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**DELINQUENT.**

For more than a year we have not said a word to our delinquent subscribers through the columns of the REPUBLICAN. We have hoped that it would not be necessary again. But we find by consulting our subscription book that there are hundreds of dollars due us, that we have earned and would like very much to have to aid us in meeting our obligations by January 1. Some of these accounts we have carried for several years, while a larger number are for one two and three years. You no doubt had a Merry Christmas and so have we. Now we are ready to guarantee you a happy new year, if you will call or remit the small or large amount you owe the REPUBLICAN. And while it is more pleasure to give than it is to receive, we can assure you that we will enjoy an equal share of the pleasure with you as we in turn give it out to our creditors, as fast as you give it to us. Won't you all try for once and get your balance on the credit side of our ledger, with the beginning of 1902.

Maclays history will now be as dead as Schley's presidential boom. Both can be buried in one grave.

Governor Savage was presented with a large turkey for Christmas by an admiring friend, of Sterling Colorado. The governor thinks it is larger than President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving turkey.

Lieut Maclay, whose history has got us into so much trouble over the Schley affair imagined he stood at the head of his class, but now since the president has ordered him to the foot he will have time to meditate and see just where he is at.

The Schley investigation is liable to result in the removal of several high in authority in military and naval circles. President Roosevelt will not tolerate a violation of military law by any, regardless of their official rank. Secretary Root's letter of censure to Gen. Miles, would indicate that the war department will not have any foolishness.

It is now up to the governor of Minnesota to show that the Great Northern deal is against the public interest. J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, in an interview, argues that his great deal in railroad stocks was to prevent the U. P. officials from getting a corner on the entire west and northwest systems. He claims that had the U. P. succeeded, it would have had a monopoly on the railroad business, and his company, in getting a controlling interest in the Great Northern and Burlington, the scheme has failed and the interests of the community is protected, and that lower rates instead of higher will result. Mr. Hill insists that by his combination of interests he has prevented monopoly, and that better wages for the employees as well as lower rates than are now enjoyed shall be the aim of the Great Northern and of all the roads in the combine.

**WHO SHOULD REFORM?**

There is one class of people if we could reach their ears that we would insist on instituting a reform with the beginning of A. D. 1902. It is that class who never have been able to see the bright side of life or of anything. They are certainly a misery to themselves as

well as to their unfortunate associates. There may be some excuse for such a condition at times but there is no laudable reason why one should always be thus afflicted. With many it is a habit that they have gotten into unconsciously. We would suggest to change the habit at once. Instead of posing as an objector, turn right about and concede there may some good come of a scheme you did not suggest and help others with their plan. Quit your grumbling and meet your associates with a cheerful greeting. Have a word of cheer for every one you meet and should a mean, cross, retaliating thought suggest itself, banish it from you. Do not allow yourself to feel that everybody else are rogues and selfish. It grieves us to see that wilful, spiteful spirit manifested in children 12 to 16 years of age. Where do they get it? Do their parents quarrel and bandy words with them, until they feel that they must do it as a matter of self protection. Shame! Children will imitate their parents. If they are scolded and quarreled with at home how can they be expected to do otherwise when in company. There are men as well as women who always seem to see the dark side of every picture. They do not stop at seeing it themselves but persist in showing it to others. To those we would urge to look on the bright side of life for one year. You will be surprised to find how much happier your life will be. Can we not all in prove on this line?

**STUEFER'S CHECKS.**

Why were the bonds paid for by Treasurer Stuefer's checks? Such is the question asked by the York Republican, referring to the purchase of the Burt county bonds. When bonds are purchased by any bond broker he has from ten days to two weeks in which to find a purchaser. Few brokers ever buy bonds and pay for them with ready cash—cash of their own. They put up simply a forfeit, guaranteeing to take the bonds. They then look about for the best purchaser and let go of the bonds and the man or concern that gets the bonds, really goes ahead and pays for them. Such was the case with the Burt county bonds. One, Neleigh, bought the bonds at a premium of \$800 and backed up his bid with a certified check of his own for \$1000. In getting rid of them he offered them to outsiders and among those outsiders was the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. The board considered the bonds a good investment and ordered State Treasurer Stuefer to take them at 3 1/2 per cent or better. He got them at \$550 better. The State Treasurer did what any other man would have done. He paid for the bonds and drew the checks to Neleigh, who had the option on the bonds, but before these checks were delivered to Neleigh he had them properly endorsed to Burt county, thus fixing it so that none but Burt county could get the cash. Had there been any questionable transaction in the matter, or any thing to keep from the public eye, does anyone suppose that the state treasurer would have carried on the transaction with checks? No, indeed. The truth is that Mr. Stuefer has never attempted to cover up any part of his bond deals and he is willing that any man shall examine every part of the transactions. When he offered to take the bonds at 3 1/2 per cent, and the county commissioners proceeded to float them at 3 1/2, he was left out, for, as the bids proved, the bonds went at a snug premium. Burt county really had a bid from the board of educational lands and funds, at 3 1/2 per cent interest. It is still up to Burt county to explain why she did not float her bonds at 3 1/2 per cent or better and it would seem that State Treasurer Stuefer has explained about all that he should. His semi-annual report together with a former statement made to the public tells a splendid story and should call for words of commendation from republicans and others interested in the well fare of the state treasury.—Blair Pilot.

