

DELINQUENT COUNTY TAXES

Lawyer J. H. Adams Suggests a Way to Make Collections.

WOULD HAVE COUNTY BUY CERTIFICATES

Twelve Per Cent Interest and Chance to Lose Property Might Induce Delinquents to Come Forth with Cash.

John H. Tate, former county auditor and for the last three years engaged in checking up county finances for the county clerk, has become so impressed with the flagrant delinquencies of Douglas county taxpayers that, following closely upon Commissioner O'Keefe's interview in The Bee of last Wednesday, he brings to the board a letter from Assistant City Attorney James H. Adams of this morning.

Responding to an inquiry from Mr. Tate as to the feasibility of the purchase by the county of various properties for delinquent taxes, the attorney writes that he considers it not only feasible, but desirable that the county purchase the property at private sale when the taxes are delinquent for a considerable period and believes great results could be obtained by careful, systematic work along this line, providing the newspapers would help, which he believes they would.

"Suppose the county should buy in a large number of properties and the newspapers should give a good deal of space to the matter, setting forth that the county had purchased and expected to collect 30 per cent interest and would foreclose at the end of two years on all such properties as were not redeemed," writes Mr. Adams. "The first effect would be that many persons who have been content to allow their taxes to remain unpaid as long as their properties remain unsold would be led to immediately redeem their properties. I believe that by judicious advertising your board could accomplish the same desirable results along this line as City Treasurer Hennings has secured in his personal tax crusade."

County Could Foreclose. Attorney Adams believes that another advantage would be that at any time after two years from the sale and prior to the expiration of seven years from the sale the county could foreclose the certificates and would in this way be able to clear up its books, because the property at sheriff's sale would not have to bring the full amount of the taxes and interest, but would be sold under the usual terms which prevail at sheriff's sale to the highest bidder. This would in effect be giving the board the right to compromise on these old taxes, which have in some instances accumulated until they exceed the value of the property.

The first section of article III, chapter Ixxvii, of the Compiled Statutes for 1901, confers upon the commissioners the right to purchase at tax sale, such purchase to be made in the name of the county, and the fourth section provides that the money need not be paid by the county to the state or to city authorities on such certificates until money is realized upon them.

The county is not entitled to bid at public sale, but must wait until the property has been offered for sale to the highest bidder. Attorney Adams thinks the county would certainly have the right at this time to make such purchases. Such sales, he says, should be made for all taxes, both regular and special, otherwise the tax sale would be invalid and the county would be unable to collect 30 per cent, but could collect 10 per cent on county taxes and 12 per cent on city taxes included in the certificate.

NO LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.

He states, also, that in article IV there is a section conveying upon the county the right to foreclose such tax certificates and that there is no limitation on the amount for which foreclosures can be had, as the proviso fixing a minimum of \$500 was knocked out by the courts. He thinks, however, that the county commissioners would have no power to assign its tax certificates for less than the amount of the taxes and accrued interest and adds that the courts have not squarely passed upon this point, but a case could be brought very quickly and advanced in the supreme court.

THE STARVATION PLAN

Of Treating Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles is Useless and Unscientific.

The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proved over and over again, but even now the dieting craze generally the first thing recommended for a case of indigestion or any stomach trouble.

Many people with weak digestion, as well as some physicians, consider the first step to be in attempting to cure the disease by restricting the diet, either by selecting certain foods and rejecting others or to cut down the amount of food eaten to barely enough to keep soul and body together, in other words the starvation plan is by many supposed to be the scientific method.

All this is radically wrong. It is foolish and unscientific to recommend dieting to a man already suffering from starvation because indigestion itself starves every organ, nerve and fibre in the body. What people with poor digestion most need is abundant nutrition, plenty of good, wholesome properly cooked food, and something to assist the weak stomach to digest it.

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TO SUMMON BUSINESS MEN

County Commissioners to Include Them in New Jury List.

ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED ARE SPOTTED

Will Have to Square Themselves with Judge or Supply Demand for Good Men—Miscellaneous County Business.

MRS. HASSETT RETURNS HOME

Missing Woman and Her Father Turn Up at Early Hour in Morning.

