

WILL NOT HIRE COLLECTORS

County Board Turns Down Lawyers' Proposal to Collect Taxes.

WORK TO BE DONE BY COUNTY OFFICIALS

After Investigation Commissioners Decide to Allow Clerk Miller to Retain Two Men in Tax Department.

On second thought the county commissioners have realized that if delinquent taxes can be collected at all they can be collected without the expensive aid of entertaining attorneys, and it was agreed yesterday afternoon to turn down the proposition of Ransom and Piatti to make such collection for 15 per cent of all taxes paid more than the \$2,200 per month, which is the normal.

"In the long run it would be an expensive arrangement," said one of the commissioners at the meeting of the committee of the whole. "The attorneys would be at no expense whatever, except the value of their time in such instances as they chose to prosecute the delinquent, as they require the board to employ the expert, who is to prepare the lists, and to furnish also the notices to be sent out, and even the postage on the same. For less than the money they would make on the deal we could put a few collectors in the field and bring the money in faster than they could. Indeed, the county treasurer has arranged, The Bee says, to begin just this kind of a crusade soon, and I notice that the collector he has out now has collected more than \$1,500 in the first month he has been out. He cannot start out that van any day soon to suit me, and let him use his distress warrants without fear or favor.

County Has Some Hired Men.

"As for suing, we can do that, too, without the assistance of these bidders, for the county has, or is supposed to have, its own legal machinery, competent to do whatever is right and required. I have never favored giving the bidders the five-year contract they have asked for, but at first I thought it might do to let them try it one year. But now, when I have thought over the details more fully, I fail to find any inducement whatever in the plan, and I believe it is the duty of the commissioners to see that these collections are pushed by the county officials and not farm out the work in the way proposed."

Without exception the other commissioners appeared to have reached practically the same conclusion and the proposition was accordingly dismissed from further consideration.

In this connection there may be mentioned the fact that two men who are extensive property owners and tax-shirkers have appeared before the board as a self-appointed committee to protest against the proposed campaign of collection announced by Treasurer Klüssner.

Relatives Cut a Figure.

Another circumstance that is amusing, if not important, is the change of front presented by two veteran advocates of retrenchment since immediate relatives of each have secured places on the county payroll. The commissioners say that it is such circumstances as these that make the board wonder if the cry for economy is as unselfish and public-spirited as it should be.

The board rummaged the tax books Thursday until O'Keefe was satisfied that the county clerk had used for the two additional men he had asked to retain in that department and his request was accordingly granted. It is said that the personal tax accounts have not been brought up since 1897 and the real estate taxes not since 1890. The treasurer is now adopting the system of indexed cards to avoid future errors of the kind that recently occurred when one man paid seven years' back taxes and later was confronted with taxes for the three years prior to the seven he had paid. He asked the collector if there was nobody about the county court house who knows how to keep books.

COUNSEL AND JAILER TIRED

"Fainting Bertha" Libbecke Makes Life Burdensome for Steere and Flynn.

Attorney Asel Steere is in the position of a man who wishes to let loose and can't. So is Custodian Tom Flynn of the county jail. And both of them are haunting Judge Baxter's court in the hope of being relieved from longer service as counsel and keeper, respectively, of "Fainting Bertha" Libbecke, who has been in jail since December 28, when she was charged with larceny from the person. Bertha is, Dr. Tilden says, mildly insane and she persists in weeping and wailing to the great distress of the other prisoners and in sending for her counsel every time she wishes to decide even so small a problem as which way to go up her hair. When he doesn't come she wails all the louder.

It is said that she will not be tried at all, but will be sent back to Council Bluffs, where her insanity developed some time before her mother moved here with her two years ago. The young woman has been in an Iowa asylum at Clarinda and

"I Advise"

All women who suffer from chronic diseases to write to Dr. Pierce.

