TAXES ON STREET RAILWAY M'KINLEY CLUB'S BANQUET

Company Will Pay on Five Millions Without Protest.

OFFICIALS SAY INJUSTICE IS BEING DONE

Assert that Assessment is Disproportionately High, but Submit in Order to Evade the Agitation of Tas Question.

Taxes will be paid without protest on \$5,000,000 by the Omalia & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. The company be-Heves the assessment to be an injustice, but it will submit rather than silr up a controversy because it believes that public agitation of this gort is detrimental to the business interests of the city. In a letter pre-pared for the common council the foregoing facts are given as an explanation of he street car company's position. One of the officers of the company said:

By making us pay the taxes on \$5,000,000 worth of property we are paying one-sixth of the personal taxes of Omaha. We thought it was excessive when we were raised to \$4,600,600, but rather than make a kick we submitted. To agitate these things and have it go abroad that Omaha is being overtaxed we believe is harmful to the city. It keeps people away. It keeps industries away. One of the first things that a business man inquires into when a firm is looking for a location is the tax rate. I have had the tax question thrown into my face several times within the last two years. Only a short time ago a member of a Minneapolis industry said to me: 'We would like to locate in Omaha, but you people, I notice, always have a kick coming on the tax question and we are afraid of you.' That is the situation and it is hurting Omaha more than is generally suspected.

"We are all interested in Omaha. The street railway company is anxious to have the town grow, for it is population that gives us our business. But at the same time we don't want to feel that we are

Street Railway's Position.

being worked by being overtaxed. In raising our assessment they make the excuse that our franchise is worth a great deal and all that sort of thing. They don't seem to take into consideration that the street railway company is a benefit to the city as well as being a business proposition. One of the first things that appeals to the stranger is the street car system of a city. It is about the first thing he notices. It is one of the first propositions that he comes in contact with. From it he gets a good or bad impression of the city. If the system is a good one, if cars are prompt and run with reasonable frequency, if the cars are up-to-date and are kept up in good shape, he goes away with a good Impression and gives his impression to people in the other cities that he visits.

"One thing is certain. There is a limit to all things. If the company is unjustly taxed it will not feel like putting money into improvements. It will put on only the cars that it actually needs to take care of the business. It will use the dilapidated cars a little longer. Instead of mak ing three cars do the work on a certain run it will get along with two. There has been a time in the history of Omaha when the street railway company, as well as other franchised corporations, were not paying their just share of the taxes. We know that, but that is no reason why they should now go to the other extreme and mitted in the case of The State against overdo it. We believe the amount we are assessed for is extravagant, but we shall pay it, and we have prepared a letter for the common council, explaining our position in the matter.'

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The letter prepared by the company follows:

OMAHA Jan. 21.—To the City Council, Omaha, Neb.: Dear Sirs—I am informed that a request has been filed by the Real Estate exchange that the taxes on the personal property of the Omaha and Council Buffs Street Rallway company in Omaha be raised from 46,60,000 to 35,00,000. Such a levy would require this company to pay practically one-sixth of all the personal taxes of the city of Omrha. We are very certain that this company does not own one-sixth of the personal property in this city and that therefore its taxes are even now entirely out of proportion to the taxes of other property holders. But inasmuch as any contest on the part of the discussion and investigation of the personal taxes of many firms and individuals, and as we believe the further agitation of the personal taxes of the business interests of this city is detrimental to its growth, we have concluded to submit to what we consider an injustice rather than to go into a contest of this character. You are therefore notified that we consent to the increase in our personal assessment to the city, may cease. Very respectfully, GUY C. BARTON, President.

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Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths have en reported to the Board of Health dur-g the twenty-four hours ending at noon

Saturday:
Births—Louis Stern, 808 North Sixteenth street, girl; N. Harsarsky, 418 North Twelfth street, girl; Henry Gross, 814 North Twelfth street, girl; Henry Gross, 814 North Twenty-seventh street, girl; George Mark-hofer, 418 Cedar street, boy; J. M. Hawkins, Benson, boy; George Oukusa, 104 South Sixteenth street, boy; George Waller, 1115 Capitol avenue, girl.

Deaths—Miss Augusta Peatr, 606 South Fourtieenth street, aged 22 years; Kate Milburne, county* hospital, nged 40 years; John Murphy, county hospital; George N. Seymour, 2302 South Eighteenth street, aged 54 years; Henry A. Nye, jr., Twenty-fourth and Wirt streets, aged 7 years.

Several Cases of Reserved Stock go on Sale Monday

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Plans Are Now Complete for the Affair to Be Held Next Saturday Night.