Mrs. Lee Hassett, 3222 Franklin street, who left her home in a buggy Friday afternoon in company with her father, W. F. Gillian, and whose husband reported to the police that she probably had been injured in a runaway, returned to her home at 3 o'clock yesterday morning minus a purse containing \$75, which she had lost.

The only evidence that the horse had run away as some broken harness and a few scratches on the face of the father. The only explanation Mrs. Hassett would give of her absence was that she had been with her father. Mr. Gillian told various stories of their experience. He was certain at first that the buggy had been turned over "at Forty-fifth street" and that he and his daughter had been thrown out and he had taken the latter to the house of a friend. Later he said that South Omaha was his old home and that the two visited with friends and then had gone to a German club.

Mr. Hassett said that neither his wife nor his father-in-law had told him where they had been and that likely his wife did not know, as the country was new to her. He did not regret the losing of the \$75, he said, nor the breaking of the harness, as his wife had come home uninjured. Mrs. Gillian's mother recently died and she said the two had also driven to St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Hassett left her home at 4:30 o'clock to go to South Omaha, expecting to return home with her husband, who is employed at a packing house. When Mr. Hassett reached home and discovered that his wife had gone for him, driving a young horse, he was uneasy and immediately began a search among his South Omaha acquaintances, but failed to secure any information about her or her father. He then reported the disappearance to the South Omaha police and later to the Omaha officers. During the night he learned that the father and daughter had called at the packing house about 10:30 o'clock. He could learn nothing further about them until at 2 o'clock they arrived home.

Mr. Gillian is about 65 years old and in talking about the affair said he was "the guilty culprit" and that his daughter had to go where he went and that he was with congenial friends.

YATES AND REED SENTENCED

One Gets Six Years and the Other Three for Robbing Old Henry Bigel.

The hearing of the arguments on the low points raised by the attorneys for the defendant in the state's case against former Treasurer John B. Meserve, charged with embezzlement, has gone over until Monday, Judge Baxter discovering that the motions and other matters which he had promised to hear yesterday would occupy all his time.

He next took up motions for new trials and denied those filed by Thomas Delaney, Reed Yates and William Reed. He sentenced Delaney to one year in the penitentiary for breaking and entering a Leavenworth street secondhand store last December. Reed Yates was given six years and William Reed three years for robbing Henry Bigel in a saloon near the Webster street depot. Their attorney will take this to the supreme court. The maximum sentence could have been seven years.

Charles Dennis, colored, and Allice Dennis, his white wife, were given a jail term of ninety days each and a fine of \$50. The motion for a new trial of Joseph Bizley, found guilty of the larceny of \$4.75 from the person of Peter Dow, was overruled. He next investigated some further before pronouncing sentence. Robert Lafferty, alias M. T. Larkin, pleaded not guilty to the charge of forgery and his trial was set for Thursday next.

SEASON'S WORK NEAR END

Police Department Receives Very Few Calls for Aid from Destitute.

During the last few days the police have received very few calls for aid because of destitution and the cases that are now being looked after are getting along nicely. Nothing is being continually sent to the station, and it is likely that more has accumulated than will be called for. Chief Donahue said the clothing would be turned over to the city missions for distribution. During the winter a society of the Holy Family church, of which Father John Fitzpatrick is the pastor, has contributed \$300 to the relief of the poor.

SCARE BURGLARS FROM WORK

In Two Cases Early Morning prowlers Fall to Accomplish Designs.

H. G. Alexander, 4234 Franklin street, heard someone enter his room at 2 yesterday morning and, raising himself in bed, saw a man searching the pockets of his trousers. Mr. Alexander immediately jumped for the man, but the latter was too quick and escaped through a window. Two hours later a colored girl employed by H. S. Emory, the photographer, at 609 North Seventeenth street, heard some one at the window, evidently trying to raise it with a cold chisel or knife. The woman went to the front door of the house and as she opened it, ran into the man, who had left the window and gone to the front of the house. The woman screamed and the man ran. No description of either man could be given.

