## Aug. 28, 1902

## A CHALLENGE

Chairman Weber and Vice Chairman Scott Issue a Challenge to Chairman Lindsay for a Series of Joint Debates Between M. F. Harrington

#### and J. N. Baldwin

The following letter was mailed to Chairman Lindsay of republican state central committee Monday, but to date no answer has been received. Doubtless Mr. Baldwin is a very busy man and thirty meetings might encroach upon his time. However, within the past few months he has been acting attorney general, acting governor, acting mayor of North Platte, manager of Dave Mercer's campaign, to say nothing of his duties as attorney for the Union Pacific and side assistance rendered Colonel Brown and the tax bureau, and, being as the Omaha Bee says, a non-resident he might with propriety give less of his time toward

performing purely ministerial duties and help enlighten the people of Nebraska upon the question of taxation. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 25, 1902-Hon. H. C. Lindsay, Chairman Republican State Committee, Lincoln, Neb.-Dear Sir: The paramount issue in the present state campaign is that of railroad taxation. The matter is being very generally discussed in the press of the state and thereby coming to be better understood. Our committees desire to have this question thoroughly presented to the people and to obtain their verdict thereon. We declare that the assessment made by the republican state administration is entirely too low and it is a flagrant injustice upon the people of this state. Your state administration contends that the railroads are taxed high enough. We know of no way in which the merits of the matter can be so well brought out, and the people have so good an opportunity to get at the truth, as by a series of joint debates. In mere newspaper controversy many things may be said on either side which overstate the facts and would not be said in a joint debate. Where both sides are represented the statements are more likely to be accurate. We have entire confidenc in our position and be-

lieve that we can convince the people of the state that on this great issue alone the republican state ticket ought to be defeated.

Of course the most acceptable way would be to arrange for a series of joint debates between our candidate for governor, Hon. W. H. Thompson, and you, candidate for governor, Hon. John H. Mickey. (Our information however, is that Mr. Mickey does not

prints, the opening line being: "Paid Highest Railroad Tax in the United States. K. C. & O. Railway, Now a Branch of the Burlington Route, Last Continuation of Report Began Last Week Year Paid Taxes Equal to Nearly 3 Per Cent of its Full Cash Value." Then followed a statement of taxes paid in each county through which the line runs. We quote the amounts in order that our readers may verify

them, if they care to do so: Taxes paid. County-Jefferson ......\$ 1,476.60 Clay ..... 5,085.11 Adams ..... 4,232.28 Kearney ..... 4,743.55 58.32 Fillmore ..... 4,176.94 York ..... 6,626.10 Polk ..... 580.28 Saline ..... 1,331.10

Per mile ..... 164.62 It will be noted that no year is defi-

nitely stated, but the inference intend-

ed is that the K. C. & O. paid \$32 .-843.99 in taxes in the year 1901, presumably taxes for that year, in the absence of other testimony. However, the same figures are given in a former bulletin which says that the amount was taxes for the year 1900, but paid in 1901. Accordingly, if this bulletin is correct, the K. C. & O. taxes for the year 1900 were nearly \$33,000. Colfax ..... 85.00 Now let us examine the report of the interstate commerce commission for the year ending June 30, 1900. At pages 510 and 511 we find a statement fixed charges paid by roads in Group VII., and among the roads mentioned is the K. C. & O. The amount of taxes paid, according to this report, was \$14,760-undoubtedly being for the tax levy of 1899. Rather

queer, isn't it, that the taxes the very next year should increase more than \$18,000? The assessed valuation was exactly the same both in 1899 and 1900 -\$3,500 per mile, and the levy for state purposes was substantially the same both years. It hardly looks reasonable that the county and school districts \$140. Payments, a \$41.30, b \$13.50; tolevies in the ten counties should be inthey were in 1899.

