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STATE TAXES.

What Webster County Owes the State in Delinquent Taxes.

The report of the state auditor for the year 1906 shows many interesting things concerning the financial standing of the county which are not generally known to the taxpayers. The report shows, among other things, that up to July 1, 1906, Webster county owed the state in back taxes \$32,922.67, distributed as follows:

1885.....	\$ 3643.45
1886.....	2085.02
1887.....	1326.59
1888.....	866.83
1889.....	592.43
1890.....	3113.47
1891.....	726.13
1892.....	412.47
1893.....	550.19
1894.....	433.88
1895.....	284.80
1896.....	183.04
1897.....	98.36
1898.....	72.67
1899.....	68.33
1900.....	80.26
1901.....	80.15
1902.....	53.40
1903.....	52.22
1904.....	1593.73
1905.....	15703.25
Total.....	\$32922.67

Of the \$15,703.25 shown to be delinquent in 1905 the greater part has been collected and turned into the state treasury, while of the balance for the years 1904 and 1905 a large share is that owed by the Burlington railroad. Of course, most taxpayers will understand that this money is not actually owed by the county, and will not be paid until it is collected from the delinquent taxpayers. All delinquent taxes owing to the state prior to 1885 have been canceled and the county is under no obligation to pay them.

The total delinquent taxes owed by the various counties to the state is \$2,574,041.31.

Webster county has outstanding \$30,000 of refunding bonds, due in 1914, bearing 4 per cent interest, which are held by the permanent school fund of the state.

The total railway mileage in Webster county is 69.97, and the assessed valuation in for 1906 was \$594,755.

The total sleeping car mileage in this county is 24.56, on which the Pullman company paid \$294.47 in 1906.

The report also shows that Webster county owed the state on November 30 last \$3337.47 for care of insane.

As an illustration of how the county has grown since its organization, the assessed valuation of the county in 1871 was \$8,999; in 1906 it was \$2,265,444.

Next Monday Night.

Who? Why, Camp, at the opera house.

Chas. T. Schenck, Monroe, Ia.: "We contracted with the Midland Bureau of Des Moines, Ia., for the Hon. J. G. Camp, who lectured before a splendid audience in this place on November 20, and I can both truthfully and unhesitatingly say it was one of the most magnificent lectures to which I have ever listened, and I have heard Wendling, Gunsaulus, Dixon, Graves, Burdette, Conwell and McIntyre. We never had a man on our lecture course who gave such universal satisfaction as did Camp, and I speak this advisedly, for I make it a business to inquire into the impression every number has left. I want to see J. G. Camp with your bureau next year, for we most certainly want him back next year for our regular course. He merits every word of commendation I have said in reference to his ability as a wise thinker and able orator."

Public Sale.

Rife and Fisher will hold a public sale Wednesday, February 20, at the Rife farm, 5 1/2 miles south and 4 1/2 miles east of Red Cloud. Forty head of cattle, 15 head of horses, 93 head of hogs and a complete outfit of farm implements and household goods, together with 30 tons of hay, will be sold.

Business College Notes

Prof. A. J. Dietrick was not in school Tuesday afternoon.

Monday the college was out of coal, but now we have hard coal and it burns real well.

Prof. Paul S. Dietrick gives an entertainment in the Guide Rock opera house tonight, one in the Amboy school house next Thursday night and one at Cowles Friday next.

Paul S. Dietrick was appointed treasurer of the Webster county Sunday School Association last week to take the place of Mrs. Ed. Garber, who left the county some time ago. Of course a treasurer without any money doesn't feel just right, so I suppose he will begin to collect at once.

"I can't figure up this load of hogs." "Yes, but you must find out, as it seems I didn't get all I should have." "Now, father, if you had let me go to business college last winter I could have done that whole thing in my head."

L. P. Albright has consented to give the students one night each week drilling them in music. Mr. Albright is a good leader and we have some good voices, so we expect to make some good music. The first practice was last Tuesday night.

In a contest in writing the nicest figures in rapid calculation, Miss Laura Harris won first, with Miss Lena Hermanson second. Twenty-nine are enrolled in this class and, of course, the girls feel proud of their honors. We have a number of others who could hold first place most anywhere else.

The program of the literary society last Friday night was good. We have some debaters and readers here that we are going to look for in prominent places one of these days. Carl Lindgren takes all honors for impromptu speaking. The new constitution was adopted last Friday night and new officers were elected. Louis Kent being chosen as chairman. Everton Foe has made a good presiding officer during his term.

Everton Foe, Ray Palmer and others of our courageous students are talking of putting the Physical Culture Magazine out of business because the editor says that the Japanese is a stronger man than the American. Everton and Raymond are loyal supporters of their Uncle Sam.

Makes no difference where you wander.

Makes no difference where you roam. You don't have to stop and ponder For a place to call your home. When they ask where you were born, lad, Speak right up, be proud to say That your home's the land of Uncle Sam— The good old U. S. A.