**MR. BRYAN'S MANIFESTO.**

Chicago Chronicle (item): William Jennings Bryan has conferred a favor upon his fellow countrymen in the democratic party and out of of it. He has given out a manifesto which is in substance the platform on which he will seek the next presidential nomination at the hands of the national democracy. Mr. Bryan says that imperialism and the independence of the Philippines are still burning political questions and that it is only by pushing them to the front that the democrats can hope for success in 1902. By inference, therefore, Mr. Bryan has recovered partially or permanently from his unsound money delusion. The currency of the country is apparently to remain unthreatened by Mr. Br. Bryan during the next presidential canvass. For this promised relief from an expected recurrence of financial lunacy on Mr. Bryan's part the entire country ought to be thankful. Elimination of the unsound money issue from national politics will leave intelligent men of all free to discuss in tranquility and reason the real national issues before the American people. Mr. Bryan will not find any considerable number of his fellow citizens ready to agree to his proposal that the American flag be unconditionally withdrawn from the Philippine islands. He says "the war is unnecessary because the people of those islands are ready to lay down their arms whenever their independence is promised them." Mr. Bryan has no better means of knowing this than any other American citizen. Americans must differ over the equity or necessity of the continued presence of our arms on Philippine territory after the surrender of Manila. But human Americans cannot abandon the Philippine people who prefer our constitution to anarchy or invasion and conquest by a European power. Mr. Bryan says that the people of the Philippines "cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization. They cannot be subjects without imperiling our form of government." The literary habit of his mind has never been characteristic of practical statesmanship. Mr. Bryan's instructive inclination to pretentiousness of expression is a fundamental weakness in his ability to politics. As a matter of fact there is no reason why the people of the Philippine islands should not become in time American citizens. We have made citizens out of red aborigines and out of descendants of African tribesmen. The ruling mass of the Philippine people are as far more assimilable stock. They are moral, peaceful, industrious, accustomed to obey and to command. They have responded readily to our overtures of friendship when accompanied with convincing proofs of a sincere purpose to establish among them firm, free, honest and just republican government. The work, it is true, is only begun. To desert it now would be cowardice. The ultimate solution of the political status of Philippines cannot be predicted now. But this can be asserted now—that the flag of the United States must remain in the Philippines to protect the people from anarchy or invasion and that the constitution and laws of the United States must be put into operation in the islands as rapidly as possible. Mr. Bryan will find that no considerable proportion of the national democratic party will support him or any other presidential candidate on a platform proposing desertion of the people of the Philippine islands to anarchy, dictatorship or invasion for conquest or reconquest. Dierks Lumber Co. has in stock a car load of fine cedar posts for the trade.

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**SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS.**

Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 1901. Pursuant to adjournment the board met at 9 a. m. with all members in attendance. Minutes were read and approved. Road and road claims committee referred the claims of L. E. Koon and Isaac June to the general board for their action. It was moved and carried to allow the claim of Isaac June \$2.60 for services as chairman on Henry Kelly road for \$2.40 and the claim of Isaac June \$5.00 and Thos. Condon road for \$4.00. It was moved and seconded that the claim of L. E. Koon \$18.00 commisloned Surveyor F. S. Morris road be rejected. Vote was as follows: Aye, Brechbuhl and Conroy. 2 Nay, Conley, Hiser, Savage and Thorp. 4. The chairman declared the motion lost. It was then moved and seconded that the claim be allowed. The vote was as follows: Aye, Conley, Hiser, Savage and Thorp. 4. Nay, Brechbuhl and Conroy. 2. The chairman declared the motion carried and the claim allowed. It was moved and carried to allow the claims of L. E. Koon as follows: Commissioned act surveyor on Condon road \$8.00. Commissioner and surveyor on court road claim \$21.00 for \$18.20. The following resolution was read by the clerk. WHEREAS, Leroy Westbrook represented to the board that he is the owner of the E 1/4 SE 1/4 8-18-19 and that he proved up on said tract in Jan. 1901 and that a part of said land, the SE 1/4, was entered on the tax list assessed and taxed for the year 1901 before same was subject to taxation now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the county treasurer be and hereby is instructed to correct the record by striking from the same said SE 1/4 of 8-18-19 it appearing to the satisfaction of the board from the record that said SE 1/4 was at the time the tax was levied not subject to be taxed. Moved and carried to adopt the resolution and to instruct the treasurer as therein provided. Claims committee recommended to allow the following claims, which report was accepted and adopted. R C Talbot..... 8 00 A M Snyder..... 8 86 J R Dean..... 3 00 J F Brechbuhl..... 51 50 C T Orr..... 2 00 Barton & Perlin..... 3 45 S M Henry..... 8 00 A E Brigham..... 17 63 Monte McFate..... 8 00 W R Pennington..... 80 50 C H Conroy..... 15 00 Clyde Carlin..... 40 00 M E Harris..... 18 00 J C Wade..... 125 00 E H Burrows..... 5 35 L B Wamsley..... 7 50 G H Thorp..... 12 25 Clinton Day..... 5 00 Conner & Hag..... 6 50 F J Steak..... 8 50 erty..... 10 20 Geo Willing..... 27 24 Ed McComas..... 22 20 R H Mullins..... 26 00 J J Simmons..... 2 25 S M Henry..... 8 00 N E Armstrong..... 103 00 Dollie Erickson..... 62 75 W E Swingle..... 26 00 Wilson & Drake..... 12 70 R C Talbot..... 6 00 Wm H Coulter..... 14 60 RC & W Talbot..... 64 00 Della Benjamin..... 95 00 Dierks Lumber..... 4 00 H E Greer..... 4 00 & Coal Co..... 48 00 C W Wally..... 6 00 P L Metcal..... 4 15 A L Mathews..... 8 00 N A Ansberry..... 20 35 Geo Mary..... 13 37 Peale Cash Gro..... 23 10 D V Joyner..... 8 15 A J McArthur..... 32 80 Fred Rink..... 25 28 H Rogers..... 16 00 E A Hanson..... 274 00 Susan Brownell..... 16 25 A L Mathews..... 8 00 Henry Reeder..... 2 00 J H Osborn..... 1 20 Wilson Bros..... 23 00 R C Talbot..... 8 00 Wm Blair..... 99 65 C T Orr..... 6 40 C H Burrows..... 34 45 J R Dean..... 3 00 J G Haerle..... 24 80 It was moved by Mr. Thorpe and seconded by Mr. Conley that the school bond levy in district 28 which was fixed at 25 mills in June 1901 be and hereby is corrected and ordered changed to a 18 1/2 mills levy and the county clerk is hereby instructed and ordered to change the tax on all property in said school district No 23. According to the tenor of this motion. A vote was taken and the chairman declared the motion carried. Adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow. WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1901. The board met at 9 o'clock this Wednesday morning with all the members present. The chairman called the meeting to order and instructed the clerk to read the minutes which were approved by the board. The claims committee recommended that the following claims be allowed: Della Benjamin..... \$21.00 Wm. Blair..... 26.40 C. W. Beal..... 9.00 G. Carkon..... 13.85 J. J. Tooley..... 270.72 Ira C. Shupp..... 8.50 R. C. & W. E. Talbot..... 8.00 E. H. Burrows..... 9.50 Nebraska Inst. for Feeble Minded Youth..... 33.18 J. W. Conley..... 14.10 Wm. Pfrehm..... 30.65 O. P. Alphin..... 17.45 Hattie Talbot..... 23.00 Ansley Chronicle..... 101.40 C. H. Fenstermacher..... 49.50 D. O. Mills..... 18.00 and that the claim of Drs. Talbot 20.00 be rejected. Report accepted and adopted. Adjourned until 1.30 p. m. AFTERNOON DEC. 18, 1901. Board reconvened after the noon recess with all members present. The question of establishing a County Board of health was brought before the board, and after full discussion it was moved and carried that the board of Supervisors establish a Health Board for Custer county, and that a committee composed of three members of this board be appointed by the chairman to confer with the County Atty. to recommend appointments and to draft rules and regulations for the government of said board. Committee to report at the Friday p. m. session. The vote was as follo es: Voting aye, Brechbuhl, Conley, Hiser,

Savage, Thorpe and Lind 6 nay, Coney 1. The chairman declared the motion carried and appointed as such committee. Supervisors Thorpe, Savage and Conley. Adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow. THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1901. The board reconvened at 9 a. m. with all members present. Minutes read and approved. Morning spent in court work. Adjourned to 1.30 p. m. Board reconvened at 1.30 and the Road Committee reported as follows on the F. S. Morris road petition: we recommend that the petition be granted and the survey changed to section line from station 38 to 40 and from 29 and 32 under the supervision of supervisor Savage. W. P. Savage. G. Hiser. I recommend that the petition be rejected. J. W. Conley. It was moved and seconded to accept and adopt the majority report. Vote was as follows: Aye, Brechbuhl, Hiser, Savage, Thorpe and Lind 5, Nay, Coney, Conley. The chairman declared the motion carried and the majority report accepted. The road and Road Claims committee made the following report: We recommend that the following claims be allowed: W. A. Tooley, \$11.60; C. G. Heaps, \$11.60; Ben Holcomb, \$11.90. That the following official bonds be approved: Wm. Warren, road overseer, Triumph No. 3; Wm. Eagles, road overseer, Triumph No. 1; J. D. Knapp, road overseer, Ansley No. 1; Atwood Sloan, road overseer, Ansley No. 3; Ne George, township clerk, Loup township; Ole C. Seyerson, township clerk, Triumph township. That the following road petitions be granted: T. E. Chambers, et al; Henry Tucker, et al; Arnold Krnel, et al; George Court, et al, from station 37 to 58. And that the petition signed by A. G. Hoffman et al, be rejected, and the Andrew Stallman, et al, be laid over. We recommend that the following road damage claims be allowed: M. J. Robison, \$20.00; D. M.

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