

WANTS TAXDODGERS CAUGHT

Commissioner Urges Board of Equalization to Meet Again

RECOMMENDS THIS IN ANNUAL REPORT

Advices Mayor to Have Council Re-convene and Compel Taxpayers to Meet Requirements of New Law.

Tax Commissioner Fleming urged that the city council reconvene as a Board of Equalization to hold a session of ten days or more to bring before it all taxpayers who failed to meet the requirements of the new revenue law in making out their returns to the commissioner.

After referring to the decision of the district court which declared invalid the 50 per cent penalty clause of the new revenue bill, Mr. Fleming states that he was left without power to enforce correct returns, that many delinquents were noted and then adds with reference to his recommendation.

This course seems absolutely necessary to do simple justice to those who do meet the requirements and who subject their personal property to assessment. Otherwise it is a questionable and an inequitable act to attempt to assess other than taxable personal property.

Report in Full.

OMAHA, Feb. 10, 1904.—To the Hon. Mayor and City Council, City of Omaha: Gentlemen: It is declared in the annual report of the tax department that the report in full of the assessment roll after the changes made by the board of review and equalization and upon which the levy is made is due to the city.

The new law is responsible for the changes indicated on insurance, telegraph, express and miscellaneous. The assessment is made by WILLIAM FLEMING, Tax Commissioner.

A REMARKABLE CONTRAST.

The Loss in Fire Insurance at Baltimore and the Lack of it to Life Insurance—What Did Happen and What Couldn't Happen.

A remarkable fact in connection with the great fire at Baltimore is that while the total loss was something like \$125,000,000 and the loss on policies to the fire insurance companies will amount to perhaps \$90,000,000, there is no loss whatever on policies to the life companies. No one was killed, and though there will be loss to some of the life organizations on their property, that is a thing which might happen to a man or an institution anywhere, and the interesting fact remains that in one of the heaviest calamities to property in all history no human life was sacrificed.

There was no little anxiety the last day of this fire, and even the day following, as to its possible effect upon the financial markets of the country. The ablest and most careful of men could not, for a day or two, say what might result if great sums of securities were drawn upon the market to enable the fire insurance organizations to meet their losses. Here is where a striking contrast comes in as to the possible situation in regard to any loss that life insurance might ever sustain. With the widespread nature of their risks, the perfection of the system, the diversity and the immutable laws of longevity upon which their losses are based, there could never be such a blow to the life organizations as to make men obliged to stop even for an instant to wonder what the effect was to be on the general market or on the companies themselves.

One may imagine an earthquake ruining the business part of New York, killing several thousand heavily insured men and destroying property belonging to the life companies to an extent great enough to occasion them a loss beyond all previous calculations. That would be trenching about as closely on the domain of the impossible as the imagination can conceive, but even in such a case assets held elsewhere would be enough to meet every loss.

"War, pestilence and famine" may do their worst, but the day can seemingly never come when people will have a chance to wonder how any unprecedented event is going to affect the life organizations, or if the business of the country at large may ever possibly be disturbed over their losses no matter how heavy.

Elgin and Waltham watches at your own prices. Adler's auction sale of unredeemed pledges. S. E. Cor. 12th and Farnam sts.

New Orleans, La. and return, \$30.35. Mobile, Ala. and return, Feb. 10-14th. Long tickets and stop-overs. All information at Wabash city office, 1001 Farnam st., or address Harry E. Moores, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

DIED. YUNG—August, February 10, 1904, aged 60 years. Funeral from residence, one-half mile north of Springwell cemetery, Sunday, 2 p. m. Interment, Springwell cemetery. Friends invited.

Can't Sleep? It's your nerves. Dr. Miles' Nervine will strengthen them and bring sweet sleep and health. Delay is dangerous. All druggists sell and guarantee. Send postal for book on nervous diseases. DR. MILES' MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

TELEPHONE 431 NEBRASKA FUEL COMPANY. 1414 FARNAM ST.

