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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Judge of the Supreme Court. A. M. POST.

For County Treasurer. A. C. BARRY, of Buchanan Precinct.

For Sheriff. W. M. HOLTRY, of Sutherland.

For Supt. Public Instruction. CLAUDE WEINGAND, of North Platte.

For County Judge. BERTHA THOLECKE, of Osgood Precinct.

For Surveyor. A. S. BALDWIN, of North Platte.

For Coroner. CHAS. P. ROSS, of North Platte.

For Commissioner, First District. N. F. DONALDSON, of North Platte.

For Commissioner, Second District. WM. WOODHURST, of North Platte.

THAT BRIDGE FUND TAX

In addition to the expose we made in our last issue in regard to the unlawful transfer of money from the county bridge fund to the county general fund for the years 1895 and 1896, we find upon examining the records further that a still worse state of affairs exist in regard to the bridge fund for the years 1893 and 1894.

The following statement will show the full extent of the excessive tax for the four years, 1893 to 1896 inclusive in that fund:

1893 bridge fund levy \$8,300.00
1894 bridge fund levy 7,797.00
1895 bridge fund levy 9,539.00
1896 bridge fund levy 8,811.00

Total \$34,447.00

There was expended out of the levies of these four years for bridge fund purposes by warrants drawn on the respective levies as follows:

1893 \$2,125.00
1894 1,761.12
1895 4,971.90
1896 4,035.10

Total \$12,893.12

By deducting this amount expended for bridge fund purposes from the total amount of the levies we get the following result:

Four years' levies \$34,447.00
Four years' expenditures 12,893.12
Difference \$21,553.88

This difference of \$21,553.88 is the amount of illegal taxes in this one fund levied against the tax-payers of Lincoln county in four years.

As we explained in our former article on this subject, these excessive levies were made from year to year in direct violation of law for the purpose of augmenting the general fund of the county beyond the legal limit of nine mills.

Is it any wonder that our taxes are constantly increasing and that our floating indebtedness exceeds forty thousand dollars?

THE ERA'S QUIBBLES.

The Era in its last issue after admitting the two items of indebtedness of the county on the first day of July, 1897, aggregated \$41,533.47, quibbles about the term "floating indebtedness" and seeks to show that because the commissioners proceeded to levy a tax and draw warrants to pay these claims, that there was no floating indebtedness.

But that kind of a quibble will not fool many people.

The term "floating" indebtedness is used in contra distinction to the funded indebtedness, and every item of liability must come under one of these heads.

The term "funded indebtedness" applies to a bonded debt.

Floating indebtedness includes all other liabilities.

When the commissioners made their levy for 1897 and proceeded to issue warrants for \$19,669.15 in payment of claims, that did not reduce the floating debt one cent, but simply changed the debt from a non-interest bearing to an interest bearing debt and until those warrants are redeemed at the county treasury, they continue to form a part of the floating indebtedness of the county.

THE FLOATING INDEBTEDNESS

The Tribune's Charge that the Floating Indebtedness of the County has Increased under Populist Rule is fully Sustained by the County Records.

FACTS AND FIGURES WHICH PROVE IT.

The Era and the populist ring has frantically denied the charge made by THE TRIBUNE that notwithstanding the enormous increase of taxes for county purposes during the past four years, that the floating indebtedness of the county has been increasing at an appalling rate. To their demand for proof of this charge we submit the following from the official records of the county.

For this purpose we propose to take the records for July 1st, 1893, and July 1st, 1897, and show the floating indebtedness at those periods respectively, and we will use the same method in arriving at results in each case; that is, to include as floating indebtedness in each case the amount of registered warrants standing on the warrant register unpaid and not called in, to which we add the warrants drawn on the several funds during the month of July after the current levy had been made; presuming that such warrants had been drawn in payment of claims on file or actually accrued against the county on the first day of July. This is the only method by which it is possible to arrive at the floating indebtedness.

With this explanation we submit the following figures:

Table showing Floating Indebtedness July 1, 1893. Unpaid warrants of 1892 and previous years \$ 7,562.00. Gen'l fund warrants drawn on ley 1893 to pay claims 12,273.30. Road fund warrants drawn on 1893 levy to pay claims 2,233.98. Bridge fund warrants drawn on 1893 levy to pay claims 162.10. Total \$22,231.38.

Table showing Floating Indebtedness July 1st, 1897. Unpaid registered warrants 1896 and previous years \$22,033.47. Gen'l fund warrants drawn on levy 1897 to pay claims 19,669.15. Road fund warrants drawn on 1897 levy to pay claims 1,083.75. Total for 1897 \$42,786.37. Deduct 1893 Total \$22,231.38. Increase \$20,554.99.

