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## WHERE DOES YOUR TAX MONEY GO.

DO YOU THINK THAT THE COUNTY GETS IT ALL

## COUNTY TAX IS SMALL

The Average Man Pays Over Twice As Much School Tax And Almost Twice As Much Township Tax As County Tax.

The question of taxes is always an interesting one to a tax payer. A great many men believe that their taxes are higher than they should be and they are at a loss to know the cause for this increase. A statement of the amount of taxes collected and the purposes for which these taxes are used is, therefore, very interesting and one which every tax payer has a right to become familiar with. During the past year the real estate valuation in this county and over the state was greatly increased and though the levies were lowered, there is still an impression that the taxes are higher than they have been before. The people are anxious to know why this is the case and where the increase, if there is any, goes. As a general rule a man is inclined to assume that any increase in the taxes goes to maintain the County Government. A careful investigation of the facts shows that this is not the case. In the course of the next few weeks, the REPUBLICAN will take up the question of the personal and real estate tax collected in the county, and will then give a

PRECINCT FUNDS.

Special road tax.....	\$4908 05
Township tax.....	12483 46
Poll tax.....	10456 50
Township bond.....	1106 28
.....	\$29044 29

comparative statement for a number of years, showing just what increase has been made and for what purposes this increase has been used. In this issue will be found a statement of personal tax for 1908. The statement shows that \$15,169.84 is the total assessed tax for the year, of this amount \$15,180.92 goes to the state; \$17,002.16 will be used to maintain the County Government; \$29,044.00 goes to the township treasurers and \$40,569.00 will be

### SCHOOL TAXES.

District tax.....	\$36448 08
Bond tax.....	3180 97
High School.....	940 36
.....	\$40569 53

used for the maintenance of the county schools, instead of the total amount being used by the county, as a great many people assume. It will be noticed that the school tax of \$40,000.00 is over twice the amount of the county tax. This shows that the cost of maintaining the County Government is a great deal less than the cost of maintaining the Township Governments, less than one half the cost of maintaining the schools. The average man then pays \$2.25 towards the maintenance of the schools and \$1.75 towards the township fund, for every dollar that he pays to maintain the County Government.

As far as the local taxes are concerned then, the county tax is comparatively small; the average man pays very little attention to the levy and expenditures of money in his local township, though he does a great deal of kicking about the tax that he pays. The figures are a positive proof that instead of holding the county responsible for the amount of taxes collected, the voter

## SARGENT BRIDGE COMPLETED.

The Bridge Committee Inspected Completed Structure Last Week And Are Well Pleased

Supervisors Cushman and Lee of the Bridge Committee of the County Board went over to Sargent last week to inspect the Sargent Steel bridge after its completion by the Standard Bridge Company. The Supervisors seem very well pleased with the bridge and they state that it was nearly as it could possibly be to the specification in the bids.

The bridge is built across the Loup river one mile south of Sargent and is 242 feet long. This is the first steel bridge ever built in the county. The state engineer estimated that the bridge would cost something like \$10,000. The original cost of the structure was to have been about \$5,500. A change in the length of the steel tubes was made by the Bridge Committee after the contract was awarded. The quick sand formation in the river bed made it seem advisable to sink the tubes ten feet deeper and this made an additional cost of about \$1,500, making the total cost of the bridge about \$7,000.

The wood bridge which was in before was a very expensive one to keep in repair owing to its great length and the heavy travel across it. The steel bridge is more costly for the time being than a new one would have been but the members of the County Board believe that in the end it will prove more economical than a new wood bridge would have been because it cannot be taken out by a flood or an ice gorge and it will last much longer. This may work a new era in Custer County's bridge building and result in nothing but steel bridges being put in, since the members of the Board feel so well satisfied with this one.

should give more attention to the collection and expenditure of township and school funds. Every man in the county desires that the schools of the county shall rank with the best in the state and they are, therefore, free to pay for the support of the schools, but as they pay more than twice the amount of school tax, than they do county tax, they should not hold the county responsible for the total amount of their taxes.