SCRANTON HARD COAL ALL SIZES. ROCK SPRINGS COAL GANON CITY NUT COAL FOR COOK STOVES.

Nebraska Fuel Co. 1414 Farnam St. Phone 61.

LAD MISSES OUT ENTIRELY

Twelve-Year-Old Boy Fails to Get in Army or on the Police Force.

Arthur Hussle, the 12-year-old boy who came to Omaha recently to take the naval examination, but failed, was discharged in police court on a charge of vagrancy. After failing to pass the requirements to secure an assignment on a battleship, the boy applied to the police station for a vacancy on the police force.

Sam'l Burns' annual February reduction sale now on; 10 per cent off everything.

Announcements of the Theaters. Matinee and night performance will bring the bill for this week at the Orpheum to a close today.

Tomorrow afternoon and evening "The Punkin Husker" will be repeated at the Boyd theater. This is a really clever play, dealing with rural love and politics, and without caricaturing any of the characters introduced.

Manhattan Shirts, 69c. Saturday morning we place on sale in the rear of our main floor a fresh lot of Manhattan shirts at 69c, sizes neck 14, 14 1/2, 15 and 15 1/2; not more than two shirts to a customer.

ON OUR SECOND FLOOR we are making a special effort to clean out Overcoats. For \$28 you can now buy a right decent looking Overcoat. For \$35 you can have choice of Blue, Black and Brown Overcoats, of which the cloth, without the lining and making, costs more money at the mill.

THE GUARANTEE CLOTHING CO., 1519-1521 Douglas Street.

PHENIX INSURANCE CO., of Brooklyn. NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO., of England. AMERICAN FIRE INS. CO., of Boston. NEW YORK FIRE, of N. Y. NORWICH UNION INS. SOCIETY, of England. MILWAUKEE MECHANICS, of Wisconsin.

The Guarantee Clothing Co., 1519-1521 Douglas Street.

Our Baltimore losses are only \$200,000, about one-twenty-fifth of our annual income, and will be paid as promptly as though we were involved for one-tenth the amount.

"Phenix Insurance Co., of Brooklyn." "We have no agency in Baltimore, and our losses will not be excessive." "New York Fire Ins. Co., of Brooklyn." "We have no agency in Baltimore, and our losses will not be excessive."

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These companies have sustained an estimated loss of over \$1,600,000 in the Baltimore fire. Their combined assets are over \$100,000,000, and all losses will be paid when due, and no policy holder in any of them need have any fears regarding their solvency.

JOHN G. LUND, Agent. Tel. L232, 217 Karbach Block.

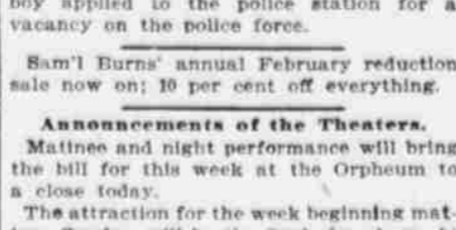
Got to Have Room. On account of room we have concluded to discontinue our coffee and tea department and will be glad to make good the entire stock of teas, coffees, spices, extracts and baking powder, at less than cost, to get rid of the stock quickly.

RELIABLE DENTISTRY FREE. This offer good until February 15. Teeth, \$2.00.

UNION DENTAL COMPANY. 1522 DOUGLAS STREET, OMAHA.

OUR LONG LASTING STEEL RANGE

By its fine working qualities made the families happy in Omaha last year. We are people that enable these employes. It makes no difference how small his income to use just as fine a steel range as his employer desires. All we ask for them is \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month, or the wholesale price for cash.



ONLY \$1.50

And yet for \$1.50 we will give you a value that has always proved to be satisfactory in a boy's shoe. You're not trying any experiments when you buy these shoes—honest leather from top to bottom—We have no trouble in holding our customers on these shoes and that's just the reason we want you to try a pair of them.

WE HAVE THE SAME QUALITY OF A SHOE AT \$1.50 FOR MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S WEAR. Our guarantee with every pair.