That advice is based upon practical experience. After suffering for months, and finding no benefit result from the treatment of the local physician, Miss Belle Hedrick wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice. She acted on the advice, regained her appetite, recovered her strength, and gained several pounds in weight. "Write to Doctor Pierce" is good advice for every woman to follow. It costs nothing. Dr. Pierce invites nice, healthy girls to consult him, by letter, free. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

In a little over thirty years, Dr. Pierce, assisted by his staff of nearly a score of physicians, has treated and cured over half a million women. "I suffered from female weakness for five months," writes Miss Belle Hedrick of New Putnam Co., W. Va. "I was treated by a good physician, but he never seemed to do me any good. I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, which I received in the form of his 'Fruit Pills' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' When I took thirteen bottles of 'Fruit Pills' I had eight of Golden Medical Discovery. When I had used the medicine a month my health was much improved. It has continued to improve until now I can work at almost all kinds of household work. I had scarcely any appetite, but I eat all right now. Have gained several pounds in weight. I advise all who suffer from chronic diseases to write to Dr. Pierce."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the bowels.

she spent eight months in one in Missouri also. Dr. Tilden believes that her insanity may be responsible for her persistent attempts to relieve gentlemen of their valuables while being supported in their arms during a fainting spell.

Our goods sell like magic. When you see the quality and price you will understand the cause. Hayden Bros., with an ad. on page 7.

FOR RENT.

Handsome Brick Residence on the southwest corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets. It was built by the late Henry Funder his home and is one of the best constructed as well as one of the finest houses in Omaha. It is built entirely of brick and stone, stone steps and slate roof. It is finished in the choicest of hard woods, has hard wood floors, imported English tile floor in the reception hall, electric lights, porcelain bath, laundry with stationary washbasin, large pantry, china and linen closets, cedar-lined wooden closet, etc.

TWELVE ROOMS besides the basement, containing laundry, storage room, storeroom, cellar and wine cellar, also large, high attic storeroom, separated from the servants' rooms. It also has a large veranda enclosed as a sun parlor, equipped with steam heat. RENTAL PRICE INCLUDES STEAM HEAT, ELECTRIC LIGHT AND HOT WATER, as the house is connected with the heating and lighting system of The Bee Building. For further information call on Charles C. Rosewater, Secretary The Bee Building Co., Room 100, Bee Building, Telephone 228.

TRAIN CHANGES.

The Northwestern Line—C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.

Commencing Sunday, April 6, the afternoon train for Sioux City, Wayne, Bloomfield, Hartington, New Castle and intermediate points, on the C. St. P. M. & O. Ry. will leave Webster street depot at 2 o'clock instead of 2:45, as heretofore.

The Emerson local will leave at 5:45 p. m. instead of 6:30 p. m. No change in the morning train.

No changes in arriving time of trains except that evening train from Sioux City will reach Omaha at 9 p. m. instead of 9:15 p. m.

Improvements in Dining Cars.

Commenting on the recent change in the operation of the dining cars on the New York Central, and the improvements now being made in the service, the New York Commercial Advertiser says: "In most dining cars the kitchen, situated in one end of the car, opens into a passageway inside of the car, and the fumes of the cooking and occasionally smoke are wafted into the car while passengers are at the tables. All the dining cars on the New York Central are being constructed so that there shall be no opening from the kitchen into the interior of the car. The only approach to and exit from the kitchen will be by way of the platform vestibule, about half of which is made a part of the kitchen." This change will be greatly appreciated by patrons of these cars.

The dining car service on the New York Central is now under the direct charge of the general passenger agent, and it is the intention to make it as perfect as possible in every respect.

Two Books—Two Cents.

The Burlington route has just issued two publications of great interest to homeseekers.

"Nebraska" is the title of a forty-eight page book descriptive of the agricultural resources of the state, profusely illustrated with farm scenes and supplemented with an accurate acreage map.

"Big Horn Basin" is an illustrated folder telling of about the richest and undeveloped portion of northwestern Wyoming. The Big Horn basin contains wonderful openings for small ranches along good streams, with 1,000,000 acres of government land open for settlement under the United States land laws.

Both publications will be sent to any address on receipt of 2 cents in stamps. Address J. Francis, general passenger agent, Burlington Route, Omaha.

Attention, A. O. U. W.

The members of Omaha lodge No. 18 are requested to meet at the temple, No. 110 North 14th St., Sunday, April 6, at 1:30 p. m. sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Alex. J. Henderson, which will be held at the residence of his brother, No. 1314 Jackson St., at 2 o'clock p. m. Members of sister lodges are invited to attend.

S. A. SEARLE, M. W. Attest: C. H. COLLIER, Recorder.

Announcements of the Theaters.

This afternoon Mr. Goodwin and Miss Elliott will give a matinee performance of "When We Were Twenty-One." Tonight, "An American Citizen" will be the feature. Sunday afternoon and night Dan Sully will be seen in his beautiful natural drama, "The Parish Priest." The piece was seen here last season and created a most favorable impression on the theater-going public.

