

THE FALLS CITY TRIBUNE.

MR. TAXPAYER.

This is a complete statement of all money received and paid out by City Treasurer Uhlig up to December 1, 1906, and is published for your benefit, please read and study carefully.

At the beginning of this administration there were outstanding warrants to the amount of \$3,008.86, drawing 7 per cent interest; these together with interest on same for \$137.06, have been paid. Mr. Uhlig also paid claims to the amount of \$1,969.49 that were allowed by the old council. The expense of the city for each month is not paid until the following month.

The statement will show that he has taken up four electric light bonds, \$2,000, and has paid interest on same \$186.15, also paid interest on water bonds \$1,200. There are still outstanding electric light bonds for \$1,500, drawing 5 per cent interest and water bonds for \$30,000, drawing 4 per cent interest.

This statement is made up from the books in my office and the council will please take notice that my cash balance is \$24.10 less than the cash balance handed us by City Treasurer Uhlig Monday night. This difference is caused by the following warrants that have not been presented to the city treasurer for payment. On Road Fund, No. 10, \$2.85, No. 16, \$8.25 and No. 18, \$9.00. On Occupation Fund, No. 105, \$1.50. On Electric Light Fund, No. 35, \$2.50. All claims against the city should be filed with City Clerk Baker on or before, noon of the first Monday of each month, and the warrants should be presented to City Treasurer Uhlig for payment, on or before the 20th of the same month in which they are issued. This would save Mr. Uhlig and myself a great deal of trouble in checking up our books, and would be greatly appreciated by us, but then we are no kickers, and as some one very gently remarked, "They are well paid for their work," his salary being \$5.00 a year and mine—well, mostly cussings.

Another thing I wish to explain for the benefit of the taxpayer, is; how the tax money paid in is divided. To make this comprehensive we think it best to give the levy of last year and also this year's levy and the taxes on a piece of property assessed at \$1,500, each year.

	STATE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	CITY
Levy last year	7 mills	5 mills	18 mills	20 mills
Levy this year	7 mills	6 1/2 mills	18 mills	12 1/2 mills

Your tax last year on a piece of property assessed at \$1,500, was divided as follows:

	STATE	COUNTY	SCHOOL	CITY	TOTAL
Last year	\$2.10	\$1.50	\$5.40	\$6.00	\$15.00
This year	\$2.10	\$1.95	\$5.40	\$3.75	\$13.20

This year on the same property you will readily see that your city tax is just about one-half what it was last year. Your city council is responsible, Mr. Taxpayer, for this saving to you.

The statement below will show you the amount received and from whom; also the amount paid out and to whom and for what paid; also cash on hands.

RECEIPTS.

From Water Commissioner Van Winkle	\$2212.03
From Water Commissioner T. J. Whitaker	4444.70
From occupation	3784.86
From county treasurer	7210.87
From Bode bondsmen	4000.00
From insurance companies	60.00
From dog tax	7.00
From librarian	45.92
From secretary of library board	258.60
Total amount received by Uhlig	\$22023.98

DISBURSEMENTS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

Coal for plant	\$1435.59
Supplies for plant	1714.58
Employees and help at plant	1677.03
Crossings	1121.27
Janitor	180.00
Court Reporter	76.00
Phone and telegraphing	23.50
Rent	145.00
Livery hire	8.50
Printing and stationery	160.67
Expert Accountants	501.33
Cancelling Machine and Stamp	30.22
Supplies for Poor	60.71
Salaries for city officials	360.98
Hardware	59.85
Police	675.20
Material and work on street	867.43
Freight and Drayage	260.22
Grading streets and for walks	310.30
Repairing street machinery	13.80
Highways adjacent to Falls City	350.00
Coal for Library	33.60
Total expense of city for six months	\$10065.78

CITY TREASURER ALSO PAID

Four light bonds	\$2000.00
Interest on light bonds	186.15
Interest on water bonds	1200.00
Outstanding warrants	3008.86
Interest on above warrants	137.06
Claims for April	1969.49
Out of library fund for salaries, books and etc.	779.70
Total	\$ 9281.26

Total paid out by Mr Uhlig	19347.04
Cash on hand December 1, 1906	2676.94
Total	22023.98

The above may appear a little lengthy, but as this is the first complete semi-annual statement that the taxpayers have had the pleasure of seeing for some time, we believe it will be appreciated.

With kindest regards to all, I beg to remain your humble servant.

G. M. BARRETT, Mayor.

District Court.

Judge Raper came down from Pawnee City Monday to hold an adjourned term of district court. It was expected that the remaining motions in the Miles case would be disposed of but owing to the illness of Mr. Webster of Omaha these matters were postponed until the 21. The motion for a new trial in the case of Boop against the First National bank of Humboldt was argued and submitted. The court required the plaintiff to deduct from the verdict a sum sufficient to bring the judgment down to \$4541 which was done, after which the court overruled the motion for a new trial and entered judgment against the bank in the above amount. Several minor motions were disposed of.

Bode Confesses.

During the hearing of the bankruptcy case of Ervin Bode held in this city last Saturday the attorneys put Mr. Bode on the witness stand and asked whether or not he had put any city or school money in the store. He replied that he had put something in excess of \$10,000, in the store during the several years he was city treasurer. This testimony will assist the city and schools in recovering a part of the lost money from the stock owned by E. Bode & Sons. Mr. Bode is to be commended for so frankly telling what he did with the money.

In view of the fact that Mr. Bode acknowledges his guilt it would seem like an attempt to destroy the criminal laws of the state for his attorney to persist in appealing the criminal case to the supreme court.

This appeal will cost this county considerable money and the county will have to pay Mr. Bode's lawyer for taking the appeal. It is hoped that the interest of the tax-payers will be consulted in the matter.

A Ripe Old Age.

On last Tuesday Gust Duerfelt of South Barada reached the age of 80 years. For sixty years he has lived in America and for forty-six years he has made his home in Richardson County. During all the many years of his life Mr. Duerfelt has been counted among our very best citizenship.

At all times he has been honorable, industrious and courageous in the duties of life. No more sympathetic, generous man lives than he, nor one who stands higher in the respect and love of his friends. The Tribune extends its congratulations not only because of his many years and the good health that accompanies them, but as well for the way in which the years have been lived.

The Ice Question.

A serious condition in relation to the purity of our ice supply for next summer has been called to the attention of the Mayor and council which demands immediate attention. The health of this city is at stake and the authorities should take action at once in order that no innocent man will expend money in putting up a supply of ice only to find out that it cannot be sold. The council should pass an ordinance fixing a standard of purity for ice and fixing a penalty for the sale of ice that does not conform to such standard.

Engraved calling cards make a most acceptable Christmas gift. Order now—Custer, The Printer.

TO THE TAXPAYER.

We are not calling on you to assist us in the destruction of Falls City institutions, but we have a proposition that should interest you.

Under the law of Nebraska all railroad property is assessed by the state board, Depots, right of way, road bed, in fact everything is lumped into a general assessment.

Some of the cities, Omaha in particular, are going to demand that the law be amended in order that railroad terminals, union stations, etc., may be assessed and taxed in the counties in which they are situated.

This is right Falls City and Richardson County are not entitled to taxes on Douglas county property.

The legislators from this county should be in favor of this law provided the members from Douglas county will be as fair with Richardson county.

The bridge across the Missouri river at Rulo cost a million and a half of money. One half of it is in Richardson county. Our legislators should favor a law to permit Omaha to tax railroad terminals in Douglas county if their members will favor a law permitting us to tax our half of this bridge in this county.

Such a law would add about \$750,000, to the taxable property in Richardson county.

There is no politics in this. Shubert, Stalder and Jones have but one partisan duty to perform, viz., the election of a United States senator. In everything else they stand for our people without regard to party.

It is the duty of these men to present a bill to the legislature and work for it with all the energy they have.

This bill can be enacted into law by the proper management and the requisite labor.

Taxes Held Up.

William Warner, United States Marshal was in the city from Omaha Tuesday to serve injunction papers on Mr. Lord restraining him from collecting the railroad taxes for the year 1906 until the case now in the United States Supreme court is disposed of.

Buy Early.

Don't wait until the last minute to buy your Christmas goods. You are not assured that the weather and roads will continue good until Christmas. The stocks are complete now and the clerks are full of enthusiasm. Don't wait until the crowds come, the stock is run down and everybody is cross and tired out. You will serve your interest best by buying early.