Thus in four years the floating indebtedness of Lincoln county—under populist administration—has increased

\$20,554.99.

The total debt almost doubled and the interest bearing debt (unpaid registered warrants) trebled in four years.

By the way, if there was, as the Era admits, on July 1st, 1897, unpaid registered warrants to the amount of 22,033.47 and the commissioners drew new warrants in payment of \$19,500.00 of claims, then the interest bearing floating indebtedness in July 1897 would aggregate \$41,533.47.

The populist ring complains of the fact that we have compared the four years 1883 to 1887 when the republicans were in control with the four years 1893 to 1897 when the populists were in control instead of some other period. The period 1883 to 1887 was taken because it is the period that the populist ring and its organ refers to as proof of republican extravagance. They should not complain when we give the facts as to the two periods that they have been harping so much about during the past year. But we care not what period the comparison is made with. There has been no period in the history of the county when taxes have been so high and increasing yearly and when the people had so little to show for it, as has been the case during the years 1893 to 1897, when the populist board has been in absolute control. And there is not a person in the county who has paid taxes during the past five years but has the proof of this fact in their tax receipts.

In extenuation of the fact that there has been such an appalling increase of county taxes during the time the populist ring has been in control, the ring points with pride to the fact that they have been instrumental in sending twenty-five people to the insane asylum and eleven persons to the penitentiary during the years 1893 to 1897; four times as many as were sent in a like period of republican control. No wonder people have gone insane and committed crimes under the influence of populist doctrines and the effects of a constantly increase of taxes while their property was constantly decreasing in value; to say nothing of Buchanan and Keliher pursuing them with distress warrants for the taxes they were unable to pay.

Tim Keliher and Butler Buchanan, posing as the friends of the down trodden poor at this time, must think that the drouth stricken farmers of Lincoln county have short memories. Never did plutocrat or money shark oppress the poor as Keliher and Buchanan did when they got after the farmers of Lincoln county with distress warrants for personal taxes in the dead of last winter, when in many cases they took the last team or cow to satisfy the taxes, cost and penalties.

Of course it was their duty to collect the taxes, but it was never in the law that the county should take the means of livelihood from its citizens and make them a burden on the county poor fund.

There never was a more inopportune time to issue distress warrants. For four seasons the crops had been wholly or partly failures so that with some of our people it was a struggle to find food for their families.

But Buchanan and Keliher were living off of the fat of the land. They were after the costs and penalties. What cared they for the sufferings of their poor dupes who, relying on their protestations of love for the common people, had elevated them to their place and power.

THE TRIBUNE told Mr. Cheyney that when the proper time came it would furnish proof that the floating indebtedness of the county had increased under populist administration. That time has come, and in another column Mr. Cheyney and the public generally will find proof of the charge. This increase of floating indebtedness together with the increased taxes show how utterly incompetent the populists are to administer the affairs of the county in an economical manner.

EVERY republican should make it a point to go to the polls next Tuesday and cast his vote for the straight ticket. We do not appreciate, however, that there will be any stay-at-home republicans this year.

The republican ticket is deserving of and should receive the support of every republican in the county. No republican can afford to slash his ticket this year.

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has the rich seal brown of Mocha and Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. 1/2 the price of coffee. 15c and 25c per package. Sold by all grocers.

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If you desire to have your taxes increased vote the populist ticket; if you want them decreased, vote the republican ticket.

Stand by the ticket, republicans, and the victory is yours. Knock out the populist ring which has increased the operating expenses of the county and increased the taxes of every property holder in Lincoln county.

Every candidate on the populist ticket is rustling to save his own "bacon"—each individual is pleading for himself and none are working for the whole ticket. With them the political situation is getting desperate.

Claude Weingand is making it extremely uncomfortable for Sir Timothy T. Keliher, and the latter is not nearly so sanguine of his election as he was ten days ago. Weingand is making friends and winning votes everywhere he goes.

When young unsophisticated friend Cheyney challenged a comparison between republican management and populist misrule in the affairs of the county, he evidently did not know that the proposition was loaded with disaster for his friends.

The population of Lincoln county is practically the same to-day as it was ten years ago, and the running expenses of the county should not be greater now than then, and yet the populist ring is spending from \$14,000 to \$16,000 per year more than the republicans did in 1887. This is a populist economy (?) with a vengeance.