A matchless store with matchless prices—Hayden Bros.—Our ad. is on page 7.

Shampooing and hairdressing, 25c, at The Bathery, 216-220 Bee Building, Tel. 1714.

NO COMMANDANT SELECTED

High School Committee Looks Most Favorably Upon Lieutenant C. C. Todd.

The High school committee of the Board of Education has as yet been unable to decide on a commandant for the cadet corps of the school. From the adjutant general of the army a list has been furnished of a dozen or more retired officers who are available for the detail. Of this list the committee is inclined to look most favorably upon First Lieutenant C. C. Todd of Brazos, Tex., formerly of the Third Infantry. Todd is a graduate of Texas college. He was appointed to the army by President McKinley and was promoted for gallantry in action. His retirement was because of disability incident to the service. Further investigation of the matter is under way.

DUGAN GETS THREE MONTHS

Judge Baxter Passes Sentence on Old Man Who Assaulted Police Officer.

Daniel Dugan, aged 63, pleaded guilty of assault and battery and was sentenced yesterday by Judge Baxter to three months in the county jail. Daniel was charged with attempting vivisection at South Omaha recently, the subject being a well preserved policeman.

Frank Smock of Florence was arraigned also and pleaded not guilty of the charge of criminal assault upon Emma J. Roach, who made the accusation against him last Saturday. He will be tried soon.

Levi Bernstein was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to the charge of receiving stolen goods. A jury was secured yesterday to try the state's case against E. A. Atherton, charged with having sold a \$60 sewing machine that was not his.

BRANDEIS STORE & SONS "BOSTON & SONS" Extraordinary Shoe Bargains

Reduced prices on new and stylish shoes that are bound to crowd the enlarged Shoe Section Saturday. Here are instances—note the savings—

\$1.98 Men's \$3 Shoes Men's fine and stylish shoes, made of vic kid, calf and velours, in all the latest toes—light and heavy soles—these are shoes that sell regular at \$3.50 a pair—on sale Saturday in men's shoe section at \$1.98 pair.

\$1.98 \$1.98 for Women's \$3 Shoes Women's strictly modish footwear—neat and pretty—the best styles. They come in patent leather and vic kid, patent and stock tip—new spring styles—worth three dollars and three-fifty a pair—Saturday special price

\$1.98 The Best Boys' and Girls' Shoes Are Here Special in Misses' Shoes—For school or dress purposes, vic kid, with patent tip and scroll top, and patent leather with cloth and kid tops, worth up to \$2.50, at \$1.98 and... 1.50

WANAMAKER & BROWN "The Foremost Tailoring House of America." Our Prices Are based on a business with practically no fluctuations. We mean to be busy twelve months in every year. We are—nearly so. The high prices of smaller tailoring houses do not always represent value—six months' business made to do twelve months' duty in sustaining the merchant and his force.

ONIMOD The Gentleman's Shoe. The shoe that is always the leader in style, has that fine finish, workmanship and leather, which is never found in other \$3.50 shoes, but in those \$5.00 and \$6.00 ones.

OK SCOFIELD CLOAK & SUIT CO. 1610 Douglas Street. Silk Etons Morse Etons \$7.50 We show tomorrow new silk Etons in black, blue and white and black silk moire in handsome designs, satin lined, at \$7.50. We have finer ones if you wish. New walking skirts for Saturday's trade. New suits for Saturday's trade. New washable and silk waists.

OK SCOFIELD CLOAK & SUIT CO. 1610 Douglas Street. JUST IT! We use space in this paper because we have been taught from past experience that it is the best medium by which we can make it generally known that we can IN TOWN OR OUT IN THE COUNTRY, can save money by COMING to us for their DRUG NEEDS, or if they can't come by sending to us. Remember, we CHARGE NOTHING for boxing or for delivering goods to depot if for out of town people, and we charge city people a cent for delivering anything any time DAY OR NIGHT; store always open; keys never used.

Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The art of spending your money wisely and to the greatest advantage will be best learned by doing your shopping at this store Saturday.

Every department joins in the welcome. New things you'll need are plentifully provided—everything a man wears—everything a boy wears—and ready-to-wear garments for woman. The selling features here Saturday will be certain to push The Nebraska still further ahead of all possible competition. There is never a backward step at this store, but a constant pushing forward.

