

SCHEME TO COLLECT TAXES

Bill Property on Which Taxes Are Delinquent for What it Will Bring.

FOWLER PRESENTS SCHOOL STATISTICS

State Treasurer Stuefer Receives \$25,000 Worth of Massachusetts Bonds for Permanent School Fund.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—A bill has been prepared by a number of well known politicians to be presented to the next legislature, the object of which is alleged to be to give the state of Nebraska upon a good financial basis.

The measure will provide for the sale of all property on which taxes have been delinquent for a period of five years. Of course it will be necessary to provide for a redemption within two years, as it would probably be hard to evade the provisions of the constitution, which provide for this redemption. The bill will provide for the payment of the county and municipal taxes first from the proceeds of the sale and then from the payment of the balance into the state treasury.

A politician who is well posted on legislative matters and has things are done, said in speaking of Mr. Ager's proposal: "It is a scheme of the corporations to divert the attention of the people and representatives from railroad and corporation taxation. Mark my words, the corporations will have all kinds of bills like the one introduced in an endeavor to throw dirt in the eyes of the legislators."

Identify One of Suspects.

John Doe, one of the three suspects held at the city jail, was identified today by Police Captain Dunn and Detective Savage of Omaha as Leo, one of a party of men who had up and robbed a saloon keeper on Leavenworth street in Omaha some years ago. Leo was tried, convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. He was granted a new trial and acquitted. Detective Savage said he knew Leo well and that he was at one time in the Nebraska penitentiary for blowing a safe at Clarke. Leo also served term in the St. Louis Falls prison. The detectives did not remember Leo's first name, nor the name of the Omaha saloon keeper. They were both positive in the identification, however. The detectives did not know Standish or Cramer. These two are serving out fines for carrying concealed weapons. Leo, or John Doe, is in jail for ninety days on a charge of vagrancy.

Compare School Expenditures.

Superintendent Fowler has issued the following tables of the comparative showing of public school statistics in the state of Nebraska during the last three school years:

Table with columns for School Year Ending July, 1900, 1901, 1902. Rows include Income, Expenditures, District bonds issued, District bonds called, Dist. indebtedness, Value of school dist. property, School funds, Teachers, Necessary, Male employees, Females employed, Total employed, In graded schools, County Clerks, First grade, Second grade, Third grade, Average Monthly, Wages, Total, Pupil census, Enrollment, Average Daily Attendance, Number of school houses, Frame, Brick, Log, Sod, Number built in the year, Average number of pupils per teacher, Six months of school, Average number of days of school in all districts, Average salary of county superintendents, Cost of education per pupil, On enrollment, On average attendance, Including buildings and sites, Including Douglas county, whose school district property was \$2,527,500. This enormous increase was due partly to the erection of Omaha's new high school building.

Membership Admits to All.

State Superintendent Fowler wants it known to those people of Lincoln who desire to attend any of the meetings of the State Teachers' association that in order to do so they must enroll. The arrangements of the executive committee with the trustees of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church are with the conditions that no admission should be charged to the evening sessions held there. However, any one can enroll by payment of the membership fee, \$1. at the library building on the university campus, at the Lincoln or Lincoln hotel, the Nebraska Teacher, the state superintendent's office, the High school building, or Harry Porter's. The receipts for the fee will admit the bearer to any of the sessions of the association, including the evening meetings at St. Paul's, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, also the art exhibit during the association. The only extra will be for the Shakespearean plays at the Oliver theater, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday matinee. Tickets for those are entirely separate. Out-of-town teachers are requested to have their mail sent care Station A.

Examinations of Teachers.

Preliminary to the State Teachers' association, an examination for state professional, or life, certificates will be held in representative hall, capitol building, Monday and Tuesday. This examination will be conducted by the state superintendent and the State Board of Examiners, consisting of Superintendent A. O. Thomas of Kearney, Superintendent D. C. O'Connor of Norfolk, and Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska. For this examination the state superintendent accepts first grade county certificates for the eighteen branches thereof named when the grade in each one is 80 per cent or more. There are nine other branches required for a state certificate, and the program for the examination is as follows:

Table with columns for Monday, December 29, 1902, and Tuesday, December 30, 1902. Rows include 9:00 a. m. Chemistry, 10:30 a. m. General History, 1:30 p. m. English Literature, 3:00 p. m. Plane Trigonometry, 4:30 p. m. Zoology, 8:30 a. m. Physical Geography, 10:00 a. m. Intellectual Philosophy, 3:30 p. m. Rhetoric.

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KELLEY, STICGER & COMPANY

Our Great Annual Discount Sale

An Unprecedented Opportunity.

