnson offi- pected to be the first cases tried Being a division the office here will now report direct to the head

position he has filled for several

The managers of all the Interstate Power company offices in the

various officials promoted.

GRATTAN PROJECT CLUB

very amusing. A very interesting standpoint. lesson of "Choosing Pictures for the Home," which was one of the plained a lobbyist, "are sordidly is as follows: If in March, 1936, summer lessons, was given by Mrs. pinch penny guys." Marquis. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

WOODMEN CIRCLE

business session. There were cent to the normal schools. eight present. Plans were discussed for the district convention which blazed forth in the fight over the fore, during these four months, will be held in O'Neill sometime in five cent gas tax bill, forced they propose to pass on to their to tender congratualtion to Editor June. After the meeting the ladies abandoment of the legislative customers the use of this excess Ralph Kelly of the Atkinson helped themselves to pie and coffee. plan for a short vacation and pre- capacity, by selling one-half of the Graphic on his election to the next week for further plans, when in time to supersede the old 5 cent the kilowatt hours consumed dur- Association, at their meeting held a better attendance is expected.

A spring term of district court who have been residents of Page Miller interposed obstacles. Bill disposing of it and turning it over make a compromise. He planned to years and is of the opinion that if Butte Monday and Tuesday, com-

EFFORTS TO BRING CONVENTIONS BACK TO NEBRASKA FAIL

Bill Passed Requiring Counties To Add To Their Levy For Care of Insane.

By the Lowell Service

the uncameral legislature the and enactment of the new one. Country Press is triumphant and entirely dominant.

blemished and bespatted with the care for their indigent insane paslush of propaganda, the metropoli- tients, was passed by the legislatan press and the radio stations ture. The bill, which was introfound that the common people re- duced by O. Edwin Schultz of Elgin, sented the manner in which the provided that the state board of big fellows handled the news re- control shall report to each county ports of the 1936 campaign.

committee took charge of the re- (Continued on page 5, column 4.) vision of the primary act and the dailies started to whooperup for LAST RITES HELD 'primary reform" the voters of the state, who are classified as "just folks," became suspicious. Legislators, writing to the papers in the home town, told of the socalled primary reform. Their fan mail became disturbing.

The "Primary reform" bills as outlined in committee proved to be

ed by Chairman Barth of the demo- in Calvary cemetery. cratic state committee, and Lyle John Valla was born at Morava, his companions and they were

gold mines for several years. On next morning. He says that he district manager here for several amendment to provide a runoff pri- Mrs. Nellie Dvorak, Dallas, S. D.; Judge Dickson this afternoon and

convention plan is dead.

swat for the party organizations.

commission are included .

opposition. The socalled leaders of the two county.

tenders its congratulations to the committee hearing gasping for

cal communities are most appre- issued from March 16 to July 15, The Grattan Project Club met at hensive. County and municipal inclusive. Mr. Robertson states the home of Mrs. Howard Marquis governmental units are in for a that this new, low rate will apply Page Monday morning, of ailments on March 2. Twelve members were good ribbing. The example of a during these four months to residlegislature running on \$300 a day ence, rural, and commercial light In answer to roll call each memb- instead of \$3,885 is not a good one and power customers, and the plan er told of their "hobby" which was from the free and easy spending has been simplified considerably

"Some of these legislators," com-

plan a building program. A levy of tion amounts to 50 kilowatt hours, The next meeting will be held one half a mill has been suggested. ten kilowatt hours, or one-half of at the home of Mrs. Larry Barrett. Of this levy 40 per cent would be the increase will be charged for at used for buldings for state insti- 2 cents per kilowatt hour. tutions and would be administered This 2 cent electricity campaign Emerald Grove 128 of the Wood- by the state board of control. Forty is possible during the spring men Circle met with Mrs. G. A. per cent would be allotted to the months due to the company's load Miles Tuesday afternoon for a state university and twenty per dropping off sharply, with the re-

The unicamerals made a gallant 1936 at 2 cents per kilowatt hour. Term Begins March 15 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks, effort to get the bill thru. Dr. A. L.

four-tenths of a cent to the assist- it will not be a very serious one. afternoon and returning home.

ance fund and turning the remaining six-tenths into the highway department.

Gasoline dealers and the Good Roads association opposed the governor. The opposition was aided by the legislative file rule adopted at the request of Speaker Warner. The old age pension fund stood to lose \$6,000 a day for any gap be-Lincoln, Nebr .- In the affairs of tween the expiration of the old law

By a vote of 31 to 7, LB6, the bill to make counties add to the Coming out of the last campaign state levy an amount sufficient to once each year as to the number of Consequently when a bipartisan patients the county has in the four

THURSDAY FOR AN EARLY PIONEER

William Valla Buried Here This Morning. Had Lived In the County Since 1884.