A defeat of the populist ticket this fall means the death of that party in Lincoln county, and the republicans would in the future face their old foes, the democrats. For many years the democrats divided honors with the republicans in the election of county officers, and as a rule elected one-third of their ticket.

What has once been done is likely to be done again. The populist commissioners virtually compelled—without authority of law—the assessors to raise the valuation of property in 1896, and they may attempt similar action next year. Put your veto upon populist mismanagement and unlawful expenditure of county money by voting the straight republican ticket.

The disclosures in Friday's issue of The Tribune relative to the populist mismanagement of county affairs was an "eye-opener" to the tax-payers and a stunning blow to the populist ring, the members of the latter thinking The Tribune would not take the trouble to look up the records in the county offices. Additional evidences of populist mismanagement and incompetency are presented in today's issue.

After reading the exposition which we gave in the last issue of The Tribune of the enormous increase of taxes under our reform (?) county government, if tax-payers desire any more proof as to the extent they are being robbed to fatten the populist court house ring, let them examine their tax receipts and see how in each individual case the burden of taxation is increasing from year to year. Let them specially compare their previous receipts with that of 1896, and then let them say by their votes whether this robbery shall go on undisturbed.

In voting for Miss Tholecke you recognize a young lady who is bright, capable, energetic and exceptionally well qualified for the position of county superintendent. Miss Tholecke is virtually a Lincoln county girl, having lived here nearly all her life.

You can hunt the entire state over and not find a more capable man for county clerk than W. M. Holtry. He is a thorough accountant, and a graduate of a commercial college.

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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

THE STATE LOSES ITS SUIT.

The case of the State of Nebraska against the bondsmen of Joseph Bartley, late state treasurer, which was instituted to recover half a million defalcation, ended Friday afternoon. In speaking of the case the Bee says: The victory for the bondsmen was won on a question of law—whether or not the approval by the governor of the bond of Bartley on the first of the term, January 3, 1895, was essential to make the bond a valid and binding instrument. The bond had been approved by the governor four days afterward, January 9, 1895.

Judge Powell decided that the statutes of Nebraska absolutely and unqualifiedly required that the approval of the bond should have occurred on the first day of the term; that by the failure of the governor to approve it on that day, the office of state treasurer become vacant; that therefore Bartley was not actually state treasurer, but simply acting in that capacity; that the bondsmen had signed the bond of Bartley as state treasurer and nothing else, and that therefore they could not be held liable for his acts, as acting state treasurer.

The decision upon its face holds Governor Holcomb solely culpable for the failure to recover, for the reason that he did not perform the duty that was plainly laid down in statutes.

MAXWELL. C. H. Kuhns spent two days in North Platte the past week.

George Burke of Omaha shipped two car loads of cattle from here Thursday.

Mrs. C. H. Kuhns and children spent Wednesday in North Platte. Her mother Mrs. Brown returned with her.

A. W. Plumer spent Tuesday and Wednesday in North Platte the past week.

C. H. Kuhns is making some marked improvements on his residence and store. Mr. Butterfield of Cox precinct is doing the carpenter work.

Miss Mary Hanrahan who is teaching in Cottonwood spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Quite a delegation from here went up to head Bryan.

Miss Maud Nickerson and brother spent Saturday in North Platte.

Mrs. Pauline Walters of Willard, spent a few days in North Platte last week.

W. C. Dolan, J. Moore, Ben Dean, E. Delany and E. Fellows spent Tuesday in North Platte.

There is a Class of People who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/2 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

On two trains, Thursday, the Pacific Express company shipped one hundred and twelve boxes of celery out. The number of bunches in a box is rather hard to estimate as the boxes vary in size, and the grades of celery differ in size, and but it is perfectly safe to average it at eight dozen to the box. This would make the value of celery shipped out on two trains by one express company worth at a low estimate \$270. It is believed that each bound train out of Kearney these days will average carrying away one hundred dollars worth celery. Besides this from one to two car loads of celery go out of the city each day by freight. Thursday morning the Burlington took out two car loads of celery for Kansas City, making a total of six so far this week.—Kearney Hub.

Clinton, Missouri. Mr. A. L. Armstrong, an old druggist and a prominent citizen of this enterprising town, says: "I sell some forty different kinds of cough medicines, but have never in my experience sold so much of any one article as I have of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. All who use it say it is the most perfect remedy for Cough, Cold, Consumption, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs they have ever tried." It is a specific for Croup and Whooping Cough. It will relieve a cough in one minute. Contains no opiates. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by The North Platte Pharmacy, J. E. Bush, Mgr.