year 1900-but they were not all 1900 taxes. What are we to think-did Colonel Brown and his co-workers pur- \$3.70, Myrtle \$3.10, Sargent No. 1 \$5.15, posely publish the erroneous state- Sargent No. 2 \$1.35, Triumph \$2.10, ment with malicious intent to deceive, Victoria \$5.65, Wayne 85c. Wester-

### THE NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS Washington \$1.95.

-Accounts of the Various Counties With State Committee Last week The Independent pub-

lished part of the report of the chairman and secretary of the populist state committee showing the account between the various countles and the state committee. Chairman Weber reports that contributions are beginning to come in and the outlook is that the counties generally are getting awake to the fact that funds are needed. Following shows the net balance due on August 15, 1902, for the counties

reported last week: Adams .....\$ 84.10 Antelope ..... 30.00 Banner ..... 10.00 Blaine ..... 9.50 Box Butte ..... 17.62

Boyd ..... 25.38 Brown ..... 16.00 Buffalo ..... 87.25 Burt ..... 67.95 Butler ..... 62.00 Cedar ..... 75.22 Chase ..... 21.00 Cherry ..... 37.25 Cheyenne ..... 34.15 Clay ..... 38.82

Cuming ..... 45.50 Total reported last week....\$919.74 Continuing the itemized report for the remaining counties, the following explanation is necessary: "a" means "old debt of 1900;" "b" means "assessment for 1901;" and "c" means "assessment for 1902." Note the balance due from your county or your precinct, and consider yourself a committee of one to collect funds and clear up the balance. Send to the chairman, B. R. B. Weber, Hotel Dellone, Omaha, Neb. CUSTER-a \$52, b \$44, c \$44; total,

tal. \$54.80. Balance due \$85.20. Paid creased so heavily that the taxes for since May 28, Elk Creek \$2.25. Net 1900 would be 122 per cent higher than balance, \$\$2.95. Precipet quotas: Algermon \$5.95, Ansley \$4.20, Arnold What is the explanation? Probably \$2.90. Berwyn \$3.65. Broken Bow the K. C. & O. paid its 1899 taxes ear- North \$4.40, Broken Bow South \$6.20, ly in 1900, and its 1900 taxes in De- Cliff \$2.65, Custer No. 1 \$2.45, Custer cember of that year. The road may No. 2 \$1.20, Delight \$3.25, Douglas have paid \$32,843.99 taxes during the Grove \$2.50, Elim \$1.65, Elk Creek \$3.45, Garfield \$2.45, Grant \$1.10, Hayes

\$5, 46, East Omaha \$2.38, East Omaha

\$5.88, Florence \$6.86, Jefferson \$7.49,

1st ward \$59.51, Omaha 2d ward \$97.79,

Omaha 3rd ward \$56.98, Omaha 4th

Omaha 6th ward \$75.60, Omaha 7th

45c, Kilfoil \$4.95, Lillian \$2.95, Loup

paid, No. Franklin \$6.35, Oak Grove No. 2 \$1.20, Todd Creek No. 1 \$3.42. \$1.70, Salem \$3.80, Turkey Creek \$2.35, FRONTIER-a \$21, b \$18, c \$18; to-

tal, \$57. Payments, a \$13.82, b \$2; tototal, \$15.82. Balance, \$41.18. Paid of since May 28, J. H. Bayston, \$4. Net balance, \$37.18. Precinct quotas: Allen \$1.19, Clearwater \$1.05, Curtis \$3.99. Earl \$2.10, Fairview \$1.75, Garfield \$1.96, Grant \$1.33, Harrison \$2.45, Horrell \$1.12. Knowles \$1.33, Laird \$2.66, Laws \$1.33, Lincoln \$1.54, Logan \$1.47. Lower Medicine \$1.68. Moorfield \$41.96. Muddy \$2.52, North Star \$1.89, Osburn \$1.75, Plum Creek 56c, Russell 42c, as here. Sheridan 49c. Sherman 77c, Stockville \$1.82, Weaver 98c, Zimmer \$1.61.

