

WHERE THE COUNTY STANDS

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CLERK SACKETT'S ANNUAL STATEMENT

Most Complete Showing of the County's Receipts, Expenditures and Financial Condition Ever Made—Sources of Revenue—Distribution of Expenditures.

For the first time in the history of Douglas county are the records in such a condition that it is possible to make a complete financial statement from the county clerk's office...

The Board of Equalization for the present year adjourned on the 6th of July, after completing their labors. The result is as follows:

Chicago assessed valuation, \$240,449 72; Client assessed valuation, \$710 00; East Omaha assessed valuation, \$152,913 00; Elk Horn assessed valuation, \$120,329 64; Foreman assessed valuation, \$109,252 17; Jefferson assessed valuation, \$181,977 56; McFarland assessed valuation, \$246,222 17; Miami assessed valuation, \$225,851 88; Platte Valley assessed valuation, \$285,949 76; Union assessed valuation, \$202,851 88; West Omaha assessed valuation, \$620,625 43; South Omaha assessed valuation, \$1,018,800 89; Second ward assessed valuation, \$1,410,157 07; Third ward assessed valuation, \$1,258,675 00; Fourth ward assessed valuation, \$1,307,965 07; Fifth ward assessed valuation, \$1,870,915 88; Sixth ward assessed valuation, \$1,285,821 33; Seventh ward assessed valuation, \$1,285,821 33; Eighth ward assessed valuation, \$1,285,821 33; Ninth ward assessed valuation, \$1,285,821 33.

Total, \$4,681,490 62. Lots, total valuation, \$17,910,708 00. Personal, total valuation, \$4,397,901 62.

The assessed valuation for 1894 has been reduced \$793,901.28 from that of 1893. Upon 1894 valuation the levy has been made as follows:

General fund, 9 mills, \$222,132 87; Road fund, 2 mills, \$49,362 86; Bridge fund, 1 mill, \$10,463 61; Sinking fund, 2 mills, \$49,362 86; Soldiers' relief fund, 3-10 mill., \$7,494 43.

Total, 15 mills, \$370,214 63. Notwithstanding the fact that the times have been growing harder and many closes in all lines of business, yet Douglas county has been able to increase its financial reserve and at the same time reduce its levy.

These judgments are of long standing, one of them dating as far back as 1856. The amount expended on the hospital was applied to the purchase of land, which has since fallen down as a result of faulty construction.

Statutory estimate of funds needed for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1893, made January 10, 1893:

General fund, \$250,000; Road fund, \$60,000; Bridge fund, \$10,000; Sinking fund, \$75,000; Insane fund, \$25,000; Soldiers' relief fund, \$25,000; Hospital fund, \$40,000.

Total estimate, \$515,000. Levy for the fiscal year of 1893 and 1894, made July 8, 1893:

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REVENUES. Levy of 1893, \$382,129 98. Unexpended balance of levy of 1892, \$114,106 72. Total, \$496,236 70.

EXPENDITURES. General fund, \$233,785 71; Road fund, \$50,400 18; Bridge fund, \$27,572 72; Road improvement, \$2,286 46; Soldiers' relief fund, \$4,759 07; Insane judgment fund, \$6,380 00; Insane fund, \$1,198 28; Road sinking fund, \$48,338 32.

Total, \$374,554 62. Balances as shown by the ledger at the close of business June 30, 1894:

General fund, \$60,737 26; Road fund, \$26,616 18; Road improvement fund, \$150,126 15; Bridge fund, \$2,286 46; Insane judgment fund, \$6,380 00; Insane fund, \$1,198 28; Road sinking fund, \$48,338 32.

Total, \$321,279 47. (A complete tabulated statement of the financial transactions of the fiscal year ending July 1, 1894, was provided by Clerk Sackett, but is omitted from this issue for want of space.)

It may seem strange that a corporation doing as much business as Douglas county should be able to give a complete statement of its assets, but such has been the case; on account of the fact that the records of the transactions between this office and the treasurer's office have been kept it was impossible to know at all times the true balance of the debit and credit sides of the accounts, when the transactions of the two offices were carried together, and in consequence of which the actual assets of the county were constantly increasing.

It is difficult to make any comparative estimate of the expense of this department for the past year on account of the fact that the resources of the county have been more liberally taxed than for persons dependent upon charity this year, than ever in the history of the county, but nevertheless this department makes a most satisfactory showing; and feeling that the public will be interested in knowing how and to what extent the county has contributed to the support of the general poor, I append a detailed statement of this branch.