## HIRAM COOL WAS ARRESTED. MORE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Charged With Bastardy—Preliminary Hearing February 5th,

Hiram Cool of Merna, son of James Cool, was arrested and brought to this city last Friday by sheriff Kennedy, on the charge of bastardy. The charge was filed by Miss Fanny Gibbs of Anselmo, who has been living with her Uncle George Shankland, about 25 miles west of this city. In the County Court, Saturday afternoon, Cool plead not guilty and the preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 5th. It seems that Cool and some other boys in the neighborhood had knowledge of the possible filing of such a charge last summer and they all left. Cool returned after a time, thinking that the matter had blown over and then facing again that he might get into trouble, left for Kearney, an unsuccessful effort was made by the officers to catch him in the vicinity of Kearney, Cool again returned about two weeks ago to his father's place north of the West Table. Sheriff Kennedy was informed of his return with the above result.

I. A. Reneau bid in the L. Cline-bell land, which was sold at sheriff's sale Monday afternoon. The land is a 200 acre tract located about four miles north-west of Walworth.

A Number of Men Talked of as Possible Nominees.

The Democratic political bees have been doing a little more buzzing in the last week and several new men have been suggested as possible timber for office chairs in the court house. Geo. Fleming, a farmer who lives near Berwyn, is being talked of as a possible Democratic candidate for county clerk, against Geo. Headley, the present supervisor from the sixth district; some of the Democrats hope to be able to induce Clarence Mackey of Ansley, to become a candidate for county treasurer, Joe Wilson of Ansley, is known to have aspirations to become county sheriff, and he may enter the race for the nomination next August. John Haney of Merna, is mentioned as a possible candidate for register of deeds or for the treasurership, in case that Mackey refused to be a candidate. Some of Ross Moore's friends are booming him for county judge, while others insist that an effort will be made to induce Silas A. Holcomb to become a candidate for the county judgeship.

Don't wait until necessity drives you to make a shopping trip. Read the ads all the time, and visit the stores when your money will accomplish most.

## THEY ARE GOOD MATERIAL.

The Ansley Argosy Says That Ford And Porter Would Just Suit The Ansley People.

Under the head of "Picking Good Material" the Ansley Argosy has the following to say about two Ansley men who may be candidates for Republican nominations next August.

According to statements appearing in the county seat papers the political bee is beginning to buzz as if about to venture out. Among the mention of possible candidates we are able to recognize the names of two of Ansley's prominent citizens, N. Dwight Ford being mentioned as a possible aspirant for the office of County Judge and George Porter as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, in which office he is now ably filling the position of deputy.

When shown the mention of candidates for the office of County Judge, N. Dwight Ford said that he was in the hands of his friends and would abide by the wishes of his party.

Should the present encumbent of the office of County Judge conclude that he has served the people of Custer county as long as he desires to in that position we know of no one who is better qualified to ably fill the office of County Judge than our townsmen, N. Dwight Ford, and should he decide to enter the race he may feel assured of our support.

The mention of George Porter as a possible candidate for the office of Register of Deeds is received with approval and should he decide to make the race for the office the Argosy will stand ever ready to help him on to victory as we know that he is qualified to fill the office in an upright and honorable manner and with due credit to Custer county as well as himself.

S. A. Robinson of Oconto, passed through the city Monday on his return from the Big Horn Basin, where he went last week to look over the real estate in that vicinity. Mr. Robinson was very favorably impressed with the Big Horn Basin country and expects later on, to make another trip to it.

R. R. Crowe and Andrew Johnson, both of Oconto, went with him. Mr. Johnson purchased 120 acres of land in the Basin.

Art Sweeney of Anselmo was in our city Wednesday.

## SHALLENBERGER INAUGURATED.

WANTS THE PRIMARY LAW AMENDED OR REPEALED.

## RANSOM OPPOSED BY TAYLOR,

Wants to Canvass Vote On Amendments So That New Governor Can Appoint Supreme Judges. But Sheldon's May Stand.

Lincoln Neb. Jan 13.—(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE) The first day, Tuesday, of the 31st session of the Nebraska legislature was confined largely to carrying out the Democratic caucus program of organization by electing the caucus nominees in both senate and house and arranging the preliminaries for the jointed session on the following pay for the canvass of the vote cast in November for state officers. Secretary of State Junkin opened proceedings in the house, at high noon, the house completed its permanent organization and adjourned to Wednesday.

