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## TAXES HIGHER THAN RENT.

### An Act of Great Injustice and Oppression Perpetrated Upon the People of Rock Bluff Village.

Mr. Editor:—Under this heading I desire to show to the public one of the most unjust, unreasonable and oppressive cases of taxation, that has ever been perpetrated upon this or any other civilized community.

And for the people here to endure, and quietly submit to such an outrage, without entering a protest is a little more than they can do. It is well known that land of the plat or town site of Rock Bluff, is of no more value than the farming lands adjoining it. For the reason that the greater portion of it, at least nineteen twentieths, is used for general farming, or for a grazing ground. The plat of the town site shows the blocks, to have been laid out 200 feet north and south by 240 feet east and west, with an alley of twenty feet in the center.

Some of the blocks contain twelve lots and some contain ten lots, but all of the blocks are of the same size, 200x240 feet. And which contains including alley, not quite one and one-fifth acres of ground. Previous to last year, for a number of years, the blocks have been assessed at four dollars a block; but last year the assessors were instructed by some one to assess each lot at three dollars a lot, making thirty-six dollars for a block of twelve lots, which is nine times as much as it was assessed for the year before. This is at the rate of thirty dollars per acre, for a twelve lot block, and twenty-five dollars per acre for a ten lot block. This year the assessors have been instructed to assess all lots at five dollars per lot, which will make fifty dollars per acre, for a twelve lot block, and forty-one dollars and sixty cents per acre for a ten lot block; that will make the assessment of 1889 on a twelve lot block just fifteen times as high as it was in 1887. While there has been no rise in the value of property but rather a decline.

This unjust taxation is for the town site that is used mostly for growing corn and grazing cattle upon; while the adjoining farms, of just as good land, and some of it much better, with good improvements and fine dwelling houses are only assessed at three dollars and fifteen cents, and six dollars per acre. Mr. J. M. Hutchinson's farm, adjoining on the west, is assessed six dollars per acre; Mr. J. M. Patterson's farm, on the north, is assessed at three dollars and fifteen cents per acre; Mr. J. B. Holmes farm, on the south, known as the Spiers place, is assessed at four dollars and a half per acre. But Mr. Holmes comes in for a share of this imposition and outrage, for within the same inclosure of the farm lies four blocks for which he is to be assessed at fifty dollars per acre, while the land is all used to do a general farming upon.

Four blocks of the town site have been offered for sale for some time at sixty-five dollars, or sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents per block, but there has been no buyers at that price. Now it is proposed by those having authority to do so, to have this land assessed at fifty dollars a block, or more than three times as much as the land is offered to be sold for.

Such taxation, Mr. Editor, is a stupendous outrage, and an oppression of magnificent dimensions. What the people have done here that they should be imposed upon in this manner is beyond our comprehension. But for some reason, for a number of years a part of every set of county officers have had a particular hatred against the people living upon the town site of Rock Bluff, and I will venture to say that more remarks of ridicule and slight insults by innuendo have been imposed upon them by county officials, than any other locality in the state of Nebraska; and this last imposition seems to be an effort on the part of the county commissioners to blot out of existence the town site of Rock Bluff, by taxing the people so high that they will be compelled to have the town site vacated, and their small holdings thrown into fractional lots of sections and assess it by the acre, for the sole purpose of saving the other county officers a little work, for which they are well paid for doing.

This scheme, however, will fail no ignominiously, for the practical result will be, a very few if any, will pay any real estate taxes at all. And nobody will buy the land at tax sale, for in some cases the taxes will be more than the land will sell for. To use a common phrase, the commissioners this time have calked themselves, in their efforts to squeeze taxes out of the people of Rock Bluff town site. The county officials of this county should bear in mind the fact that the humble homes of the people here are just as dear to them, as the homes of the people of any other place. And some of them have intelligence and sense of feeling enough to know when they are continually imposed upon without any reason or cause whatever.

Mr. Editor, this letter of our grievances is somewhat longer than we expected to make it, and we have not given you figures yet to prove the first heading of the letter, that taxes are higher than the rent, but if some one will be just foolish enough to ask us to prove that part of it we have the facts and figures at hand to do so.