All arrangements are about perfected for the McKinley club banquet to be held at the Millard hotel Saturday evening, January 28. Indications point to a large attendance and a very enjoyable prospect looms up for the banqueters, not only in the gastronomic line-which is assured by the price of \$2 per piate-but also in an oratorical way. Besides the local representa-tion, which will be large, Representative Foster has promised to bring a strong delegation from Lincoln.

W. E. Andrews will discuss the idlosyncrasies of "Croakers," and C. J. Greene has been assigned to take care of "The Future of the West." So far these are the only set subjects. Judge Howard Kennedy, ir., will cover the field of oppor tunity for the young man in politics, a wide subject and an able exponent of the same.

On account of the upsetting of the caucus verdict by the bolting republicans in Missouri Major William Warner, United States attorney for that district, may find it impossible to attend, but the committee is still hopeful that he will be present.

William Allen White of Emporia, who

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Eansas when something was the matter with it, is very likely to be one of the orators, but definite announcement cannot be made as to him until next week. It is also planned to have a few impromptu contributions that will be calulated to add to the joy of the occasion. The banquet is scheduled to get away on its pleasure trip through the menu and the mental vineyard at 7:30.

GAS COMPANY ASKS PERMIT Evans Ordinance Will Prevent Building New Storage Plant for a Time.

Efforts of the Omaha Gas company to obtain a permit from the city for its proposed new gas manufacturing plant at Twenty-second and Burdette streets before the new Evans ordinance requiring the consent of all residents within a radius of 1,000 feet became a law, falled, and the company is still without authority to build. Acting Mayor Zimman took the precaution to sign the ordinance Wednesday morning. so when a letter from Superintendent G. W. Waring of the gas company, dated January 20, reached Building Inspector Withnell, he was in a position to turn down the request. The communication enclosed a check for \$22.88 in payment for the permit, which is requested for a "gas holder tank," estimated to cost \$25,000. The superintendent states that the company is anxious to start work at once and desires the permit issued The authority will not be promptly. granted until the written consent of the property owners is presented.

COMPLAINT AGAINST BUCKLEY County Attorney Goes After Man Charged with Attempting to

Bribe a Juror. County Attorney Slabaugh has filed in the county court a complaint against William Buckley, who is charged with corruptly endeavoring to influence a juror The offense is alleged to have been com-Wesley M. Wiseman, charged with at tempted assault. The juror said to have been approached is Charles Anthes, to whom Buckley is alleged to have spoken with the idea and intent of influencing his ion in the case, knowing him to be on the jury which was hearing the case. Buckley was arrested, pleaded not guilty

The funeral services over the late Dr.

C. G. Sprague will be held at the Masonic temple, corner Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Little Gladys Chandler will appear as Toodles in the Press club's "Toodles in Posterland.

Manchester will play Van Dyke Brown, the artist, and sing "When Skies Are Clear" in the Press club's "Toodles in Posterland."

Notice to Redmen.

First monthly card party and dance of emaha tribe No. 18, I. O. R. M., will be heid Wednesday evening, January 25, at Metropolitan hall, 14th and Dodge, Friends of the order are requested to attend. Ad-

C. C. MERRIAM, Chairman of Com H. C. EDWARDS, Keeper of Records. Effective Sunday, January 22, the 'Frisco System will inaugurate the fastest night trains between Chicago and St. Louis. Leave Chicago 11:40 p. m.; arrive St. Louis 7:55 a. m. Leave St. Louis 11:43 p. m.; ar-

Prof. William Chambers will play Foxy Grandpa and sing "The Owl and the Wild Cat" in Toodles in Posterland."

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Clan Gordon annual Buens' festival, Germania halk January 25. Tickets, 50c each. Miss Delnorte Winspear will have the solo, "Sleep, Honey, Sleep," in the Press club's "Toodles in Posterland."

New Point on Scavenger Law. in Judge Troup's court a new point has been raised against the publication of notice feature of the scavenger tax sale law. The original owner died before the decree was entered against the property and those now seized of the same as heirs are foreigners who cannot understand English. Assistant City Attorney Herdman holds that there is nothing in the new contention that has not been already passed on by the courts, but Judge Troup consented to look through the papers and make a ruling on Monday.

Asks for a Receiver. e Omaha Building and Loan associa-has filed a petition in district courtion has filed a petition in district court asking to have a receiver appointed for Jennic Frank and others. Plaintiffs loaned \$2.500, which sum, because of taxes and other charges, has now grown, according to the petition, to the amount of \$4.00. Frank D. Wead is named in the petition as a proper person to be named as such receiver and to collect rents from the property involved, amounting to \$35 or \$40 a mouth.

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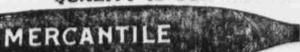
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