BOYS' CLOTHING Its a puzzling question at times to know what to buy for the boys' but you can save yourself a deal of worry by making your selections from our wonderful assortment of new, bright, stylish suits for the boys. We'll venture to say there has been more thought and care expended on our boys' clothing than many an outfit for the adult.

BOYS' SUITS CHILDREN'S SUITS BOYS' SUITS—made of the best black unfinished worsted, in double and single breasted suits, they have the broad military shoulders and close fitting backs, and flaring hips so popular with the young men \$9.00 BOYS' SUITS—made from the best French flannel and English blue serges, cut in the two button, double breasted cut, an entirely new production; they are perfect examples of the high art tailors' suits, worth \$18. \$12.50 BOYS' SUITS—made of the best fancy Scotch chevots and English homespuns, cut in the new three-button sack, in single-breasted, the workmanship is equal to that of the best custom \$14.00 CHILDREN'S SUITS—made up of a choice line of suitings, made to wear, correct in style and well made, they come in light and dark checks, plain and fancy patterns, they are made in double-breasted or Norfolk styles with patent waistband and buttons, well worth \$3.75, Saturday \$2.50 CHILDREN'S SUITS—made of serges, cassimeres, plaids and over-plaids, checks and plain colors, they are perfectly tailored with the best of linings, they come in double-breasted, Norfolk and three-piece, suits that are well worth \$4.00, Saturday \$3.00 Our hat department for children is complete in the widest range of high novelties and staple styles, at lower prices than the ordinary store can sell for.

Women's Suit Room So rapid has been the selling in our Woman's Suit Department that a new purchase is scarcely more than displayed before sold out. This keeps the showing ever new, ever changing, and places us in a position to take advantage of buying opportunities which come to us from time to time.

For Saturday's Offering WOMEN'S MAN-TAILORED SUITS—made of a very fine all wool cheviot serge, in black, blue and brown, the new eton effects, with silk vest front, jacket and skirt trimmed with stitched taffeta bands, jacket taffeta lined throughout \$12.75 —a suit worth \$18—Saturday \$12.75 WOMEN'S MAN-TAILORED SUITS—Gibson blouse and eton shapes, our own models, etamines and canvas weaves in black and colors, the handomest costumes ever offered \$29.75 at these prices—Saturday

Special for Saturday. 250 Samples of Women's Dress Skirts, bought at 50c on the dollar—All high grade skirts, made of the best materials, such as chevots, venetians, broadcloths and etamines, all this season's latest productions, the new habit and inverted plait backs—they hang gracefully and the workmanship is the very best. They will go on sale— SATURDAY MORNING at \$4.90, \$6.75, \$8.75 and \$9.75 Every skirt is worth double the price.

Something Doing. There is always something doing at the boys' and girls' store, because we excel in STYLE, QUALITY and PRICE. Children dressed as we dress them don't look "odd." They have that appearance which is termed "correct." DOES THE BOY NEED A SPRING SUIT? There is only one BEST place to get it, whether it be a Russian, Sailor, Norfolk, Khaki or a two or three-piece Suit. Our HAT and CAP showing is especially attractive. INFANTS' WEAR, from curly pate to poky toes.

Lilliputian Bazaar 1415 DOUGLAS Opp. Orshard & Wilheim. THE SHOPPERS Who are down town ordering supplies for the table should visit the only exclusive liquor store in Omaha. There is no bar in this store and only a choice line of high-grade table liquors are sold in original packages or gallon lots. There is not such another complete stock of imported and American wines, brandies, whiskies, punches, cordons, etc., in the west, and we cater especially to the best family trade. We buy in quantities direct from the manufacturers and our prices cannot be duplicated by those who only handle liquors as a side line, and, therefore, buy in small lots. The ladies are invited to look over our store when shopping downtown.

CACKLEY BROS. WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALERS. Opposite Postoffice. Telephone 1144. A New Arrival often has to introduce himself. If you haven't formed the acquaintance of Metz beer, let us present it to your notice for favorable consideration. We can assure you of its merit and claim to your high regard. It's purity, palatability and freedom from injurious ingredients render it a desirable acquisition to your circle of beverage friends. Metz Bros., Brewing Co. Telephone 119, Omaha. Or Jacob Neumayer, Agt., care Neumayer Hotel, Council Bluffs, Ia. MANY OF THE BEAUTIFUL HALF TONE CUTS USED IN THE ILLUSTRATED BEE from time to time are for sale at the publication office—all in good condition—low prices.