

## FINANCING IN THE COUNTY

Greatly Increased Under General Fund Levy for Last Ten Years.

## TRANSFER NECESSARY NEVERTHELESS

As Soon as Corrected Tax Sheets Are Received from State Board Commissioners Will Make Annual Levy.

As soon as the corrected tax sheets are received from the State Board of Equalization and Assessment the Douglas county commissioners will proceed to make the annual tax levy. This very likely will be within a week or ten days at the outside. If the commissioners fall in line with the custom of recent years, the county levy will go to the limit allowed by law, at least for the general fund.

The general fund levy for the years since 1895 has been 9 mills, the limit which the law permits. The amount realized under this levy has been steadily increasing since 1897, when it was \$109,833.77, until in 1904 the amount raised for the general fund was \$239,453.46. In spite of this large increase in the general fund income the county board has found it necessary in the last few years to transfer to the general fund large amounts of unused money from the road and bridge funds. Covering the two years last, roughly speaking, the amounts so transferred have been: From the bridge fund, \$67,526.46, and from the road fund, \$11,466.83.

**Road and Bridge Funds Grow.**  
It also will be noticed that the road and bridge fund levy has been increased quite materially in certain years. It seems that this was the only way the commissioners could figure out to keep an anchor to windward for the purpose of holding the general fund up. It is apparently a case of beating the devil around the stump in the matter of managing county finances. As to the law of the case, that is a matter that appears to have been given only casual consideration. This method of financing Douglas county seems to have become, as the figures indicate, a settled thing with the county commissioners. The levy for general purposes cannot be over 9 mills, but the levy for the other two funds is a fluctuating quantity, governed solely by the need for a surplus, large or small, which may be transferred from them to the general fund.

While the valuation for the purpose of taxation has been growing in a substantial fashion, the expense of county administration has kept pace with it, or gone ahead. In 1904 the levy for the general fund was lower than in 1903, but for the road expense the amount has been increased materially, so that as a whole the amount that might be available for transfer to the general fund has been quite as large as formerly. The tabulation shows that the temporary alimony tax has gone up to \$70,000 since 1898, an average of \$13,000 a year, and still does not suffice.

## ALL DAY ON DIVORCE CASE

Judge Troup Surprises Attorneys by Citing Decision They Evidently Had Overlooked.

Judge Troup devoted all of Wednesday to hearing arguments of attorneys in the Saunders divorce litigation. T. J. Mahoney appeared for Mrs. Saunders and W. F. Gurley for Sherman Saunders, who is fighting his wife's demand for large alimony and a fat attorney's fee. Mr. Mahoney presented evidence showing that Mrs. Saunders, who is president of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank at Bloomfield, in Knox county, is worth anywhere from \$250,000 to \$500,000. His argument went to support Mrs. Saunders' demand for \$500 a month temporary alimony, pending the outcome of the suit, and an attorney's fee of \$1,000. He has been paid, he said, \$250 on this account.

Mr. Gurley resisted the payment of the amounts named and also read the affidavit submitted in the case Tuesday evening, in which defendant contends that the proper place to bring the suit is at Bloomfield, the home of the parties for years, and where everybody is familiar with his daily life. Saunders also swears that his wealth in stocks, lands and personal property is largely exaggerated.

At the conclusion of the argument Judge Troup took the question of alimony and attorney's fee under consideration until Thursday morning.

It will be of interest to lawyers to know that in this case the defendant is in court almost without knowing it. His attorney's contention that the court was without jurisdiction and that Saunders was not properly served with summons was overruled on all points. In making this ruling Judge Troup rather took away the breath of the attorneys in the case on both sides by citing them to a very recent decision of the supreme court, wherein it is held, in effect, that to protest against the subject matter of a petition is to be brought squarely into court on the issues.

## POSTAL CLERKS WILL MEET

Sixth Division Holds Convention at Lincoln and Omaha Has Can didate for President.

The annual meeting of the Sixth Division of the Railway Postal Clerks' association, comprising the states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota, will convene at Lincoln Thursday. The purpose of the meeting is the annual election of officers, the discussion of matters pertaining to the business of the order and the election of delegates to the national convention in October, 1905. There will be in the neighborhood of 100 delegates in attendance. Omaha will be represented by E. E. Hoff, S. G. Culver, O. W. Rich, F. A. Holt, E. E. Meredith and W. J. Lucas.

There promises to be a lively contest for

## GOOD EATING

Is always better enjoyed and more relished when the appetite is keen and the stomach and bowels strong enough to properly digest the food. To bring about this condition is an easy matter if you will only take a few doses of

**Hostetter's Stomach Bitters**

Your food will then be properly assimilated so that you need not fear any attack of heartburn, bloating, belching, constipation, cramps, dyspepsia or indigestion. Sickly women are also greatly benefited by using this Bitters every month. Try a bottle and see for yourself.

## Stock Will Be Advanced 25 Per Cent Tuesday, August 1

Will Make Net Profits of Over \$750 Per Day.

"Few people realize what a great enterprise the Uncle Sam refinery really is. Come down to Cherryvale and see for yourself as the hundreds of barrels of crude oil manufactured daily in the finest grades of refined oil at profits that will in time pay handsome dividends to every stockholder. Figuring on a most conservative basis, the Uncle Sam refinery plant will make profit of over Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750) Per Day. When you buy Uncle Sam refinery stock you secure property that is really increasing in value every day, because the rapid development and the erection of machinery goes forward with vim and energy. The refinery is now turning gold into the treasury every day.

## Two Carloads of Barrels Arrive.

The Uncle Sam company is now selling oil and big money is already being realized on the Cherryvale plant, just completed. The Uncle Sam company received the first shipment of two carloads of barrels a few days ago in which to ship oil to patrons until the tank stations are completed. