

**TAX FIGHTERS.**

**The Tax Payers in Sewer District No. 19 Enter Protest.**

**An Important Petition Filed in the District Court Yesterday.**

Yesterday afternoon the tax payers of sewer district No. 19 filed a petition in the district court, asking for an injunction to restrain the collection of sewer taxes amounting to \$14,812 75. The names of the litigants are as follows: Louis Mendelsohn, Belle A. Polack, Ralph E. Gaylord, Geo. Patterson, Sarah Gibson, John P. Shoning, Jacob R. Hendricks, William Pitt Kellogg, Mary E. Kellogg, Nellie C. Davis, Eliza A. Towle, Frank D. Brown, Geo. W. Field, John M. Thurston, Geo. W. Doane, Allen Koch, Jennie Forsyth, Edie E. Wood, Alfred B. Duferne, James B. Boyd, Catherine McGeehan, Sarah McGeehan, William A. Paxton, Sidney E. Locke, Clemence Easton, Sadie H. Harsha, Sam'l Richeb, W. Greina Oberfelder, Ella G. Parker, W. G. Chambers, heirs of Mary M. McCShane; Joseph B. Russell, Lucy A. Beebe, Minnie E. Ainsworth, Meyer Hillman, Ben Gallagher, W. A. L. Gibbon, Frank Colpetzer, Ann S. Clark, Dyer O. Clark, Christianson Hartman, Mary E. Pratt.

It will be seen that some of the representative citizens and property owners of the city are interested in the suit. Sewer district No. 19 embraces some of the finest property of the city, in the centre of the business and residence portion of Omaha.

This suit, the particulars of which have been sufficiently detailed, is the outgrowth of a feeling of discontent which has long been brewing, directed against what is termed the "exorbitant and illegal" tax levy which has been made during the past year, to cover the cost of public improvements.

This feeling, the legal grounds of which are to be hereafter determined by law, finds a definite expression in the assertion that the system of front foot taxation is illegal and brings the taxes beyond the five per cent allowed by law. A number of indignation meetings have been held to discuss the matter, and this resort to law is a measure adopted to force the matter to an immediate point of issue.

Upon reading the bill of particulars Judge Wakely issued a temporary restraining order preventing the immediate collection of the taxes. The arguments in the case will be heard at the reopening of court to-morrow morning.

During a trick performance last night at the Buckingham, a table used by one of the performers was accidentally thrown among the orchestra musicians, seriously injuring one or two of them.

**SMALLPOX REMEDIES.**

**A Few Hints How to Treat Smallpox Cases and to Prevent the Disease.**

Now that smallpox is in the city it might not be amiss to give to the readers of the Bee the following preventives and remedies for the disease. Mr. R. D. MacCarthy, of Walnut Hill, has kindly handed in the appended upon the subject.

Dr. M. Obermiller, of Toledo, O., gives the following as the result of over forty years' experience and observation regarding the prevention and cure of smallpox:

**PREVENTION.**

In 1847 my section of the country was visited by a severe smallpox epidemic, when I had occasion to observe fifteen persons who had not been vaccinated but had previously used (for rheumatic affections) an ointment made of tartar emetic. All these persons were exposed to the epidemic in attending smallpox patients, yet not one was affected. This gave me an idea that tartar emetic might be a good preventive, and I immediately began to experiment. I took one dram of tartar emetic, mixed it with a small quantity of lard (enough to form a salve) and spread a plaster of it the size of a dime, and fixed it to the left arm (above the elbow) of those persons who came to me to be vaccinated. After twenty-four hours I removed it, and ordered the small eruption that it generally had formed to be dressed with honey and flour night and morning until healed. Where no eruption had formed I repeated the tartar emetic application.

I treated over five hundred persons, both adults and children, in the above manner, and although some of them died at different times been exposed to smallpox, I have been able to ascertain that not one was infected, and I also noticed that all persons treated in the above manner, and who were afterward taken with scarlet fever, measles, and diphtheria, had but very slight attacks.

I have since employed the above method instead of vaccination, and have found it satisfactory. I therefore earnestly desire that other physicians give their attention as all will see that by this treatment the danger of inoculating scarlet fever and consumption is avoided; whereas, in vaccination the poison is allowed to dry the face of the wound, and is again absorbed by the blood. This is against the laws of nature, nevertheless, some governments privilege their physicians to practice this humbug and compel their subject to vaccinate.

Also, juniper, is a good preventive of small-pox. Take night and morning, one-half tablespoonful of the fluid extract of juniper in sugar-water or good gin. Note.—The tartar-emetic salve can be mixed immediately before applying, and as little lard as possible used.

**TREATMENT.**

1. Keep the patient midding warm and clean.  
2. Give four times a day from one-half to one tablespoonful of fluid extract of juniper berries in sugar and water. To children give less.  
3. If there is much fever or costiveness dissolve one spoonful of cream of tartar in one pint of water, add sugar, and let the patient drink as much of it as he desires, until thirst abates or the bowels move.  
4. Should the eruption become painful let the patient rub the sores with sweet oil or a piece of fat bacon.

In case the extract can not be obtained bell a strong tea of the berries, add sugar and give a larger dose. The berries should be freed of gummy. Old, dry berries are only good for fumigating the sick room.  
In several instances I was called upon to attend mothers who were nursing infants affected with the disease. I prescribed extract of juniper for the mother and allowed her to continue the nursing.

**WILY ST. JOHN.**

**The True Animus of His Late Candidacy.**

**\$25,000 is the Paltry Charge for Retiring.**

**The Sore Throat Dodge Keeps Him From Ohio.**

**The Republican National Committee Made Him No Offer, But Only Listened to His Cheeky Proposals.**

**Ret. Clarkson, of the Des Moines Register Makes Some Unpleasant Revelations.**

**ST. JOHN'S TRUE ANIMUS.**

DES MOINES, January 8.—The following letter from J. S. Clarkson, editor of the State Register, and Iowa member of the republican national committee, was sent by him to the Chicago Tribune to-night: Des Moines, Ia., January 8th.—Editor Chicago Tribune: In reply to your direct inquiry, if I knew personally as to whether or not St. John offered to withdraw as a candidate for president for a money consideration, I can answer now only as to the fact without yet being at liberty to make public the details. To my knowledge he did have overtures made through a friend from his own state, by which he offered, if paid \$25,000 in cash, to withdraw as a candidate altogether, or to stay in the field and "feather" his speeches, as it was put in the Kansas phrase, to the help of the republican party. He was asked, in order to prove the sincerity of his offer, to withdraw from Ohio the last week before the October election in that state. He is in the habit of a sore throat, and with the friend I have mentioned, went first to Pittsburg, next to Philadelphia and finally to New York, where he hoped to meet some one on the part of the republican national committee who would be ready to make the deal and pay the cash. On the 25th of October, through his friend in a letter still in existence he stated that he had been carried by him in getting a sore throat in Ohio one week for the benefit of the republican party. This is a thifty Christian. He is a man who will convince any fair minded person of the real character of St. John, and show to the country what a thifty Christian he is. He is given to the press whenever he shall ask and persuade his friend who was the medium of his overtures to give his consent to have them made public. I may add that neither the national committee or any one acting for it ever made an overture or proposition of any kind to St. John, all that it did was to listen and discuss the overture and propositions made to it through the medium which he employed to reach it. Several other members of the national committee and some other gentlemen connected with the Ohio campaign had frequent conversations with this friend of St. John and are as conversant with the facts and details of it as myself; they know that St. John's friend was in constant telegraphic and frequent personal consultation with him and that the things which were demanded of St. John, as to his movements in Ohio were pledged by that friend and carried out by St. John. In many ways ample evidence was thus afforded us, including the exchange of telegraphic correspondence between them and shown to several persons, proving that this friend was acting with St. John and under his authority. One other person is in possession of much written evidence than I have. Signed, J. S. CLARKSON.

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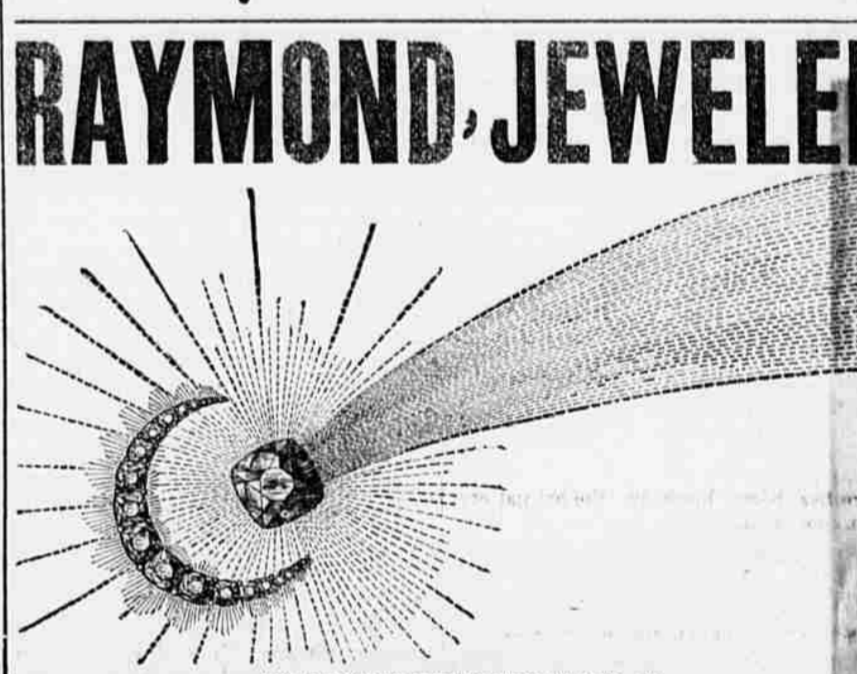
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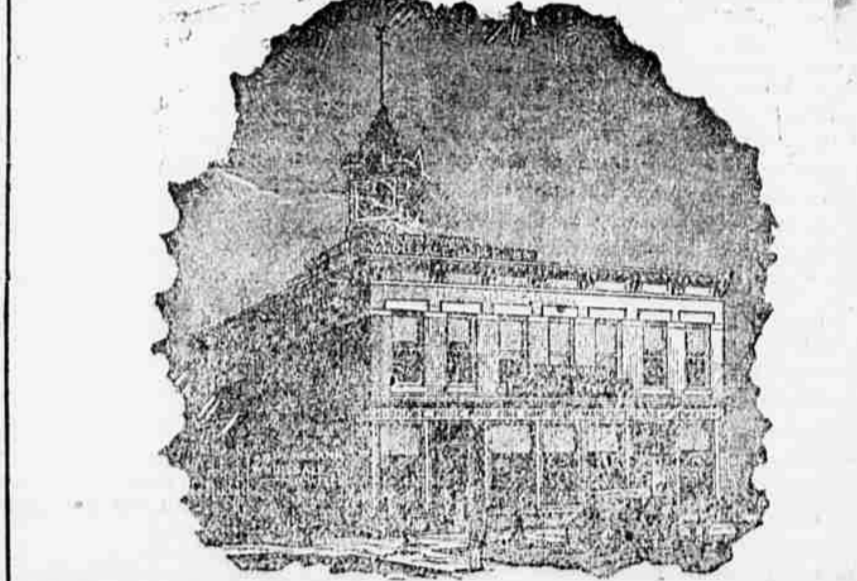
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