DREXEL SHOE CO., 1419 Farnam Street, Omaha's Up-to-Date Shoehouse.

The Stoetzel Stove Co., Wholesale Stoves, 714 South 16th Street.

Our Candy Dept. is located on first floor—next to the drug department. Here's some special for Saturday:

Black walnut taffy, bar... 25c, Heartnut stick, lb... 25c, Peanut taffy, lb... 10c, Peppermint, lb... 10c, Broken mixed, lb... 10c, Cream caramels, lb... 12c, Cream mixed, lb... 10c, Tribby Cups, lb... 10c, Peanut Brittle, lb... 10c, Walnut Buckeye, lb... 10c, Home-made Fudge, lb... 10c, Butter-Scotch Squares, lb... 10c, Assorted Chocolate Creams, lb... 10c, Moss Jellies, lb... 10c, Delicious Fig Nut, lb... 10c, Suggested Walnut Dates, lb... 10c, Chocolate Dipped Caramels, lb... 10c, Tingoing Chocolate, lb... 10c, Italian Chocolate, lb... 10c, 8 packages gum for 10c.

BRANDEIS & SONS, Boston Store.

Read the Following and Insure With Us. Characteristic of their usual promptness our companies wire as follows:

Liability involved about one hundred fifty thousand. Losses being rapidly paid. (Signed) Westchester Fire Insurance Company.

Our losses one hundred fifty thousand, which is less than 6 per cent of company's surplus. (Signed) Aachen & Munich Insurance Company.

Net amount involved Baltimore about two hundred thousand; does not affect the company in the least. (Signed) Milwaukee Mechanics' Insurance Co.

We are SOLE AGENTS for the first two companies. Kennard & Lower, M. J. KENNARD, 309-10 Brown Bk., E. K. LOWER.

Valentines... The good kind—made out of candy and ice cream in fancy heart shapes, etc.—all colors, all flavors. Come in and look us over.

Balduff 1520 FARNAM PHONE 711.

BALTIMORE FIRE LOSSES. Pennsylvania Fire, Assets, \$6,261,613.51 Loss \$500,000. Franklin Fire, Assets, \$3,154,000.00 Loss \$200,000. Security, Assets, \$1,432,973.68 Loss Nothing.

Our companies wire us they are prepared to pay all losses. For Reliable Insurance See R. C. PETERS & CO., GROUND FLOOR, BEE BUILDING.

Lotus Cream Saturday

That's the 13th, the Lucky Day! Do you suppose any one will refuse to buy it 'cause it's the 13th? Don't forget the date—all day Saturday at all three stores—Evesian Lotus Cream the regular 10c size—for 5c a bottle—but we reserve the right to limit the number to two (2) bottles to a customer. DON'T FORGET our agreement to sell any article quoted by any druggist in any daily paper in Omaha, South Omaha or Council Bluffs for AT LEAST 3c (much more on many things) less than their quoted price! We have a GUARANTEED KID GLOVE CLEANER for 1c—no gasoline—no benzine—no water—no smell.

SCHAEFER'S CUT PRICE DRUG STORE, 16th and Chicago Sts., Omaha. Phone 74 and 77, 34th and N. Sts., South Omaha. Phone No. 1, 5th Ave. and Main St., Council Bluffs. Phone 333. All goods delivered in either city absolutely free.

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Why Doesn't Henry Keep Stationery? The best answer before April 16th gets \$5.00 CASH. Bring the answer to 1615 Farnam. Opp. N. Y. Life Bldg.



ONLY \$1.50

And yet for \$1.50 we will give you a value that has always proved to be satisfactory in a boy's shoe.

We have the same quality of a shoe at \$1.50 for misses' and children's wear. Our guarantee with every pair.

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BENNETT'S Saturday Shoppers

Extra Big Blanket Bargains for Saturday. Heavy Cotton Blankets—Regular 50c quality for-pair... 65c, Regular 45c quality for-pair... 55c, Regular 40c quality for-pair... 45c, Regular 35c quality for-pair... 40c, All wool Blankets, in grays, worth \$5.00 a pair... 3.49.