Prior to this year the number of applications for assistance made to the county has never reached over one hundred. This year, however, the number has increased to 560.

Total number of applicants for aid, 560; Total number of applications, 20,829 84; Total number of persons, 150; Total number of families, 27; Total number of children, 2,826 32; Total number of applicants, 2,003; Cost per applicant, \$10.40.

The following exhibits a detailed statement of the aid charity department outside of the poor farm and in charge of the committee on aid to the county poor, given to the poor during July 1, 1894:

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Assets. Levy of 1894 uncollected, \$370,214 63; Levy of 1893 uncollected balance, \$107,287 60; Levy of 1892 uncollected balance, \$4,311 19; Levy of 1891 and back years balance, \$1,284 10; Uncollected balance state insane (est. estimated), \$1,209 00; Balance of 1893 over 1892, \$21,396 81; Total reserve and warrants paid, \$21,396 81; Balance hospital fund, \$2,309 27; Due to other funds, \$2,309 27.

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE SATURDAY JULY 21, 1894.

CAUSE OF DISTRESS. Inability to obtain employment, 1,251; Sickness, 1,251; Crime, 1,251; Drunkenness, 1,251; Paucity, 1,251.

Number of families, 1,921; Number of single parties, 1,902.

Total, 2,003. Average number of persons in families, 1.05; family represented, 3.96; Total number of persons in families, 2,003.

Total number of persons represented, 7,551; including single applicants, 7,551; Number of applicants furnished assistance other than transportation, 1,902.

Total, 2,003. Assistance has been given to each applicant, 2.53; Total number of persons represented, 7,551.

Number of regular applicants, 1,500; Number of temporary dependents, 500. It may not be generally understood just how this assistance is furnished to these applicants.

Prior to September 1, 1893, it was the custom to give to such parties as the county wished to assist, orders upon grocers and other dealers for such articles as bread, meat, worth of goods, either once, or per week or per month as the order stated. In this way the county was too often imposed upon by such persons as these orders to buy things not actually needed, such as tobacco, cheese, green vegetables, sewing machines, etc.

With a view to improving the efficiency of the service and at the same time make the funds relieve the most distress possible, the system in vogue at Chicago was adopted, which consists in having a "county store" or dispensary where the goods themselves are purchased at wholesale by the county and put up and distributed to each applicant in person after examination of the conditions surrounding each case.

Under this system it is apparent that the county has saved nearly if not quite 50 cents on the dollar. Since the adoption of the present system on September 1, last, the following supplies have been disbursed:

Flour, 17,475 lbs.; Sugar, 2,100 lbs.; Coffee, 9,254 lbs.; Tea, 1,200 lbs.; Beans, 29,581 lbs.; Corn, 1,200 lbs.; Hominy, 12,120 lbs.; Oat meal, 8,100 lbs.; Rice, 1,200 lbs.; Salt pork, 25,675 lbs.; Soap, 11,600 lbs.; Coal, 222,800 lbs.

These have been distributed upon 6,104 orders to 1,903 applicants and at a cost to the county of \$19,490.58, not including the cost of maintaining the dispensary.

In conclusion I have only to say that a careful comparison of this statement with such as were laxated a few years ago will show where decided improvement has been made in the manner of conducting the affairs of this county and while much has been done in the past, yet the Board of County Commissioners recognizes fully that in many other ways can the public service be improved and much needless expense saved to the taxpayers.

FRED J. SACKETT, County Clerk.

THE CAPTAIN'S VISITOR.

The Pompos Captain and the Lieutenant. During the summer of 1868, being in the service of the United States, I was stationed at Fort Wallace, Kan., says an officer in the Chicago Record.

In those days the arrival of the overland mail coach was an event of some importance, and those of us who were off duty used to be on hand at the post trading store and welcome it, and incidentally to note the number of bullet holes made in it since the last trip.

One morning there got off the coach from the west a tall, middle aged man wearing a broad slouch hat, a long boots and a pair of cavalry boots, into which his trousers were carelessly stuck. Seeing my comrade and me in close proximity he approached, and we, recognizing a fellow military salute, which he gracefully returned.

He inquired who was in command of the garrison. I answered, "Captain B— is temporarily in the absence of Colonel —." He desired to be directed to Colonel —'s quarters. We pointed out the house. Then I returned to the office, where I was on duty.

Captain B— was a pompous martinet who had never smelled powder in his life and was detested by both officers and men. In due time he arrived, and having noticed the tall man he called to his orderly: "Orderly, go and ask that man sitting in front of Colonel —'s quarters whether he is an officer."

The orderly returned with an answer in the affirmative. "Said Captain B—, 'Give my compliments to that officer and say that I desire his presence at headquarters.'"

The orderly did so. The tall man, Captain B—, looking quite stern, asked: "Sir, are you an officer in the army?" "I am."

"What branch of service do you belong to?" "Not to any particular branch at present."

"On what duty are you?" "Well, I have been traveling a little lately through the west."

"Are you on leave of absence?" "Not exactly."

"Well, sir, did it not strike you that it was your duty to report to these headquarters immediately on your arrival in the garrison?"

"The tall man admitted that it had not struck him; in fact he was tired and hungry and thought more of breakfast and a little rest than the next session of the legislature as an entire revision. A revenue law which permits the publication of returns that indicate to the public that such a county is going down hill in the value of its property, even in such times as these, is a curse to the community, more especially when those reports and returns do not exhibit one-tenth part of the truth, and it is to be hoped that the representatives of this district will use their best efforts to so remodel our revenue laws that an honest assessment of all property may be obtained."

CHARITY. It is difficult to make any comparative estimate of the expense of this department for the past year on account of the fact that the resources of the county have been more liberally taxed than for persons dependent upon charity this year, than ever in the history of the county, but nevertheless this department makes a most satisfactory showing; and feeling that the public will be interested in knowing how and to what extent the county has contributed to the support of the general poor, I append a detailed statement of this branch.

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TAKING THE TENDERFOOT

How He Stacked Up at the Beginning and Cashed In at the End.

A PROFESSIONAL "TAKEN FOR A SUCKER" A Betting Poker Story with Incidents that Would Do Credit to Canada Bill—The Miracle of Eight Aces in the Pack.

The exploits of Canada Bill on trains and towns between the Missouri river and the Pacific in the later '60s and early '70s are a fading memory to the old timer. In the heyday of his career Mr. C. Bill was about as smooth a manipulator of the past-board as border times produced. His versatility as a card sharp was supplemented with a genius for mimicry and disguises, which enabled him to pluck many a professional who had thought William a verdant from Way-back. The incidents of the following story, related by Julius Chambers in the New York Recorder, dovetail with the peculiar characteristics of Canada Bill and his shadowy life.

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As an electric shock the realization came to me that I was about to witness a death grapple between two professional gamblers who lived by their wits, and who were not at all insured. Success was fair and in whose hearts pity was unknown.

The unexpected raise by the gentle "tenderfoot" was a matter of surprise to the people at the table as to Mr. The fourth and fifth hands at once dropped out and the delay that had given me time to make my study of the youngster's face was occasioned by the old man's hesitation as to whether he would merely "stay" in the game "back." He finally "made good," and the first and second hands having quit, the game resolved itself into a contest between the "tenderfoot" and the old timer.

The call for cards followed. "DRAWING FROM UNDER. The "tenderfoot," adhering to his original determination, drew two cards, leaning forward to look at the window. I involuntarily glanced into his hand and I was amazed to see that it contained absolutely nothing of value. He was holding a large, ornate, silver-plated case, which I distinctly saw the dealer do what I had been expecting to see done from the beginning.

He had placed his five cards slightly to his right, and when he laid down the deck the long nail of the little finger of his left hand "held out" five cards from the bottom of the pack. He placed the cards so that he could see them, and he remarked, as he did so: "I don't take any."

As I was sitting almost behind him, I had no difficulty whatever in seeing the four aces in his hand which I confidently "took" for myself. The fifth card, not visible, I felt no remorse, however, for the pretended "tenderfoot." I had decided definitely regarding his character and felt that I was not to be deceived.

As I expected, the dealer raised the bet \$200. The "tenderfoot" looked over his hand, apparently for the first time after having "saw" the \$200 raise and then inquired: "How much of a stake have you before you?"

"Exactly \$1,200," was the prompt reply. "Well, then I raise you \$1,200." "I call; what have you got?"

"Four aces," replied the "tenderfoot," laying them out on the table. The old man never turned a hair, but asked in a voice as calm as the last request of the "tenderfoot": "How many cards do you have?"

"What is your side card?" "The king of hearts," said the "tenderfoot," adding the fifth card to the four already on the table. "The old gambler, being the dealer, dared not show his hand. He reached across and turned the five cards displayed by the "tenderfoot," back over his shoulder, and the others in the discard exactly. He then looked over his own hand again and saw that his fifth card was a ten of spades. At this point an interesting story that I thoughtfully upon the table he merely said: "It wins; I overbet my hand."

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