Yours Respectfully,  
S. L. FULLONE.

—The Omaha Bee this morning says: "The Council Bluffs ball team, of the season of 1888, will visit Plattsmouth, on the 30th inst., to play the team of that city. These clubs played a twelve inning game last season, with a score of 7 to 6. The game will doubtless be very interesting, and arrangements have been made to take those who desire to go from this city at a \$1 for the round trip." Notice was sent to the Bluffs' team yesterday that a game would be played if they would come down. They had an engagement at home on the 30th at the firemen's celebration of the Washington Inaugural, but as there was "nothigg in it," preferred to come to Plattsmouth and have a real game. They would also probably like to return the warming they got last fall. A good game is looked for.

### Now You See It Read It.

Whiting and Wicher will open a cash grocery store April 24th, opposite opera house on Main street. Give us a call and inspect goods and prices, will be ready to commence business 6:30 a. m. sharp.

## PERSONALS.

W. A. Derrick returned to Omaha last night.

Samuel Barker left last night on a westward trip.

Chas. Pepperberg left this morning for Omaha to be gone a week or so.

Sig Polk returned this morning from a visit to his home at Greenwood.

Mrs. Wm. Jamison, of Weeping Water, visited at the home of S. A. Davis yesterday.

Frank Davis and Dr. W. H. Schilcknecht were Omaha passengers this morning.

Judge Chapman left this morning for Nebraska City to hold court; he will return next Saturday.

Miss Agatha Tucker returned to her school at Leoville last night after visiting Arbor day at home.

F. Gorder and Byron Clark were in Lincoln today. Mr. Clark will file Commissioner Todd's brief in the supreme court.

Do not fail to call at Gering & Co's and have your eyes examined by their optician this week. d 6t

ELEGANT SUIT OF ROOMS FOR RENT.— Convenient to business, city water, gas and other conveniences for family; those who occupy. Apply before may 10th to J. B. SLATER, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Ice! Ice!! Ice!!!  
F. S. White's wagon is now out delivering ice and any parties desiring that article will leave orders at the store. d 1w F. S. WHITE.

I have 500 acres of good pasture, and any one having horses or cows to pasture will do well to call on me. J. B. SLATER, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Inskip, the optician, at Gering & Co's.

Attention.  
Tickets are now on sale at J. P. Young's for the Washington reception and banquet. The ladies will esteem it a favor if those expecting to attend will procure their tickets early. Banquet tickets 75c. Gallery tickets 25 cents. d 6t

Eyesight treated at Gering & Co's.

Gravel and Sand.  
The undersigned have opened up a good sand and gravel pit and are now prepared to furnish screened gravel or sand in any desired quantities. Give us a call. HATT & MARTIN.

Ice-ice-ice.  
We have started our ice wagon and are ready to contract and deliver ice in any quantity. Having the best ice in the city we guarantee satisfaction to all. Telephone 72. H. C. McMAKEN & SON.

It is a very important thing to have glasses properly adjusted for defective eye sight. Gering & Co. offer special inducements to those needing glasses this week. d 6t

NO SMOKE OR SMELL  
To the new COAL OIL Stove just received at Johnson Bros. Call and see them. They will not explode.

Spectacles at Gering & Co's.  
Don't disgust everybody by hawking, blowing and spitting, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and be cured.

S. & C. Mayer are agents of the St. Joe Steam Laundry, good work guaranteed. s-m-t



This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical in use than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 WALL ST. N. Y.

### Grand Closing at Wescott's.

Eikenbary in charge of the closing. No bands of music, no souvenirs for the ladies, no bouquets for the gentlemen. Just a common every-day closing, which will occur at the bewitching hour of 9 o'clock on each week day evening, for weeks and months to come.

In the meantime, and at all other times during regular business hours, there will be no lack of music (in the air)—sweet music, too, to all those who are trying, these hard times, to make a dollar go a good ways in buying clothes.