Fair Grounds Sold.

The Salem fair grounds were sold in this city last Tuesday in order to satisfy a mortgage on them. There are eighteen acres included in these grounds and they are one of the prettiest in southern Nebraska. The race track is a good smooth one, while the shade trees make the place very attractive for mid-summer pleasures.

There were two factions down from Salem and the bidding was spirited. The chautauqua faction was extremely anxious to secure the site in order to facilitate the giving of their annual encampment, while the race course faction was equally as anxious for the grounds as they are in fine condition and location for race meets. The latter faction walked off with the property for the purchase price of two thousand dollars. We can now be assured of at least races, but have not yet been informed whether or not the chautauqua association will rent the grounds for their usual ten days in the summer.

Born.

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul P. Howell on Saturday, December 8th, at their home in St. Joseph. Mrs. Howell was formerly Miss Nellie Santo, of this city.

Musical.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church gave a musical at the church last evening. The program was one of merit and pleased the large audience.

Society News.

Floyd McMillan entertained a few friends at a chafing dish spread, one evening the fore part of this week. As is usual with these informal affairs the evening was charmingly spent. Those present were Misses Charlotte Culp, Leah Poteet, Floyd McMillan and Messrs. Ira McCool, Earl Carothers and Glen McMillan.

Gladys and Hildreth Harris entertained about forty of their little girl friends, from 2 until 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. It was in the nature of a birthday party for the little girls. The little ones enjoyed the afternoon immensely and did ample justice to the refreshments served by Mrs. Harris. Gladys and Hildreth received a number of pretty gifts.

Mrs. A. Graham entertained about thirty-five of her lady friends at a Kensington on Tuesday afternoon of this week. It was one of the most elaborate society events of this kind, of the season and was one of the most pleasant. Mrs. Graham is a charming hostess and the guests thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. A two course luncheon was served.

Mesdames John Martin and James Pickett entertained the members of the young married Ladies Kensington club with their husbands at the home of the former last evening. A pleasant time was spent playing whist after which nice refreshments were served. About thirty attended.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Eva McNall of this city, to Mr. Richard Hindman, of Fairfax, Mo., for Wednesday, December 19. The ceremony will take place at the home of her parents in this city at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Lena Brecht gave a handkerchief shower at her home in this city, on Monday evening, for Eva McNall. There were sixteen young ladies present and the affair was very enjoyable, the bride-to-be receiving many beautiful remembrances. Miss Lena is a charming hostess and the hours passed swiftly. In the guessing game Charlotte Culp won first prize while Lena Nettleback secured the consolation prize. The elegant refreshments served were one of the many pleasures of the evening and the guests at a late hour wended their way home, having spent an extremely pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lyford were at home to about fifty of their friends on last Friday evening. Their spacious house, lately remodeled and refurnished is an ideal place for entertaining a large party. On this occasion, small tables were placed about the rooms, and a guessing contest which required originality and thought was the program of the evening. After this was concluded and the correct answers read, each person present was required to write a love letter, addressed to no particular one, and with no name signed. When these efforts were read by Mr. Lyford, the names of the different guests present were supplied as the recipients and writers of the letters. After an exceptionally pleasant evening, elegant refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Lyford were assisted in entertaining by their daughters Misses Mabel, Grace and Gertrude and their nieces, Misses Josie Craig and Sadie Rounseville.

Elmer Hanna, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hanna residing two and one-half miles southeast of Falls City, died Friday morning, December 7, 1906, aged 25 years, 2 months and 13 days. He has been sick for nearly two years and everything possible was done for his recovery but death claimed him. Through all his sickness Elmer was a patient sufferer and very seldom complained, although he knew that death would claim him ere long. He was well liked among his associates, having a disposition that wins friends easily, and having once won them retained them.

The funeral services were held from the family residence Saturday at 2 p. m., in charge of Rev. W. T. Cline, the deceased being a member of the M. E. church of this city. Interment took place in the Steele cemetery.

Sorosis met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Edwin Falloon almost the entire club being present. The program was especially interesting and instructive after which a short social session followed during which excellent refreshments were served by the hostess.

Lola Willard gave a birthday party at her home Monday evening from 4 to 6 o'clock, and about thirty-five were there to enjoy the pleasures of the evening. A bountiful supper was served.