FURNAS-a \$33, b \$28, c \$28; total \$89. Payments, a \$12.40, b \$8.15; total. \$20.55. Balance due. \$68.45. Precinct quotas: Arapahoe \$5.74, Beaver City \$7.77, Burtons Bend' \$3.85, Edison \$3, Eureka \$2.87, Lincoln \$2.59, Logan \$1.96, Lynden \$4.97, Maple Creek \$1.82. Medicine Creek \$7.63. New Era \$1.89, Oxford \$4.69, Richardson \$2.38, Rockton \$3.43, Sherman \$2.17. Spring Green \$2.59, Union \$2.80, Vincent \$2.45, Weaver \$1.33, Wilsonville \$2.99.

GAGE-a \$64, b \$54, c \$54; total \$172. Payments, a \$4.30, b \$2; total, Balance, \$165.70. Precinct \$6.39. quotas: Adams \$5.19, Barneston \$8.28. Beatrice 1st \$7.56, Beatrice 2nd \$6.84 Beatrice 3rd \$6.12, Beatrice 4th \$9.90, Beatrice 5th 90c. Beatrice 6th \$3.06, Blakely \$4.59, Blue Springs \$5.13, Clatonia \$2.34, Elm \$4.50, Filley \$2.97

Glenwood \$5.04, Grant \$3.51, Hanever \$3.87, Highland \$8.19, Holt \$3.60, Hooker \$1.89, Island Grove \$3.96, Liberty \$8.37, Lincoln \$5.31, Logan \$4.95, Midland \$4.05, Nemaha \$3.69, Paddock \$7.29, Riverside \$3.78, Rockford \$4.95. Sherman \$4.05. Sicily \$5,49, Wymore \$9.99, Wymore South \$6.12, Wymore (country) \$3.87.

GARFIELD-a \$6, b \$6, c \$6; total \$18. Payment, 50c. Balance due, \$17.50. Precinct quotas: Calamus 54c. Dry Creek \$1.17. Erina 90c, Highland \$2.88. Midvale \$3.60 Rockford \$7.11, Willow Springs \$7.38.

