

### CARRY THE SCHOOL DEFICIT, SAYS URE

Treasurer Thinks that Plan Far Better Than Voting Bonds to Wipe Out the \$200,000.

#### OTHER INTERESTING POINTS

The Board of Education may find it advantageous to seek expert opinion, as some of the members have suggested, as to the best way of handling that \$200,000 deficit.

For since The Bee brought out the discussion, the subject is attracting a good deal of attention. It must be said that the bond issue idea is meeting with some marked disapproval. W. G. Ure, city and county treasurer, is one of the financial experts who thinks it would be poor business to vote bonds to efface the deficit.

"Why," says he, "the deficit only costs the board from \$300 to \$500 a year. There isn't a business house in Omaha doing an annual business of \$1,000,000 that would not carry such a deficit, if it had it, at that rate."

"Then you would maintain the deficit?" "Why, certainly. Voting bonds to take up a deficit! The worst sort of a proposition! In the first place, if this deficit were wiped out, it probably would not be long until there was another one to take its place. I really believe that the very existence of the deficit will act as a safety valve, will tend to make the board more cautious than if it were not there. Of course, I wouldn't advocate the creation of deficits for such purposes, but here is a deficit created by expenditures and salary increases, and the only thing to do, in my judgment, is to carry it along indefinitely."

**Larger Sources of Revenue.**  
The Board of Education finds itself up against the proposition of providing a larger source of income to keep up with its ever-increasing expenses. This year it had exhausted its limit of tax levy, taxing at the maximum rate of 30 mills, for the first time since the old law became operative. But yet it finds need for larger resources. So a bill will be presented at Lincoln authorizing an expansion of this levy rate maximum to 25 mills.

Whether the legislature will regard the proposition with favor or not, many men in Omaha do not. The need for larger resources is admitted, but there are those who believe that the best provision for it would be an adequate increase in property valuations for the purposes of taxation. Property values steadily have been raised in the last few years, but not enough, according to some who give a good deal of attention to such matters. That is, the contention follows that valuations for taxation are not commensurate with the valuations for selling purposes, or with actual prices constantly being obtained for property, especially high-priced downtown property.

**Taxes and Licenses.**  
The tax collections for the last school year amounted to \$625,532. That is, of course, the largest single source of revenue for the schools and it is not enough to pay the salaries of teachers, janitors and others in the employ of the board, to say nothing of meeting other contingencies. Next in the items of revenue comes

saloon license money, approximately \$200,000 a year, or \$1,000 for every saloon. Here again there is, in the minds of some, a chance for an increase. The saloon license is the same today as it was many years ago, although the number of saloons is gradually decreasing. In other words, every expense item the Board of Education has to meet has gone up—teachers' salaries, janitors' wages, clerk hire, fixtures, equipment, fuel—the cost of everything, in fact, has advanced. But the price of the saloon license remains the same.

Now, then, while it may be regarded as a delicate proposition, the question arises, why not boost the amount of each saloon's contribution to the support of the public schools? Oh, but someone immediately makes a wry face and exclaims, "We hate the very idea of educating our innocent little children from saloon money." But you are doing it and are likely to continue doing it for an indefinite time; at least, you are making no provision for not doing it.

**Why Not Adequate?**  
Then, the question comes, if the saloons are to pay toward the support of the schools, why not have them pay an adequate sum? Or, is it any worse to accept \$2,000 from each saloon than to accept only \$1,000 for the noble cause of education?  
Yes, there is some quiet, oh, very, very quiet talk, of proposing to double, or at least, increase, the assessment on the saloons. Although, perhaps it ought to be stated, such talk has not as yet been heard within the circles of the Board of Education.

### Omaha Italians to Send Funds to Help Victims of Quake

Omaha Italians have started to raise a fund for the relief of their stricken countrymen who are suffering from the effects of the recent earthquake. Antonio Venuto, Italian consular agent; Sebastian Salerno and Louis J. Platt sent the following telegram to Consular Agent Da Vella at Denver:  
"Upon behalf of the Omaha Italian colony, we desire to extend our sympathies to our unfortunate brothers across the sea, who were visited by the terrible earthquake which carried death and destruction in its wake. Advise us if we can be of assistance."

The reply from Da Vella came in due time by wire:  
"The noble sentiments expressed by you confirm once more the high and lofty principles of your colony. I suggest that our countrymen unite and raise funds to succor the victims, who will certainly appreciate your aid."  
Venuto and Salerno started at once to solicit in the city and had raised over \$100 by noon. They expect to raise \$1,000 or more for the relief work.

### JESSIE THINKS STONE MIGHT NOT BE A JONAH

Jessie Reed, colored, arraigned before Judge Foster on a charge of vagrancy, held a black stone clutched tightly in her hand.  
"What have you got that for, Jessie," inquired the judge.  
"That's a good luck ch'ns, judge, but ah, ah! had muthin' but bad luck since ah had it, so when ah gets out a' jail I'm gwine to th'ow it away."  
Jessie was discharged. As she went out the court room door she called back, "Ah guess ah'll keep that stone, judge, maybe ah was mistaken."

### F. M. Hans, Insane, Murders Chickens and Takes to Cave

Just after early dusk Thursday evening Deputy Sheriffs William Hogan and James Musgrave and Chauffeur George Moore approached a cave at Sixty-fourth and Woolworth avenue in which Fred M. Hans, charged with insanity, has been living. They had been instructed to arrest him.

As they approached Hans came out of the door of the cave, his hands bloody, his face fixed in stern lines.  
"We want you," said Musgrave, as he and Moore seized Hans and held him firmly.

Deputy Hogan, moved by a quiet, steadfast devotion to duty and perhaps by a vision of large newspaper headlines in which the name "Hogan" figured largely, advanced into the cave.  
Leaning against one wall was a big shotgun.  
On the floor was a strange looking object, over which a white cloth had been laid. Hogan thrust his hand beneath the cloth. He felt warm flesh. He rushed outside the door.  
"Great God, boys," he cried, "there's been murder done here!"  
At this point the scene changed from tragedy to burlesque, for when the trio removed the cloth from the uncanny looking object on the floor two freshly killed and dressed chickens which Hans had got, no one knows where, were found.

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The idea originated with three things in mind: First—To take the sting out of Christmas giving by having some ready cash for the holidays. Second—To teach the children the habit of saving by having them come to the bank each week—a habit that will soon become a religion if started in their younger days, and one that is hard to establish if you wait too long. Third—To more easily acquire a competence for yourself—an ideal "never-miss-the-money" way to get an "insurance payment" together each year for yourself or wife. These are the main roots of the plan with a thousand beneficial branches. Think it over!

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**—Any One Person Can Open Accounts for Other Members of the Family, and Receive Individual Membership Cards Made Out in the Different Names.

## Here Is What You Can Do

<b>Open An Account With Two Cents</b>	<b>Open An Account With Five Cents</b>
And pay like this: First week . . . .2c Second week . . .4c Third week . . .6c Fourth week . . .8c And so on for forty-nine weeks.	And pay like this: First week . . . .5c Second week . . .10c Third week . . .15c Fourth week . . .20c And so on for forty-nine weeks.
At the close of the Club, on Dec. 11, you receive <b>\$24.50</b> Plus 3% Interest.	At the close of the Club, on Dec. 11, you receive <b>\$61.25</b> Plus 3% Interest.
Or, if you wish, you may pay 3c the first week, and two cents less each week. This "Reverse" plan gives you a little more interest.	Or, if you wish, you may reverse the plan and pay \$2.45 the first week and five cents less each week.

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