Lieutenant Governor Hopewell performed the same duty in the senate, which also completed its organization and adjourned to the same date.

When the joint session of Senate and house met in the Hall of the House on Wednesday it was soon apparent that in addition to canvassing the vote for state officers that it was the intention of an apparent goodly majority of the Democrats under the leadership of Senator Ransom to demand and carry out, if possible, a re-canvass of the votes cast on the constitutional amendments this being the opening wedge to the ousting from the supreme court of the four new judges appointed by Governor Sheldon and the substitution of new appointments at the hands of incoming Governor Shallenberger.

This issue Ransom pushed to the front as soon as the joint session was under way, but ran foul of the fact that all the Democrats were not with him in this project, particularly some of the house members—Taylor of Custer opposing the movement strenuously and declaring that the vote had been legally and properly canvassed by the state canvassing board and that the joint session was without authority of law to undertake the canvass of the amendment vote. Ransom is a brilliant lawyer and a hard fighter but in this issue the Custer county farmer had much the best of the contest and riddled the pretensions of Ransom both as to law and the alleged facts.

Senator King of Osceola led the Republican opposition and showed that Ransom's pretension that he was following Republican precedent because the last session canvassed the railway commission amendment vote, was totally in error, as the vote was not so canvassed and the apparent recital of it in the record was an error of the clerk who compiled the printed record. After an hour's debate the issue was not solved but transferred to the future by a motion of Senator Ollis to make January 19 the day for consideration of this issue in joint session. This was effected by a nearly strictly partisan Democratic vote. On Thursday in the senate Ransom secured the passage of a motion requiring Secretary of State Junkin to furnish the senate with certified copies of the returns from the county clerks of the state of the vote.

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## Personal Tax List For The Year 1908.

TOWNSHIPS	DIST. FUNDS.			PRECINCT FUNDS.			VILLAGE FUNDS.			IRRIGATION.				
	Total Value	State Tax	County Tax	Dist. Tax	Bond	HIGH S.	Spec'l Road	Twp.	Poll	Twp. Bond	VILLAGES	JUDGMENT	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
Loup.....	\$ 71029	413 92	497 29	902 78	89 59	15 60	66 52	246 68	422 50					2490 09
.....								409 42	431 60					29 1 90
Douglas Grove.....	474 04	474 04	474 04	636 29	30 49	15 36	21 54	334 66	335 66					2182 88
Wood River.....	878 65	878 65	878 65	1292 65	24 65	20 26	21 65	924 94	615 50					317 61
Victoria.....	84084	531 24	295 05	1926 09	91 10	7 24	249 39	339 88	288 00					375 63
Sargent.....	83139	519 80	1754 22	10 85	33 82	198 98	748 31	512 50	106 24					310 69
Westerville.....	42860	267 63	599 69	665 75	65 15	14 36	53 96	914 92	375 00					498 25
Algeron.....	52 10	387 21	559 21	62 83	45 01	16 20	86 31	362 50						2284 83
Killfill.....	89460	452 92	601 86	856 59	49 47	15 60	47 05	542 50						5033 49
Broken Bow Twp.....	617 45	291 45	187 3 63	152 59	57 52	14 20	57 52	209 85	161 18					1441 40
Delight.....	77340	483 41	511 42	1201 26	33 59	73 52	157 85	850 76	521 00					3023 81
Lillian.....	36147	234 02	253 02	73 11	88 29	16 28	144 60	272 59	160 72					518 18
Elk Creek.....	54 400	319 69	386 84	1665 93	58 78	29 64	191 77	100 81	445 00					2333 56
West Union.....	60965	287 07	324 21	64 40	57 28	22 69	86 69	170 02	200 00					2309 45
Triumph.....	35441	227 07	250 80	639 53	9 14	6 79	7 14	71 82	107 50	319 29				2512 84
Grant.....	33478	209 22	214 36	642 02	20 24	18 10	18 73	103 91	217 20					158 50
Comstock.....	49945	315 2 3	342 58	539 69	37 67	20 17	30 64	48 95	197 20					1773 14
.....								207 95	257 50					5123 61
Lincoln & Black Hills R. R. Kearney Br. of U.P. R. R. Puhman Refractory Co. Amco Express Tank Line	159536	897 54	1605 55	1669 6	149									