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A SOAP BUBBLE.

The Relation of its Varying Thickness to the Colors It Shows.

The extreme thinness of the bubble is indeed wonderful. It is estimated that the film in some places is only one three-millionths of an inch in thickness. Probably few of us can conceive of such thinness. Let me express it in another way. The Old and the New Testament contain some 3,000,000 of letters. Now one three-millionth is such a part of an inch as the first letter of the Bible is a part of the sum of all of its letters.

The bubble, however, is not of equal thickness at all points, and it is for this reason that it has the various colors. For instance, wherever the film is orange red it measures about three-millionths of an inch; where it is blue, eighty one-millionths of an inch, and at a point where lemon yellow is prominent about twenty one-millionths of an inch. Perhaps you wonder why the colors change from one part of the soap bubble to another. This is because the film of the soap bubble evaporates and grows thinner, but unequally so at different portions. A greenish blue with a pale rose red spot near it indicates an extreme thinness, and at such a point the film is ready to give way at the least jar.

You will be glad to know the sonnet of the beautiful colors. Every one is delighted with them, even if not interested by the explanation of their origin. We may say that they come from the light. Light gives color to all objects, but not exactly as it does to the soap bubble. White light from the sun can be broken into the seven colors which we have seen in the rainbow. In that instance the raindrops separate it into its parts. A glass prism will do the same, as you may prove by looking through a glass pendant from a hanging lamp. When the light reaches the surface of the soap bubble, a part is reflected from it, and we see images on its surface as if it were a curved mirror. Another portion of the light, however, enters the film and is separated so that parts of the seven colors are thrown into the bubble, and we can see them at various portions of the opposite surface. Another part of the light, after being broken by the film, is reflected by its inner surface back to our eyes, so that we see colors at the point where the light enters.—Jacob F. Bucher in St. Nicholas.

Making Quince Preserves. The excuse for this richest of all preserves is its very richness, its pungent, delicious flavor—so unlike any other fruit that there seems no kinship between them. We do not want it often—we should tire of it—and we do not want much of it, so it is well in any but large families to use just jars for it. Quince is better than any other preserves in sweet omelets, gives a fine additional touch of flavor to mince meat, is effective in tutti frutti and nesselrode pudding and in a claret cup. The flavor is finer, mellower and the pieces of fruit softer the second year after preserving it.

In preserving first wash the fruit thoroughly, as the skins will be used for jelly; pare, halve it if small, quarter if large, cut out the core neatly and drop the pieces into cold water. When enough fruit is pared to make two layers in the preserving kettle, put them on in cold water and boil (not violently) until they can be easily pierced with a straw, or they can be steamed just as well, and more can then be done at one time. When done, lay them on a platter. Strain the water in which they were boiled and add three-quarters of a pound of sugar for each pint. Boil gently for ten minutes, skim, add the fruit, simmer for 20 minutes longer and seal. Many use an equal quantity of apples with the quince, and so pungent is the quince flavor that in eating the preserves it is difficult to distinguish which is the apple. The Pound Sweet is the best apple for the purpose. The apple will need only the 20 minutes' cooking in the syrup—no preliminary boiling or steaming. To can quinces and apples, proceed as above, using a quarter of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit.—Ella Morris Kretschmar in Woman's Home Companion.

Discoveries at Treves. The excavations that have been going on for months past on a plot of ground belonging to Herr Schabb, a manufacturer at Treves, have resulted in the discovery of a Roman private house, which will excite the interest of antiquaries almost as much as the famous public buildings at Augustus-Treves. The front of the house is parallel with the principal street of the old Roman city. A number of blocks which served as pedestals for the wooden or stone pillars of a portico still remain. The entrance is distinctly recognizable between two buttresses and an immense heap of stones. A long entrance hall running right through the house from front to back is intersected by another corridor, so that the gigantic building is divided into four parts. Side corridors lead into the rooms. Of these the marble tessellated bathrooms for hot and cold water and warm air lie side by side and deserve special mention. The latter were supplied with warm air through subterranean passages. The escape of the smoke was effected by means of hollow tiles laid on one another. The southwestern rooms have cellars under them. In a light court in the same part of the house there is a well preserved window, the first ever found in a Roman building.

The most interesting thing, however, is the magnificent and richly colored Mosaic floor, a rarity of the first order. Experts assign the building to the first half of the fourth century, when Augusta Treverorum attained the zenith of its splendor under Constantine, and his son.—Berlin Dispatch to London Standard.

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