GOSPER-a \$15, b \$14, c \$14; total \$43. Payments, a \$\$.40, b \$2.40; total, \$10.80. Balance, \$22.20. Paid since May 28. Brace \$1. Elk Creek \$3.75 Bethel \$1, Elwood \$7.70, Harrison \$1.50 Highland \$2.40, Robb \$1.25, Turkey Creek \$2. Union \$2.50, undistributed \$2.30; total, \$25.40. Net balance, \$7.80. Precinct quotas: Brace balance \$1.08. East Muddy \$3.12, Elk Creek paid Bethel paid, Elwood paid, Harrison balance, \$2.18, Highland paid, Lincoln \$2.64, Robb balance \$1, Turkey Creek or did they fall into a grievous error? ville \$3.15, West Union No. 1 \$1.30, paid, Union paid, West Muddy \$2.40. GRANT-a \$3, b \$4; c \$4; total, \$11. Wood River Nothing paid. GREELEY-a \$22, b \$20, c \$20; total, \$62. Payments, a \$22, b \$20; total, \$42. Balance, \$20. Paid since May 28. Parnell 24c. Covington \$5.32. Dakota HALL-a \$44, b \$38, c \$38; total, \$120. Payments, a \$44.50. b \$12.60; total, \$57.10. Balance due, \$62.90, Paid since May 28, collection by Bayard H. Pavne \$24.90. Net balance, \$38. HAMILTON-a \$39, b \$34, c \$34; total, \$107. Payments, a \$39, b \$34; total, \$73. Balance due, \$34. Precinct Craig 90c, Crawford \$5.90, Evergreen quotas: Aurora 1st \$2.31, Aurora 2nd \$2.65, Leonard 55c, Orange \$1.70, Ta-\$1.92, Aurora 3rd 93c, Aurora 4th \$2.40. terially above the 26 million mark. Beaver \$1.23. Bluff \$87c, Cedar Valley DAWSON-a \$35, b \$30, c \$30; total, If the fusion state ticket is elected 48c, Deepwell \$2, Farmers Valley \$1.86. \$95. Payments, a \$35. b \$3.10; total, Grant \$2.22, Hamilton \$2.43, Monroe 38.10. Balance, \$56.90. Payments since \$1.86, Orville \$2.70, Otis \$2.46, Phil-May 28, \$14. Net balance. \$42,90. lips \$1.65, Scovill \$1.92, South Platte Precinct quotas: Antelope \$2.22, \$3. Union \$2.85, Valley \$1.95. Blaine \$2.40, Buffalo \$1.44, Cayote HARLAN-a \$24. b \$20, c \$20; total, \$3.48, Cozad \$4.02, Fairview \$2.16, Ger-\$64. Payments, a \$19.50, b \$9.50; total, man \$2.52. Gillon \$2.94. Gothenburg \$29. Balance due, \$35. Precinct quo-\$3.60, Grant \$4.56, Hillside 90c, Holmes Albany \$1.75, Alma \$6.50, Ante-\$1.02, Kennebec \$2.46, Keystone \$2.10, tas: lope \$2.85, Eldorado \$2.25, Emerson Lexington 1st \$4.44, Lexington 2nd \$2.45, Fairfield \$1.20, Mulally \$2.70, Or-\$5.88, Lincoln 96c, Logan \$2.58, Overleans \$3.40, Prairie Dog \$1.70, Repubton \$6.60, Platte \$1.26, Ringgold \$3.66, lican City \$3.40, Reuben \$1.70, Sappa Willow Island \$3. Wood River \$4.86. \$2.60, Scandinavia \$2.10, Spring Grove DEUEL-a \$7, b \$8, c \$8; total, \$23. \$1.75, Turkey Creek \$1.35, Washington \$1.60. DIXON-a \$27, b \$24, c \$24; total, HAYES-a \$5, b \$8, c \$8: total. \$21. \$75. Payments, a \$2.50, b \$27.90; total, help out the eastern stockholders of Payments, a \$5, b 50c. Balance due, \$30.40. Balance due, \$44.60. Paid Nebraska railroads, it is their privil-\$15.50. Paid since May 28, Antelope since May 28, Ionia \$1.75. Net balance, \$42.85. Precinct quotas: Clark 85 cents. HITCHCOCK-a \$13, b \$12, c \$12; \$1.32 Concord \$3.48, Daily \$3, Emertotal, \$37. Payments, a \$6.50, b \$1 son \$4.62, Galena \$3.24, Hooker \$3.36, railroads or anybody else. It isn't total. \$7.50. Balance due, \$29.50. Paid ike defeating a freight rate law, and since August 11, \$5 by A. L. Taylor. the railroads know it. Hence, their Net balance, \$24.50. Precinct quotas: Ponca 1st \$1.50, Ponca 2nd 96c, Ponca change of tactics. Bro. Ludi may be Beverly 72c, Blackwood \$1. Cornell 3rd \$1.68, Silver Creek \$2.04, Springsure that no money would be wasted \$1.62. Culbertson \$2.25. Driftwood 63c. on advertising if there were any way Eden \$1.08, Freedom \$1.98, Grant \$1.44 DODGE-a \$63. b \$52, c \$52; total, of keeping down their assessed valua-Logan \$1.08. Palisade \$1.98. Pleasant \$167. Payments, a \$10.75. b \$14; totion by going into court. Hill \$1.08, Pleasant View 99c, Ridonour tal. \$24.75. Balance due, \$142.25. Pre-\$1.89, Riverside \$1.44, Starkey \$1.17, cinct quotas: Ames \$2.10, Cotterell Stratton \$3.60, Trenton \$4.23, Union \$7.35, Cuming \$12.88; Elkhorn \$3, Ever-\$1.53, Upper Driftwood \$2.25, Webster ett \$5.81, Fremont 1st \$16.24, Fremont 54 cents.