Sale of Comforts. Extra heavy \$1.00 quality... 59c, Saturday for... 75c, Extra fine \$1.00 quality... 1.25, Extra fine \$1.00 quality... 2.15.

A Kid Glove Sensation for Saturday. Double Green Trading Stamps Saturday Only.

KID GLOVES—Every pair fitted and warranted—the finest and biggest line of fine Kid Gloves in Omaha.

Special Cut Prices. Saturday Drapery 3d Floor. ROPE PORTIERS, ROPE CURTAINS—slightly soiled from hanging in our show rooms—YOURS AT ONE-FOURTH CUT FROM REGULAR PRICES only twenty-four in the lot. COME EARLY SATURDAY.

LADIES' COMBS! LADIES' COMBS! And Dollars on Dollars of Green Trading Stamps.

Johnson, Hayward & Piper of Boston sold us their entire sample line of LADIES' SIDE AND BACK COMBS at JUST HALF PRICE.

They go on sale Saturday—side and back Combs, worth to 50c... 25c, And Two Dollars of little green stickers thrown in. Side and back worth to \$1.00 COMBS—48c, plain and gold tops—200 styles—your choice for. And Five Dollars of little green stickers thrown in. Jewelry Dept. Main Floor.

Bennett's Big Grocery. Still stepping high and leading the grand march to the tune of "I can't tell why I love you, but I do—oo—oo!" Saturday Winners.

Silver Cow Cream... 4c, Lemon Extract—bottle... 5c, Pure Fruit Jellies... 1c, Parlor Matches—500 in box... 4c, Corn—fine—1/2 lb... 10c, "Peanut"—straw—1/2 lb... 10c, Rolled Oats—3/4 lb... 10c, Raspberries... 15c, Catnip—bottle... 3c, 1/2 lb. Sugar—100... 25c, Early June Peas—can... 10c, Hominy—3 lb. can... 9c, Worcester Sauce—bottle... 10c, TEAS, TEAS, TEAS. THE BEST VALUES EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Imperial Japan... 25c, Tea Stiffles... 10c, B. Japan, Orange Gunpowder... 10c, English Breakfast—per pound... 25c, COFFEES, COFFEES, COFFEES. BENNETT'S IS THE CORNER CENTER OF THE STATE! FACT!

Candy. Buy as any and busier than many. A SATURDAY EXTRA SPECIAL—Chocolate Creams, vanilla flavored, very delicious, 12c per pound. Cream Valentine Hearts, so cute, 30c pound.

Men's and Boys' Clothing. Bargains all day Saturday greater than ever. Must have room for new stock. Have divided our thousands of overcoats into four lots:

LOT 1—Men's Overcoats, worth to \$40.00... 20.00, LOT 2—Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$20.00... 10.00, LOT 3—Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$12.50... 4.95, LOT 4—Men's all odd and end lots, worth \$7.50... 2.50, 100 Men's odd coats, worth up to \$3.50... 1.75.

Three Lots of Boys' and Children's Overcoats, Reefers and Ulsters. LOT 1—All Overcoats and Reefers, worth \$3.50... 1.50, LOT 2—All Overcoats and Reefers, worth \$5.50... 2.95, LOT 3—All Overcoats, Reefers and Ulsters, worth \$7.50... 3.95.

Another big lot of odd and end Trousers out of suits and regular stock, as high as \$6.00, go at... 2.50, Cooper's Mercerized Silk and Wool Men's Union Suits, worth \$5.00, Saturday, only... 2.50, All odd and end all wool Men's Underwear Suits, sold as high as \$2.00, per garment... 75c, Men's \$1.00 Caps, 50c, all other Caps worth up to 75c, all day Saturday... 25c, The largest and most complete Hat Stock in the city. A good stiff hat for... 1.00.

Compare It With Any \$1.50 Hat. On Bargain Square Men's and Boy's Shirts, worth up to \$1.00, go at... 50c, Another Item of Interest—Investigate. Store Open Saturday Till 10 P. M.

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