

NEBRASKA'S BIG DEFICIT

How the State's Expenses Are Made To Overlap Its Revenues.

Problem For Legislators.

Although somewhat late, Attorney General Churchill seems at last to have done something to attract attention to himself and lead to the inference that no vacancy exists in the office of attorney general.

After all these years of republican liberality a republican attorney general seems to have at last discovered that the taxpayers of the state cannot afford the best sugar bounty voted by a republican legislature.

Republicans and republican newspapers have howled and harangued the people at home and abroad about the great damage it would do to the state to place the reins of government in the hands of the populists.

In his brief before the supreme court, in which he argues against the validity of the best sugar bounty warrants drawn against the general fund, Attorney General Churchill says that the legislature of 1895 "exceeded the amount which it could legally appropriate, without going into the matter of the best sugar bounty, by over \$400,000."

The rule governing in the collection of taxes is that there is on an average only about 95 per cent of the taxes levied that are ever collected.

On top of this comes the \$52,000 best sugar bounties, for which the legislature made no appropriation but for which warrants have been issued against the general fund.

One cannot escape the reflection that if this action were prompted by a sincere desire to shield the state there would have never been a warrant issued for a single dollar of these claims when the legislature had made no appropriation to meet them.

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fixes the tax-levy for the year. But it would seem as if the legislature, by a judicious calculation, could approximate the probable valuation for the two years following the session and govern its appropriations accordingly.

This inability to raise revenues to meet appropriations seems to be the only safeguard the people have against profligacy on the part of legislatures.

The constitution provides that the state may, to meet casual deficits or failures in the revenue, contract debts never to exceed in the aggregate \$100,000, unless for purposes of repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection or defending the state in war.

Investigation develops the fact that every session of the legislature since that of 1897, with the exception of the 1898 session, made appropriations exceeding the revenues possible to be derived from the tax levy.

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor: Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially, I will mail in a sealed letter the plan pursued by which I was permanently restored to health and many vigor, after years of suffering from Nervous Weakness, Loss of Manhood, Lack of Confidence, etc.

LINE UP FOR 1900.

All Friends of Bimetallism Urged to Continue the Education of the Masses.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 20.—We have met the enemy in the preliminary skirmish and while we gained some points of vantage, we lost the field, but our forces are not vanquished, simply outnumbered.

My friends and co-workers in the cause of bimetallism and the other reforms as outlined in our platform of principles adopted at St. Louis on the 23d day of July, 1896, and at Chicago on the 7th of the same month.

My friends, of all the political tenets of faith above referred to, I say again, line up for 1900. Take the advanced position of loyalty to country rather than loyalty to party.

The cause for which the Hon. William Jennings Bryan and his faithful followers stand is as eternal as truth and is sure to grow and increase in popularity as the months roll by.

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Many People Ridicule the Idea of an Absolute Cure for Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles.

Ridicule is not Argument, and Facts are Stubborn Things.

Stomach troubles are so common and in many cases so obstinate to cure that people are apt to look with suspicion on any remedy claiming to be a radical, permanent cure for dyspepsia and indigestion.

This fear of being humbugged may be carried too far, so far, in fact, that many persons suffer for years with weak digestion rather than risk a little time and money in faithfully testing the claims of a preparation so reliable and universally used as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Now Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are vastly different in one important respect from ordinary proprietary medicines for the reason that they are not a secret patent medicine, no secret is made of their ingredients, but analysis shows them to contain the natural digestive ferments, pure assafoetida, the digestive acids, Golden Seal, bismuth, hydrastis, and sux.

Cathartic pills never have and never can cure indigestion and stomach troubles because they act entirely upon the bowels, whereas the whole trouble is really in the stomach.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, taken after meals, digest the food. That is all there is to it. Food not digested or half digested is poison as it creates gas, acidity, headaches, palpitation of the heart, loss of flesh and appetite and many other troubles which are often called by some other name.

They are sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents per package. Address Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., for little book on stomach diseases, sent free.

COMING LEGISLATION.

What Will Be Needed in State and Nation, and What Not Needed.

TO THE EDITOR: We shall be greatly disappointed if there is not some wise legislation in the state of Nebraska this coming winter.

The sugar bounty law will be repealed. It is not just to tax ten cent corn to help five cent sugar. Tariff and bounty both, in one too much.

More safe guards should be thrown around the ballot box and around public officers. The briber is the dangerous lawbreaker.

Office holders should be reduced in numbers and salaries cut down in most cases. Why should office holders receive more money than any farmer can make on his own farm?

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Two More Suits Decided.

Mrs. Bertha Zernecke, administratrix, was awarded a judgment of \$4,500 in her case against the Rock Island road for the death of E. H. Zernecke.

The case was heard before Judge W. G. Hastings and has attracted great crowds and intense interest for a number of days past.

The court is said to have held that railroad companies are held responsible for the safety of its passengers so long as they do nothing in violation of the rules of the company, and as it was not proven that Zernecke had disregarded the rules in any way, his instructions were given accordingly.

Messrs. Billingsley & Greene, who represented the railroad company, state that of the whole batch of depositions taken in the trial of Davis and which they desired to have introduced the material parts were ruled out altogether, thus crippling their case very materially.

When asked why there was so great a difference in the amount of damages in the two cases, Mr. Greene replied that he didn't know. "The jury was simply a little more lenient with us," that's all.

It will be remembered that in the case brought before Judge Hall a number of months ago by H. C. Young, administrator for the estate of Ellsworth H. Morse of Ohio, another victim of the wreck, the court, Judge Hall, instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for plaintiff and the jury fixed the amount of damages at something like \$2,250.

It is now thought highly probable that other suits against the Rock Island will follow, inasmuch as there seems to be a unanimity of opinion among the courts before whom the cases mentioned have been tried.

The verdict in the Zernecke case was hailed with great joy by the friends of Mrs. Zernecke in this city. She has several children depending upon her for support.

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WILL REAP HANDSOME RETURNS IN LECTURING AND PUBLISHING A BOOK. Hon. W. J. Bryan entered into two important business contracts before he left home for his hunting trip to the Ozark mountains. One of them was with the W. B. Conkey Publishing company of Chicago for the publication of a book that will embody his speeches made during the campaign. It will also contain a history of the campaign, written by Mr. Bryan, and a sketch of his former work in behalf of bimetallism. It will also contain a biographical sketch of Mr. Bryan, which is to be prepared by Mrs. Bryan. One of the conditions imposed by Mr. Bryan is that the book, which will possibly run to 600 pages, shall be sold at not to exceed \$1 when ordered in lots of twenty-five or more, and that it shall not be allowed to be sold by agents travelling from house to house. Another condition is that half of the royalties received from the sale of the book will go to the purchase of silver literature for distribution during the next four years, and other work in behalf of the free silver cause.

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