Todd Creek No. 2 \$2.46, Vesta No. 1 \$2.94, Vesta No. 2 \$1.38, Western \$2. (To be continued next week.)

It is a noticeable fact that in all Colonel Brown's bulletins he has carefully avoided any reference to railroad taxation in Kansas. The interstate commerce commission report for 1900 shows that Kansas roads paid an average of \$255.03 in taxes per mile as against \$198.86 per mile in Nebraska. No wonder the colonel overlooked the sunflower state. Yet down there they have a tax agitation as fully developed

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#### Courts vs. Advertising.

It is reported that the railroads of Nebraska are spending \$50,000 advertising the amount of taxes they are paying in an attempt to prove to the

people that they are paying more than their share of the burdens of government. To the man behind the hoe. this looks like a very peculiar proceeding and many naturally wonder why it should become necessary for a person or corporation who is being unjustly taxed for a greater amount than the law contemplates, to advertise this fact in order to secure proper redress. An injunction and a proper court of equity would seem like the wiser and more available plan to right a wrong which has in it the real elements of justice and virtue .-- N, J. Ludi in Wahoo Democrat.

It is more than likely that the figures mentioned by Bro. Ludi are too would be compelled to close down high. Probably \$30,000 would be the sooner or later because of railroad outside figure expended in preparing discriminations. The corn products the tables and doing the advertising- company could buy Nebraska corn.

### Centralized Business. Almost the first thing that Attorney

General Prout did when he succeeded C. J. Smyth was to dismiss the suit which had been started by his democratic predecessor to oust the starch trust from the state, and to annul the deed from the Argo Starch company of Nebraska City conveying its property to the trust. New the factory has been closed, which is in strict conformity with the policy of all trusts at all times. The business is centralized the big factories doing all the manufacturing, while the smaller ones are locked up. If Prout had gone ahead with the good work begun by Smyth, and enforced the anti-trust law of the state, the Nebraska City starch factory would now be in operation employing scores of people, and adding thousands of dollars to the wealth of the city every year .- R. A. & T. B. Bates.

in Plattsmouth Journal. Attorney General Smyth did his sworn duty under the laws-and was hooted and jeered at by republicans and democrats alike in Nebraska City with possibly a few exceptions. "He is foolish," they said, "he is trying to ruin our factory." Attorney General Prout paid no at-

tention to his official oath. He did not care to do his sworn duty. And strange to say the Nebraska City republicans and democrats, with few exceptions, openly or secretly praised Prout. Such is the irony of office-holding.

Now, a different tune is being sung Nebraska City people see their mistake in blaming Smyth and praising Prout. Astute politicians, however, are doing their level best to counteract the evil effects of the closing down of the starch works by the trust. They are a resourceful lot, too. As usual, when there is no other ex-

planation, God Almighty is to blame. He took away J. Sterling Morton. That's the explanation.

Now, it is doubtless true that Mr Morton's influence kept the trust from closing this factory a much longer time than is usual for trusts, but the time was coming when even he could not prevent. And these resourceful politicians have no hesistancy in uttering the blasphemy of laying the

blame on Omnipotence. But let us look the matter squarely in the face. The corn products company could give the Nebraska City plant fully equipped for operation to a Nebraska City company and tell it to go ahead. It could not run at a profit any considerable length of time and



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profess to be a public speaker and that he was nominated with the understanding that he should make a quiet campaign and we suppose your committee would think it unfair to have him pitted against so well qualified a public speaker as Mr. Thompson. Having this in view we offer another suggestion:) Hon. M. F. Harrington was chairman of the committee in the people's independent convention that wrote the populist platform and he urged the nomination of Mr. Thompson upon that platform.

