

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

For The Year 1898 and Prior Years. The State of Nebraska } S S Sherman County. To all whom it may concern: You will take notice that all lands and lots on which taxes for 1898 and prior years have not been paid, will be sold at the County Treasurer's office in the court house in Loup City, Nebr. on the first Monday in November, 1899, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m.; said sale to adjourn from day to day until all the lands and lots have been offered for sale.

The following is a list of the lands and lots to be sold and the amounts set opposite the description is the amount due and unpaid May 1st, 1899. To each amount will be added interest and cost of advertising:

Table listing land parcels with details such as township, section, acreage, and owner information. Includes sections for Rockville, Hazard, Webster, Loup City, Elm, Clayton, Washington, Ashton, Scott, Bibston, Logan, Loup City, Harrison, and Ashton.

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HOLCOMB'S HOUSE RENT. Official Record Showing the Facts of the Scandal. Silas A. Holcomb, while governor of the state, not only accepted an unconstitutional appropriation for the payment of his private house rent, but by the use of padded vouchers he took from the state treasury almost double the amount of money that the house rent actually cost. It takes no argument to substantiate this. The records are the best evidence. When the legislature of 1893 made a house-rent appropriation for Governor Crouse, the last Republican governor, it was promptly vetoed. Crouse in his message declared it unconstitutional and said the legislature had no power to increase the salary or perquisites of any state officer. Governor Holcomb had no such regard for the constitution or the law. He regarded the law as "a farce and a sham," as his sworn testimony later disclosed. He was glad to take the house-rent appropriation, and he intended to make as much as possible out of it. The records show that for the first six months after the appropriation was available in 1895, Holcomb lived in a house belonging to A. C. Crandall. There is no evidence of the actual amount paid Crandall for the rent, but the vouchers drawn show that for each quarter the governor drew \$150 in advance. He had Crandall sign the vouchers. On the 1st of October Holcomb rented a house from Mrs. Gould at the rate of \$30 per month. And yet the records show that for the quarter ending Jan. 1, 1896, he drew in advance \$150 for "house rent." The date of this voucher is Sept. 30, 1895. The next voucher drawn was on March 3, 1896, when Holcomb took \$350 all in a lump, the voucher saying it was for "house rent," but did not say what period of time it covered. This was the case with all future vouchers, an admit effort having been made to cover up the misappropriation or steal. The record of all the vouchers drawn, as shown by the books in the auditor's office is as follows: May 2, 1895, \$150.00; July 1, 1895, 150.00; Sept. 30, 1895, 150.00; Dec. 31, 1895, 150.00; March 3, 1896, 350.00; June 30, 1896, 300.00; Sept. 30, 1896, 150.00; Dec. 31, 1896, 150.00; March 3, 1897, 350.00; June 30, 1897, 300.00; Sept. 30, 1897, 150.00; Dec. 31, 1897, 150.00; March 3, 1898, 350.00; June 30, 1898, 300.00; Sept. 30, 1898, 150.00; Dec. 31, 1898, 150.00; March 3, 1899, 350.00; June 30, 1899, 300.00; Sept. 30, 1899, 150.00; Dec. 31, 1899, 150.00. Governor Holcomb deliberately misappropriated and put in his pocket each month a little over \$150. All this in spite of the fact the appropriation is for a certain amount for house rent, "or so much thereof as may be necessary." No quibble will justify the steal. The state officials now admit the wrong, and to prevent the vouchers from being inspected by the public, the auditor has removed them from their usual places with the other vouchers in the vault, and has them concealed at the present time in Deputy Pool's desk. A good way to prove this is to go and ask to see them. The sworn evidence given by Mrs. Gould shows how much was paid for the house which Holcomb rented of her on the 1st of October, 1895, and which he still occupies. She testified before and investigating committee as follows: Q. Who rented the property? A. Both of us; my husband and myself. Q. Who is the tenant? A. Mr. Holcomb. Q. What does he pay now? A. Thirty dollars. Q. Who pays the water rent? A. He does. Q. The rental price is the same as when you rented it? A. Yes, sir. Here followed a number of questions relating to the rental value of property in the city as compared with years ago and the testimony resumed as follows: Q. What year was it with reference to his being elected governor? Do you know the year that you rented it to him? A. Why, I am not positive when the year began, but I think it was in October, 1895; I couldn't swear to that, I hadn't only 15 minutes to get ready in and I hadn't much time to look anything up. I think it was October, 1895, he first rented it. Q. After that your husband did the leasing? A. Yes, sir. Q. And you don't know how many years he rented it for; that is, you can't recall now? A. I suppose it would be since 1895. It would be four years. This is 1899. Q. In collecting the rent, Mrs. Gould, to whom was it paid? A. It was usually paid to me, but to Mr. Gould when he was at home. Q. Who paid it to you? A. The governor. Q. How did he pay it to you, by check or money? A. Sometimes in money and sometimes in check or draft. Q. Were you ever paid by warrant from the state? Did the state pay you? A. No. Q. It was always paid either by money or a private check? A. Yes, sir. Q. Was it paid monthly or quarterly? A. Monthly. Q. In advance? A. Not always. Sometimes it would be pretty near two months. Sometimes the last and sometimes near the last. It never was paid right at the day. Q. Did you collect it by going after it, or was it brought to the house? A. He usually brought it to me. The legislative investigation committee, before which this evidence was given, tried to get Holcomb to testify. He refused; come forward and explain himself, for the good reason that no explanation was possible. The following is a part of the committee's official report: "The 24th session of the legislature of the state of Nebraska, by house bill No. 62, a bill making appropriation for current expenses for the biennium, appropriated the sum of \$1,500 for house rent for the governor. The 25th session of the legislature, by house bill No. 514, also appropriated \$1,500 for the purpose of house rent for the governor the sum of \$1,500 for the biennium. Complaint having been made to the committee that this sum had been misappropriated, evidence in relation to the same was heard, and from the evidence we find that the first two vouchers drawn against this fund thus created were each for the sum of \$150, each par-