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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION. Introduced by Mr. Colby.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska: (CONCLUDED) SEC. 18. The town treasurer on receipt of the tax list, shall forthwith post up notices in three or more public places in said town...

SEC. 19. No town or county treasurer, or other town or county officer, or their deputies shall either directly or indirectly purchase or receive, for themselves, or as agents for another, in exchange, or in payment for taxes or otherwise, in any manner whatever, any county or town order, or any delinquent tax, or any other debt...

SEC. 20. The town treasurer shall, on the payment to him of any tax, give a receipt for the same, describing therein the lands, or specifying the amount of personal property upon which the tax is levied, and if any such treasurer shall willfully return to the county treasurer, as unpaid, any tax which has been paid to him, except a double assessment, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than one nor more than six months, or by a fine not exceeding ten dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 21. In case any person or corporation shall refuse to pay the taxes imposed on him by said 15th day of December, said tax shall thereupon become delinquent, and shall draw therefor one per cent. per month in arrears, together with the fees, and levy and collect the same by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such persons, whenever the same may be found, and in making such levy and sale the town treasurer shall possess all the power and perform all the duties enjoined upon county treasurers under the general revenue laws of this State, and receive the same fees as county treasurers in counties not under township organization.

SEC. 22. When any town treasurer shall refuse to pay the taxes imposed on him by said 15th day of December, said tax shall thereupon become delinquent, and shall draw therefor one per cent. per month in arrears, together with the fees, and levy and collect the same by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of such persons, whenever the same may be found, and in making such levy and sale the town treasurer shall possess all the power and perform all the duties enjoined upon county treasurers under the general revenue laws of this State, and receive the same fees as county treasurers in counties not under township organization.

SEC. 23. The town treasurer shall retain in his hands the amount specified in his warrant to be paid into the treasury, and shall on or before the first day of February next following, or at such time before as the county treasurer may direct, pay to said county treasurer the amount so collected, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 24. The money collected for town purposes by said town treasurer, and any other money which he may receive, shall be paid into the treasury, and shall on or before the first day of February next following, or at such time before as the county treasurer may direct, pay to said county treasurer the amount so collected, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 25. The town treasurer shall receive, in counties having township organization, the following salary per annum:— In counties having less than three thousand inhabitants the sum of six hundred dollars; in counties having more than three and less than six thousand inhabitants, the sum of one thousand dollars; in counties having more than six and less than twelve thousand inhabitants, the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars; in counties having more than twelve thousand inhabitants, the sum of one thousand four hundred dollars; said salaries to be paid semi-annually.

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SEC. 28. The county treasurer shall annually, and within thirty days after the return of said town treasurer, prepare a complete schedule of the delinquent taxes on personal property in the county, with the names of delinquents, and deliver the same to the sheriff, accompanied with a warrant under his hand and seal, directing said sheriff to collect from each of the persons and corporations named in the schedule the amount of unpaid taxes due, and to pay the same to the county treasurer, and make return of such warrant within sixty days after the date thereof, and the county treasurer may renew such warrant from time to time, either before or after the return of the same, for sixty days at any one time, and longer than one year after the date of such warrants.

SEC. 29. The sheriff shall have the same power, and proceed in the same manner, to enforce the collection of taxes specified in such schedule, as he would have upon execution issued out of a court of record of this state against the goods and chattels of such persons or corporations; Provided, that no law of this state shall be construed to apply to a levy and sale under such warrant.

SEC. 30. All the lands and lots, or any part thereof, or undivided share therein, returned as delinquent, shall be advertised and sold by the county treasurer at the same time, and in the same manner, as provided for other counties under the revenue laws of this state; and certificates of purchase and deeds shall be given therefor as required by law, and from the proceeds of said sales, or from any moneys collected by the county treasurer, he shall account therefor, and pay any amount or amount due, properly belonging thereon to the proper town treasurer or sheriff of the county, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 31. The county and State treasurers, upon receipt of any money for county and state taxes, shall apportion the same among the several town treasurers of the county, according to the per centum levied for the benefit of such funds, and he shall account for and pay over the same, upon warrants or orders issued in the same manner, as county treasurers are by law directed to do in counties not under township organization.

SEC. 32. If any town treasurer shall refuse to pay over to the county treasurer the sums in his hands required by law to be so paid, the county treasurer shall issue a warrant under his hand and seal, directing the sheriff of the county, commanding him to levy such sum as shall remain unpaid or unaccounted for, together with his fees for collecting the same, of the goods and chattels of any and every one of such town treasurer and his sureties, and to pay the same to the county treasurer, and return such warrant within sixty days from the date thereof, and the county treasurer may renew such warrant from time to time, either before or after the return of the same, for sixty days at any one time, and longer than one year after the date of such warrants.

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SEC. 35. After the return of the town treasurer to the county treasurer, and before a sale of any delinquent lands or lots, or any undivided share therein, as provided by law, any person may discharge the debt by payment thereof, with interest as hereinbefore provided, and the county treasurer shall give receipts therefor, and the person receiving such duplicate receipts shall present them to the county clerk, who shall countersign one of said receipts, and return it to the person entitled thereto, and retain the other in his office; and no receipt so given shall be evidence of payment of such taxes, in the hands of any person, except the county clerk, unless the same shall first be countersigned by said clerk.