The main point in this notice and the one to remember is the fact that Wescott, the "Boss" Clothier, has just returned from the East, where he bought the Staff in Clothing, Hats, Furnishing Goods, &c., that will suit you. His line takes in the BEST GRADES and the best styles. He owns the goods for cash and will make you prices (quality and makeup considered) lower than anybody in the town. Your trade is solicited. C. E. WESCOTT, The "Boss" Clothier.

For all optical troubles go to Gering & Co's and see Inskip.

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Call at Gering & Co's this week and have your eyes properly tested and fitted with glasses. They have secured the services of a practical and manufacturing optician for this week to fit glasses for them. Remember no extra charge for this advantage. d 6t.

## An Emphatic Success

GRANDEST

## BUSINESS OPENING

Ever seen in Plattsmouth. Everybody pleased with our Exhibition. It was the universal expression of everyone that examined our Suits that they were well made and perfect fitting.

## Well Made and Perfect Fitting.

No one desires to have Tailor-Made Garments, who has fitted on one of our Suits.

## OUR HONEST ENDEAVORS

are to sell only the Best Clothing. The Confidence of all classes already gained is a Feather in our Business Cap that will continue to wave gracefully in the balmy days of the present Spring. Remember also that

## WE WILL UNDERSELL

any prices quoted to you in anything in our Line of goods.

## S. & C. MAYER,

The Leading Clothiers, 5th & Main St.

## JULIUS PEPPERBERG,

MANUFACTURER OF AND WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN THE

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\$75 to \$250 a MONTH can be made preferred who can furnish a horse and give their whole time to the business. Spare moments may be profitably employed also. A few vacancies in towns and cities. B. F. JOHNSON & CO., 1000 Main-st., Richmond, Va.

N. B.—Ladies employed also. Never mind about sending stamps for reply. Come quick. Yours for his, B. F. J. & Co.

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### Resident Dentist.

Preservation of the Natural Teeth a Specialty. Anesthetics given for PAINLESS FILLING OR EXTRACTION OF TEETH. Artificial teeth made of Gold, Silver, Rubber or Celluloid Plates, and inserted as soon as teeth are extracted when desired.

All work warranted. Prices reasonable. FEEBEE CLOTH'S 30-00 PLATTSMOUTH, NEB.

### B. & M. Time Table.

GOING WEST. GOING EAST.  
No. 1—3:30 p. m. No. 2—4:45 a. m.  
No. 3—6:15 p. m. No. 4—6:25 a. m.  
No. 5—8:15 a. m. No. 6—7:25 p. m.  
No. 7—7:35 p. m. No. 8—10:30 a. m.  
No. 9—8:05 p. m. No. 10—9:55 a. m.

All trains run daily by way of Omaha, except Nos. 7 and 8 which run to and from Selawie daily except Sunday.

## ELSON, THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER.

OWING TO A CONTEMPLATED CHANGE IN THE FIRM, MUST SACRIFICE HIS \$30,000 STOCK OF CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, FURNISHING GOODS, TRUNKS AND VALISES, FOR SPOT CASH ONLY.

## 33 1/3 PER CENT. OFF. JUST SEE THE PRICES.

Men's Suits \$1.  
Childs Knee Pants 25 cts.  
Boys Wool Suits \$2.65.

Mens Working Suits \$3.  
All Wool Black Worsted Suits \$7.65.

Mens Ovesalls 35 cents.  
Mens Working Shirts 35 cts  
Mens Blue Flannel Shirts 75c

## DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Mens Jeans Pants 35 cts.  
Mens Black Wool Hats 35c.  
Mens Caps Five cents.

Mens Working Shoes \$1.  
Mens Sewed Shoes, Button or Lace, \$1.65.

Mens Calf Boots \$1.90.  
Mens Shirts and Drawers 25

This is the Greatest Slaughter Sale ever seen in Cass county. If you want to save 30 cents on every dollar buy your Goods of **ELSON, The Old Reliable One-Price Clothier,** Plattsmouth, Neb.. Opposite the City Hotel.