County Option.

There is a bill before the legislature, which is being strongly urged for adoption, giving the various counties of the state the right to vote upon the question of license or no license by counties. In Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia and the Carolinas this method of controlling the liquor traffic has been given a fair trial and is rapidly growing in popular favor. In Tennessee seventy of the ninety-six counties have shut out the saloons, and now it is proposed to make prohibition state wide. So far as this county is concerned, we believe the people should be given the opportunity of saying whether or not they want saloons, with all the evils that go with them. If the majority of the people are in favor of trying to worry along without saloons, we believe they should have the right to say so. Guide Rock and Inavale have driven out the booze joints and no one will have the hardihood to claim that either town has suffered. If the liquor traffic was completely driven from the county there would be more money spent for dry goods, clothing and groceries. The men who are now engaged in the liquor business are successful business men, and they could with equal success engage in some more honorable calling.

NOT MUCH DOING.

County "Dads" Settle With Officers and Transact Other Business.

The board of county commissioners met January 29, 1907, pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, Chairman Richard presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Annual settlement was made with the following road overseers: Joseph Hobacek, district 49; E. E. Fogg, district 31; H. F. Bartels, district 6; W. J. Vance, district 4; D. Rippen, district 42; W. H. Hoffman, district 32; H. A. Johnson, district 2.

In the matter of the road petition of J. E. Fox and others to open a road commencing in the northeast corner of sections 16 and 26, in Line township, the chairman appointed J. G. Overman, H. G. Sawyer and T. J. Chaplin as a committee to investigate and report.

On motion the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids per linear foot for bridge work in the county for the year 1907.

The following bonds were approved: Road overseers: H. L. Bartels, district 6; G. W. Baker, district 2. Justices of the peace: R. D. McBeth and E. J. Soloman.

Richard Turner, county assessor, appeared before the board and ordered that the assessment of Alf McCall & Sons to the amount of \$305 be stricken from the tax list in Line township for the year 1906, the same being assessed in Walnut Creek township.

The chairman appointed Commissioners Sawyer and Overman to settle with the sheriff, county judge, county clerk, district clerk and county superintendent, and Commissioners Chaplin, Anderson and Richard to settle with the county treasurer.

January 31.

Board met with all members present.

On motion the bridge plans and specifications filed this day and marked exhibit "A" were adopted for the ensuing year. Commissioner Anderson voted in the negative.

On motion the county clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for bridge construction.

February 1.

Board met with all members present.

The following claims were allowed on the bridge fund and the clerk instructed to draw warrants to pay the same:

Geo. Clauson, bridge work \$10.00
Joseph Hobacek, bridge work ... 12.75
Geo. Clauson, bridge work 10.00

The committee appointed to settle with the county treasurer reported that they found the accounts to correspond with the semi-annual report.

The committee appointed to examine the books of the county clerk, clerk of the district court, sheriff, county superintendent and county judge reported that they found the books to correspond with the statements on file.

Adjourned to March 12.

BAND WILL PLAY.

New Organization Will Make Its Debut Next Monday Night.

Hurrah! The new Citizens' Band of Red Cloud will make its first public appearance next Monday evening, at which time it will play for the Camp lecture at the opera house. If the weather is at all favorable the band will play on the street Monday night before the lecture, and afterward in the opera house. The boys are not quite up to the standard set by the Kilties when they were here some time ago, but they are getting along finely and you may expect to hear some good music. Considering that most of the members of the band were "green" when first taken in hand by Prof. Snapp, they have made remarkable progress. Prof. Snapp certainly is a thorough musician and an able band director. Everybody should come down town Monday evening prepared to encourage the boys in every way and overlook any little breaks they may make. "Oh, listen to the band!"

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo quinine tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

BOOST NEW COURT HOUSE.

Plans Being Laid for a Vigorous Campaign for the Bonds.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday evening the question of building a new court house again formed the principal topic for discussion.

Enough of the petitions have been turned in and heard from to indicate that probably 800 voters have signed the request to the county commissioners to submit the proposition to a vote.

The question as to when the election shall be held occupied the greater part of the discussion. Some favored the calling of a special election, while others contended that it would be the better policy to wait until the election next fall, thereby avoiding the expense of a special election. It was also argued that there would be a much larger vote cast at the general election than could possibly be gotten out at a special election, thus securing a more nearly accurate expression of the will of the people.

Another good argument in favor of waiting until the November election is that a favorable decision in the railroad tax case is hoped for before that time, thus giving the county ample money to pay all outstanding claims that are due and leave a good surplus. This would have a tendency to make the taxpayers look at the matter in a more favorable light.

Waiting until the general election would also give the supporters of the plan a better opportunity to impress upon the citizens of Cowles, Blue Hill and elsewhere that this is not a selfish movement on the part of Red Cloud, but is designed for the good and welfare of the whole county.

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