SEC. 36. The town treasurer for collecting taxes shall receive on taxes paid to him on or before the 15th day of December, the sum of one per cent. on the taxes collected by him after the 15th day of December, the sum of two and one half per cent.

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FOR THE HOUSEHOLD. SPICED BEEF.—Chop fine the tough end of two large porter house beef-steaks, a small piece of suet the size of a small egg.

AN APPLE MERINGUE.—This is a delicate, white showy dish, easy to make and good when it is done. It needs good apples, that is, those with a slightly yellow, par, quarter, and remove the cores; stew in a bright tin or enameled saucepan, with sugar to taste, and a little cinnamon; as soon as the apples are done through, having put the quarters as wide as possible, turn them into a pudding-dish, being careful not to break them up.

TABLE MAT.—A nice mat for very hot dishes is made of two circular pieces of heavy brown paper, each covered with scrawled flannel, or white, if you prefer. On one side sew porcelain buttons—white centered ones with scalloped borders are the prettiest—in the form of a star or stars, diamonds or squares, with a double row round the edge. Lastly, join the two pieces together by top stitching the edges all around. You may make them also of an oblong form for vegetable dishes or meat platters.

DESSERT OF APPLES.—Make of a pound of sugar a rich syrup; into this put a pound of apples pared and cored, and stew till they are soft; mix them smoothly with the syrup, and form into a mold. Into a pin of cream or half milk stir the yolks of two eggs, a new egg and a spoonful of rose water, and let the whole boil in a farina kettle. When cool pour it around the apples, and serve.

THE "BABY BOOKS" have and are still having a tremendous run. Of the first and best, "Felen's Babies," there have been over 100,000 copies sold in this country, while in England it has been published by six different houses, and is selling very rapidly. "Some Other Babies," by Mel Forest, has only been out about three weeks, and there have been over twenty thousand copies sold, and the publishers have their hands full supplying the increasing demand. The latest volume, "The Annals of a Baby," is having a good sale; 10,000 copies have been worked since February 1, the day of its publication.

DAILY CARE OF HOUSE PLANTS.—In many instances when the contents of flower-pots are sprinkled daily with water the soil at the middle of the pot becomes hard and dry. When the ball of earth becomes dry it takes water a long time to penetrate it, and surface water is not accomplished the object. In this case set the pot in a pan of water and let it soak until the earth is thoroughly wetted through. If proper care in the respects above mentioned be taken to induce a proper growth, then the plan must be repeated with fresh earth and a portion of its top out back. Irregularities in shape must be corrected from time to time by pinching off the shoots which may start to grow out of place.

The red spider is quite adverse to moisture; the green fly, however, likes it, but may not accomplish the object by tobacco smoke that only neglects plants will suffer from this cause. The mealy-bug is so large that it may be easily picked off. Watering must be properly attended to, and while the plants must not suffer from lack of moisture the roots must not be kept saturated with water. The sound of the pot when struck by the knuckles is a good test of the soil; if it is wet from what it is when dry, this and the lagging look of the plant will indicate that water is needed. A little practice will soon enable one to indicate the water needed, and to supply water at the proper time.—N. Y. Herald.

One of the most noticeable occurrences of recent times is the purchase of ten thousand American plows by the Russian Government, for distribution among the farmers of Russia. There is more in this than would seem to be at first sight. It is certainly a great commitment as well as a valuable acknowledgment of merit to American agricultural implement makers, but it implies that the competition of American farmers in the European grain trade has touched what has been considered an invulnerable spot. The wheat growers of Southern Russia supply what is known as the Black Sea trade, and being much nearer to the market than we are, their wheat has had a great advantage over ours. But American wheat has displaced the Russian wheat to a considerable extent, in English market, and the Russian farmers have now to exert themselves to hold even a portion in that trade. Hence it is determined to try the plows we are using, and a way to produce wheat more cheaply than hitherto. But there is something else needed. The man that holds the plow is of more account than the plow, and there are no farmers in the world who are more intelligent or more skillful than American farmers. But we cannot afford to rest on what we have gained. The important fact here noted shows that our competitors, by no means idle, and intend to improve their methods of work as far as possible. We must meet their improvements by others of our own.—American Agriculturist.

Letter Box. MOUNT PLEASANT, March 12th, 1877. EDITOR HERALD.—It gives me great pleasure to read the L-ter Box. I have been reading it ever since you gave it room in your wall filled paper, and I see there articles from all parts of the county except Mount Pleasant, and I thought that you would like to hear from here. We have nice times here. We have Sabbath school every Sabbath. E. A. Kirkpatrick is our Superintendent, and he is a very good one. After Sabbath school, there is preaching by brother Margaret; he is the right man in the right place. On Sunday night we have Good Templar's lodge. We have the oldest lodge in the state. It has been running for eleven years, and is in a flourishing condition yet. In the Lodge we have debates and they make times lively. The boys play ball every Saturday afternoon. Then there is the Grange, that is still doing its work. For fear of taking up too much time, and spoiling your good paper, we think it best to stop this time. Good bye. THOMAS GRAY.