John Valla passed away at his a pale carbon copy of the measure home in this city last Tuesday vetoed by Former Governor Art morning after a short illness at Weaver in 1929. After an hour of the advanced age of 87 years and acrimonious discussion the bill met 22 days. The funeral was held death in the committee by a vote from the Catholic church in this city this morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. The bipartisan committee, head- P. F. Burke officiating and burial

Jackson of the republican cohorts, Bohemia, on Feb. 10, 1850. He picked up. The others are Ernest Before pleading guilty Pitzer office of the company at Dubuque, made gallant efforts to prevent an grew to manhood in his native Cornish, 18, and Everett Ensley, 17, utter rout. Senator Norris, in a country and in 1872 he was united all of Ainsworth. and threatened a referendum and to Miss Fannie Nemac. To this this city and placed in the county union seven children were born, all jail. After their arrival here they In the meantime the friends of of whom are living. The children decided to plead guilty to the mary if the high man receives less Mrs. Tena Sedlacek, Spencer; Mrs. plead guilty. Their sentence was O'Neill, and Joe, Winner, S. D., who found in a sand pit near Ainsworth. But the idea of reviving the old with his aged wife are left to mourn the passing of a kind and There was also another teriffic affectionate husband and father.

Mr. Valla came to the United A bill has been advanced with a States from his native land in the single dissenting vote to make the spring of 1884 coming direct to

Interstate Conducts 2c Electricity Campaign

Annuoncement was made yesterday by Fred Robertson, District Manager, that the Interstate Power company would again this year conduct its annual 2 cent electricity Merry and jovial spenders in lo- campaign, effective on statements over last year.

An example of the plan this year you consumed 30 kilowatt hours A serious effort is being made to and in March, 1937, your consump-

sult that they have an excess ca-Opposition to Governor Cochran pacity in plants and lines. There-

has been working in the Ford plant | Judge Dickson and Reporter Mc-

AINSWORTH TRIO PLEAD QUILTY TO CAR PARTS THEFT

Story of Atkinson Man Leads To-Arrest of Youths Who Took Parts From Parked Car.

Last Tuesday night some one stole tires and other accessories from the car of Clyde Streeter parked on the street in front of the R. H. Murray home, which was reported to the local officials the next morning. That afternoon J. R. Jarvis, who runs a filling station in Atkinson, was in the city and in conversation with Mayor Kersenbrock related that three fellows had stolen some tools and other equipment from his truck in Atkinson and that he had apprehended them and got most of his property back.

Mayor Kersenbrock then drove to Ainsworth and talked to the suspects, but they denied having been in O'Neill. He wanted the city marshal there to place the suspected men in jail and he would get a warrant for them, but the official was loath to do so without a warrant. The Mayor then returned to O'Neill, secured a warrant, and accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom went back to Ainsworth.

The warrant was made out for Dale Herring, 21, of Ainsworth, and he was apprehended, but denied ever having been in O'Neill. He was identified by Mr. Jarvis as one of the three men whom he saw at a filling station in Atkinson. A little later he confessed and named

Butcher Hogs Firm; Cattle Are Steady To Lower At Atkinson

Atkinson, Nebr .- Indifferent deselection of county officers non- Holt county. He located on a farm mand for everything in the cattle partisan. Members of the railway a few miles southeast of this city line except very best stocker and where he resided for many years, feeders was apparent at Tuesday's When this bill came up on the until he moved to this city about auction. The quality of the offerand affectionate father. Mrs. with Sesler. Sesler also accom- H. G. Kruse, former district floor of the unicameral, Howard, twenty years ago, and made his ing was plainer than a week ago. The total tax expenditures for Losher passed away in February, panied him, according to his story, engineer is now division engineer. Frst and Von Seggren made brief home here since that time. In his This coupled with lower markets speeches. No speech was made in passing the county loses another of all around the circuit and talk of its pioneer citizens as he had been dry weather tended to depress Lurking on the unicameral cal- a resident of the county for over prices with the market generally endar are the short ballot bills. It fifty-three years. He was a good 15 to 25 cents a hundred lower than reality, considerably higher than active interest in the civic affairs Preston Pitzer who he had been and become employees of the is predicted that some form of citizen and had a host of friends a week ago on everything but the this amount in 1935 as many unpaid of the county. For over eighteen keeping in the Dodge county jail O'Neill division, instead of the short ballot will pass with a whoop. among the older settlers of the very best kinds. Slightly over 400 cattle were sold. Best yearlings here sold at 7.35 with quite a lot of them bringing from 6.50 to 7.00; best steer calves at 6.50 to 7.25; heifer calves of fine quality at 5.90; yearling heifers at 5.50 to 6.60; plain and trashy yearlings and calves sold down as low as 4.00 and 4.50 a hundred; canner cows generally at 3.00 to 3.25; cutters at 3.50 to 4.00; good fat cows and heavy heifers at 4.50 to 6.25; bulls

4.50 to 5.25. Around 300 head of hogs, of which 50 per cent were top fats, cleared on a fully steady basis. A long string of the best butchers cleared at 9.45 with an extreme top of 9.50. Fifty-six head in one string averaging 325 pounds sold at 9.471/2; good packing sows brought 9.00 to 9.50; stock pigs all weights from 6.50 to 9.90 a hundred.

Only 20 horses were offered with the demand just fair. Span of gray 5-year-old geldings at \$260; good 5-year-old mare at \$145. Next auction Tuesday, March 9, starting at 12 o'clock noon.

Ralph Kelley of Atkinson Head of Nebraska Press

The Frontier omitted last week Another meeting will be held vented the passage of the measure electric energy used in excess of presidency of the Nebraska Press gas tax act which expired March 1. ing the corresponding month in in Omaha the latter part of February. Ralph will make a good officer. He is a splendid newspaper Sam Losher arrived in the city man and for several years has been