Mr. Harrington went before the supreme court to assist in compelling the railroads to pay more taxes. It is generally recognized that he made an effective presentation of the people's side in that case. Your side of the contest was led by Hon. John N. Baldwin, the general attorney for the U. P. Railway company, who played the dual part of "friend of the court" and Acting Attorney General, conducting the case in behalf of the railroads and state officers as against the people. In addition to performing Mr. Prout's duties Mr. Baldwin was also present at the conference wherein it was decided that Mr. Mickey should be nominated and he should, therefore, be competent to represent your side of this controversy. We take it then that no other man will typify more clearly the platform upon which your up to its high standard of excellence. ticket asks election than Hon. John N. Baldwin. He is an accomplished and eloquent orator; the debate between Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Harrington would

be between two gentlemen who are well qualified to discuss the questions and who would discuss it from a broad and intelligent standpoint. Each will represent the views of his party in this most important reform and probably no two gentlemen could be selected in the state whose personal views would more clearly portray the actual position of our respective tickets in the matter of railroad taxation.

We propose to you then that you unite with us in arranging a series of five joint debates between these gentlemen in each congressional district. This would make thirty meetings in all and no doubt such a discussion would bring out the people of the state work. The wage figures given are very generally for the purpose of averages for the United States, and are total, \$8.29. Payments, a \$136.83, b learning the right and wrong of the too low for Nebraska, where the aver- \$22.50; total, \$159.33. Balance due, matter now uppermost in the public age daily wage of an engineman was mind. Yours respectfully.

B. R. B. WEBER Chairman People's Independent Party State Central Committee.

C. B. SCOTT Vice Chairman Democratic State Central Committee.

# ARE THEY DECEIVERS?

Some Discrepancies in the Statement Made by the Railroad Tax Bureau. Bulletins do Not Square With Interstate Commerce Commission Reports.

It will be remembered that The Independent has until lately held to the

It is evident that they did one or the West Union No. 2 \$1.15, other. \$4.65.

The assessed valuation of the K. C. DAKOTA-a \$18, b \$16, c \$16; total & O. for 1899 and 1900 was \$676,830. \$50. Payments, a \$5, b \$3.95; total, An average lovy of \$2.18 on each hun- \$8.95. Balance due, \$41.05. Precinct dred dollars of valuation would raise quotas: the \$14,760 the read paid for 1899 \$4.48. Emerson \$4.20, Hubbar d\$6.16, iaxes; but it would require an aver-Omadi \$5.04, Pigeon Creek \$2.59, St. age levy of \$4.85 to the hundred dol-Johns \$8.19, Summitt \$6.16. lars valuation to produce \$32,843.99-DAWES-a \$17, b \$16, c \$16; total. \$49. Payments, a \$19.50, b \$10; total. and that would be above the legal limit in most of the districts through which \$29.50. Balance due \$19.50. Precinct quotas: Antelope \$1.40, Chadron \$8.05, the road runs.

Will some reader of The Independent in each of these ten counties go to the county clerk's office and get an accurble \$1.35, Whitney \$1.30. ate statement of the tax levy against this road for the years 1899, 1900, 1901. and 1902, if the last year is completed. and send to this office? See how this tallies with Colonel Brown's tax bulletin.

The Schuyler Quill has turned its editorial columns over to four different Schuyler men who will take turns, a week each, in editing the paper. Last week W. I. Allen wielded the faber, or straddled the tripod (who ever saw a tripod in a print shop?), or whatever is the correct expression, and he deserves congratulations for the Nothing paid. ability displayed. The Quill is a big seven-column quarto and it takes some hustling to fill its columns and keep it