COUNTY READY TO PAY UP

Warrants Ready for Jurors and Witnesses Who Served Prior to Last April.

The county clerk says that the warrants on hand in his office, accumulated from old coroners' certificates, jury certificates and witness fees, amount to thousands of dollars, in sums from \$11 upward. Those holding such certificates, he says, will be paid if they will present them to him. "This refers only to those certificates," he says, "bearing date prior to April 1, 1901, and it will be useless for any to come without bringing the certificate with them."

CONTEST IN COLONIZATION

Burlington Official Insists that His Line is in the Lead.

PLANTING COLONIES IN BIG HORN BASIN

Details for the Settlement of Four Hundred Families Near Fenton Are Being Arranged—Missouri Pacific Improvements.

The Union Pacific is just one year behind in its move to colonize in Wyoming," said a Burlington official yesterday. "The step is merely one to effect that already taken by our line in the same state and it presents another interesting phase of the bitter conflict between the Hill and Harriman railroads wherever they come into competition or contact. As a matter of fact, the Union Pacific is far behind the Burlington in the present venture, and it realizes this fact. Anything it may do in Wyoming now will not suffice to regain what it has lost there."

"What has aroused the Union Pacific most immediately is probably not so much the progress the Burlington is making in the present venture, but the fact that on the Union Pacific in other districts by taking away its resident population and planting the people in this new Burlington colony. "For instance, since the Tolosa-Cody line has been opened we have taken 500 Mormon families and put them in along that new railroad. They came, of course, from the heart of the Union Pacific realm. This is not gratifying to that system, so now it will endeavor to establish a counter colony in a different portion of Wyoming in an attempt to everlastingly our work in the same line."

WILL SETTLE CITY'S RIGHT

Inspector Carter Will Wreck Contemned Buildings if Owner Refuses to Do So.

Has the city the right to tear down a condemned building over the protest of the owner? This is a question which is likely to be tested in the courts. November 30, 1900, a building inspector inspected three ramshackle frame structures on Tenth street, between Capitol avenue and Dodge street, declared them dangerous and issued a formal order to the owner, Mark Hanson, to have them razed. Hanson disregarded the order, and the buildings still stand. "They are a menace to the public," said Inspector Carter, "as they rock in the wind and are likely to tumble down some day and kill some one. In that event the city would be liable for damage, notwithstanding that it has ordered them removed. On the other hand, the city will probably be sued for damages if it tears them down. However, the rights of the city in such matters might as well be settled first as last, so I have issued a notice to Hanson that if the buildings are not removed by March 15 the city will wreck them and the costs of such wreckage will be assessed against the property. In this action I have the concurrence of all members of the Advisory board."

POSITION NOT ATTRACTIVE

However, There Are Applicants for Place of Physician at Emergency Hospital.

The Board of Health has received a number of letters from physicians in various parts of the state making inquiries about the position of house surgeon at the emergency hospital. "What is the salary?" is the question which takes precedence in all of them, and this is the very point which the board is not advertising to any great extent. As a matter of fact, the pay is in keeping with the other features of the job—not particularly attractive.

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PROTEST AGAINST GOLF GAME

Farmers in Vicinity of Emergency Hospital Want the Patients Kept Indoors.

A written protest against the emergency hospital patients organizing a golf club, signed by A. O. Anderson, John Sanders, Chris Hansen and P. T. Rollo, farmers living in the vicinity of the pesthouse, was received yesterday morning by the Board of Health. It sets out in very emphatic English that the organization of such a club would be a menace to the health of that section.

NORTH END LIBRARY STATION

It Will Be Opened at Corner of Ames Avenue and North Twenty-Fourth Street.

The library station for the convenience of the residents of the north part of the city is to be opened Monday at the drug store of W. A. Hansen & Co., at the corner of Ames avenue and North Twenty-fourth street. There will be a daily service from the main station by wagon. No books will be kept at the drug store, but catalogues and finding lists will be kept there, so that the patrons of the station may make selection of books as readily as at the main library. Books will be delivered and called for about the middle of every fortnight.

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Two Expressmen Have Serious Dispute Over Name of the Violator.

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