- 33 1/3 Per Cent Discount Sale on All Our Ladies' Jackets, Cloaks, Suits and Furs
20 Per Cent Discount Sale on All Our Black Dress Goods
20 Per Cent Discount Sale on All Our Colored Dress Goods
20 Per Cent Discount Sale on All Our Dress Trimmings and Buttons

Sale Commences Monday Morning at 8 O'clock

'No Sale Comes at a More Opportune Time' None offers you more distinct advantages. This year's aggressive purchasing compels us to close them out at a time when you naturally think of buying, and enables us to show this season's broadest and most handsome of ultra styles at unparalleled prices.

The history of Black and Colored Dress Goods selling contains no record on a par with the present offer—20 per cent to be deducted from our regular prices.

- 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Black Zibelines—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Black Panama Cloths—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Black Melrose Cloths—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Black Etamines & Voiles—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Prunellas & Whip Cords—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Poplins & Granite Cloths—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Venetians & Broadcloth—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Cheviots and Serges—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
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20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Henriettas and Crapes—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Mohair and Sicilians—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Mistral and Canvas Cloth—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Twine and Batiste Cloth—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Arolines & Tamise Cloth—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Nun's Veiling & Camel's Hair—20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

And many other desirable weaves. Duplicates of the above styles in colors. Also Waistings, Challis and Skirting materials. A large assortment of White and Cream materials.

The history of Cloak, Suit and Fur selling contains no record on a par with the present offer—33 1/3 per cent to be deducted from our regular prices.

- 33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Ladies' Jackets—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
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33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Ladies' Cloth Capes—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Misses' Jackets—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Misses' Long Garments—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Children's Cloaks—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Tailor-Made Suits—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Walking Suits—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Separate Dress Skirts—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Walking Skirts—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Velour Blouses—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On all our Velour Jackets—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT
33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT—On our Entire Stock of Furs—33 1-3 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Fur Capes, Fur Scarfs, Fur Collarettes, Fur Muffs, Children's Sets, Etc. 20 per cent discount on all our Cotton Linings. 20 per cent discount on all our Dress Trimmings and Buttons.

We guarantee that in no instance have prices been changed. Every price marked in plain figures. No reserves.

CORNER FARNAM AND FIFTEENTH STREETS, OMAHA.

CHARLIE FISHER'S ROMANCE

Plattsmouth Boy Finds His Lost Father in Kansas City.

PRESIDENT OF ELEVATOR COMPANY

Was Shipwrecked When Charlie Was an Infant and Had Never Seen His Family Since—The Mother Now Dead.

EVIDENCE IS NOT DIRECT

Officers Rely Upon Circumstances to Hold Mrs. Lillie for Murder of Husband.

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Wahoo Editor Entertains.

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pickett entertained the country correspondents and the office force of the Wahoo Wasp at a 6 o'clock dinner and theater party last evening. About thirty guests assembled at the residence to partake of an elaborate spread. The house was tastefully decorated with holly and evergreen. Mr. Pickett gave a short address of welcome, saying that it was his intention to make an occasion like this an annual event, to bring the co-editors of the Wasp closer together and become better acquainted. At 8:15 p. m. the jolly crowd adjourned to the opera house to witness "The Deemster."

Friend Plans Live Bird Shoot.

FRIEND, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Friend has arranged for a live bird shoot on January 1 and 2. Inducements are being offered to amateur shooters from all over the state to be present, and arrangements have been made to shoot blue rocks and birds at the same time. A tent will be kept warm on the ground for those who are present.

Company C Gives a Banquet.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Company C, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, gave its second anniversary banquet this evening in Masonic hall. Over 100 plates were laid. Rev. A. E. Knickerbocker was toastmaster. A noteworthy speech of the evening was by W. H. Pitzer, who proposed "Theodore Roosevelt."

Walks Off a Bridge.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—This evening Louie Backenbush walked off the side of the bridge at the corner of Ninth street and Washington avenue and broke his right leg between the knee and hip. He was taken to the Perkins house and Dr. Livingston reduced the fracture.

Only Thirty Thousand.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—L. J. Jackson, a local attorney, today received word from an associate in San Francisco that the estate willed to the Tibbett's brothers of this city will amount to but a little over \$20,000. It was reported a few days ago as being worth \$100,000.

Corn Shelter Crushes Fingers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Eversley, a prominent farmer residing in Lincoln township, had his left hand badly mangled in a corn shelter today. It was necessary to amputate the fingers.

Cold at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The coldest weather of the season for this section prevailed here yesterday. The thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero.

Fairmont, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Perkins of West Blue

Improvements at Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Fairbury's buildings erected in 1902 crowd the \$100,000 mark. Summarized, they comprise, of brick structures, four store buildings, addition to the Goodrich bank, and the Galbraith nursery packing house, a

Charged with Burglary.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Carl Neibart of Lorton was charged with robbing the hardware store of C. H. Daunce of Lorton. The case was continued thirty days and the prisoner's bond was placed at \$500, which was not given.

J. M. Perkins' Golden Wedding.

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