An Illusion

Seated in a passenger coach in a Ionia paid, Logan \$1.86, Newcastle train standing at the depot, one some- \$4.26, Ottercreek \$2.70, Ponca twp. \$3. times imagines his train has started, when, in fact, it is the train on the other track-an optical illusion most bank \$3.30, Wakefield \$5.46. persons have experienced. It is the same with wages paid railroad employes. The engineman who averaged \$3.48 a day in 1900 got only 4 cents more than he did in 1893; but in 1900 he succeeded in moving the equivalent of a ton of freight 3,305,534 miles, 2nd \$6.86, Fremont 3rd \$11.90, Fremont while in 1893 his ton-mileage was 2,-4th \$13.16. Hooper \$11.48, Logan \$2.87. Maple \$1.20, Mills Farm \$1.20, Nicker-413,246 miles. Accordingly, for something less than \$15 additional wages son \$4.76, North Bend \$7.56, Pebble for the year, he pulled the equivalent \$8.82. Platte \$5.11, Pleasant Valley of a ton of freight 892,288 miles. In \$5.32, Ridgeley \$7.91, Union \$7.07, Webother words, he did 37 per cent more ster \$10.22. DOUGLAS-a \$317, b \$256, c \$256; \$669.67. Card contribution \$5. J. H. \$3.83 in 1893 and \$3.90 in 1900. Peabody, 4th ward. Precinct quotas: The average traffic movement ac-Chicago \$7.84, Clontarf \$1.40, Douglas

complished by railroad employes was 139,143 ton-miles per employe in 1900 N. \$8.33, East Omaha S. \$3.15, Elkhorn as against 107,129 in 1893. Here the average increase in efficiency is nearly McArdle \$5.39, Millard \$7.49, Omaha 30 per cent greater than in 1893. But there is no increase of 30 per cent in the wages. Hence, the seemingly for- ward \$43.96, Omaha 5th ward \$46.14, ward movement of wages is an optical illusion after all. One gets an in- ward \$36.12, Omaha 8th ward \$57.12, crease of 10 per cent and is obliged to Omaha 9th ward \$38. Platte Valley do 30 per cent more work for it. And \$9.59, South Omaha 1st ward \$46.83, worse still, he is obliged to pay 20 South Omaha 2nd ward \$42.35, South to 40 per cent more for living ex- Omaha 3rd ward \$39.34, South Omaha nenses.

100 \$10.15. Will Colonel Brown and his tax bu- DUNDY-a \$8, b \$8, c \$8; total, \$24. reau associates explain to an anxious Payments, a \$12, b \$8; total. \$20. Over- \$1.29, Gage Valley \$1.56, Kelso \$2.10, public about the tax paid by the K. C. paid on old bedt, \$4. Due on 1902 as- Logan \$1.65. Loup \$1.98, Posen \$2.91, opinion that the facts and figures & O. railway? Their bulletin claims sessment; \$8. stated by the railroad tax bureau that last year this road paid \$32,- FILLMORE-a \$47, b \$40, c \$40; to- Paul \$2.94, Spring Creek \$2.16, Warwould be correctly stated in the bulle- \$43.99, or \$164.62 per mile. The inter- tal, \$127. Payments, a \$24.75 b \$23.27; saw \$1.29.

HOLT-a \$37, b \$32, c \$32: total \$101. Payments, a \$64.25. Balance due, \$36.25. Paid since May 28. Inman \$2.65. Net balance, \$34,10. Precinct quotas: Atkinson \$3.12, Chambers \$1.89, Cleveland 60c, Conley 87c, Deloit \$1.32, Dustin 30c, Emmett 75c, ing to move to Lincoln for educa-Ewing \$3.36, Fairview 78c, Francis \$C. Grattan \$4.26, Green Valley \$1.68, Inman paid, Iowa 95c, Lake 90c, Mc-Clure 75c, O'Neill 1st \$1.41, O'Neill 2nd \$1.29, O'Neill 3rd \$1.26. Paddock \$1.20, Pleasant View 45c, Rock Falls 93c, Sand Creek 75c. Saratoga \$1.08, Scott Shamrock 54c. Sheridan \$1.65. 8c. Shields \$2.25, Steel Creek 78c, Stuart \$3.90 Swan 48c, Verdigris \$2.13, Willowdale 40c, Wyoming \$1.

HOOKER-a \$1, b \$2, c \$2; total, \$5. Nothing paid.

HOWARD-a \$32. h \$28. c \$28; total. \$88. Payments, a \$47.95, b \$28; total. \$75.95. Overpaid on old account \$15.95. Due on 1902 account, \$28. Paid since May 28, Spring Creek \$2.20. Net bal-4th ward \$10.50, Union \$6.23, Water- ance, \$25.80. Precinct quotas: Cleveland \$1.35, Cotesfield \$2.84, Dannevirke, \$2.49, Dannebrog \$2.73, Fairdale

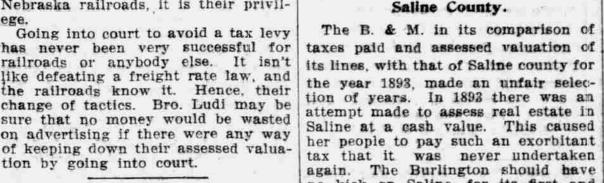
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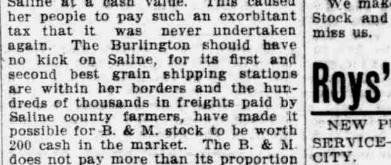
probably less than that, when we take ship it east, make it into starch, and into consideration the fact that most ship the starch back to Nebraska and of the country papers get nothing but undersell the Nebraska City company some additional mileage which the ediin every town in Nebraska beyond reators will not be likely to use before sonable wagon-hauling distance of Ne-December 31, 1902.

braska City-for the simple reason The procedure adopted, however, is that the railroads would give the corn the correct one for the railroads. If products company such low freight. they can hoodwink the people into rates that other companies could not believing that the railroads are paying compete without loss eventually. The their share now, or more than their trust question will not be solved alone share, and get them to elect the reby anti-trust laws-there must be pubpublican state ticket, they will be cerlic ownership of the railroads. tain that the railroad assessment for 1903 and 1904 will not be raised ma-



Perhaps you like to play high-five they know that the railroad assess- or euchre. A pack of cards doesn't ment will be raised to not less than 40 cost much. Many of the railroads sell millions-and that is why they are great quantities of them for a very willing to spend \$30,000 in advertising low price just for the supposed adverin order to defeat the fusion ticket. tising it gives them. But did you It's a good business proposition for know, cheap and all as playing cards the railroads, because if the fusion offi- are, that a resident of Hong Kong cers are elected railroad taxes will be can buy a pack of Bicycle cards at increased something like \$465,000 a about one-half the price you pay year, while the taxes of others will be The Hong Kong dealer can buy from reduced about that much. The farm- the U.S. Playing Card Co. (trust) a ers of Nebraska will pay more than gross of packs Bicycle playing cards half of all the taxes, and they would for \$12.35. Your dealer has to pay be benefitted most by the increase in \$25.65. That is 108 per cen thigher. railroad taxes; but if they feel like Why? Oh, because of the republican electing the republican ticket just to protective tariff.





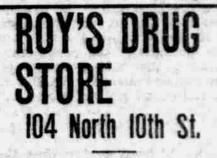
does not pay more than its proportion of taxes. Its assessed valuation is as low as that of other property in the county, and its profits, on the business furnished it by our producers, are very large .-- C. J. Bowlby, in Crete Demoreasons for selling. For particulars address The Independent, Lincoln, crat.

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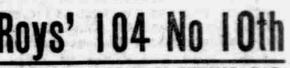
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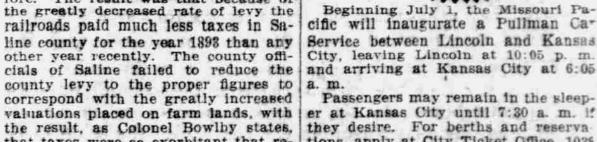


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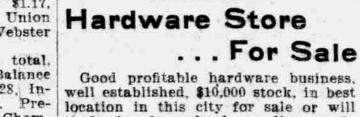


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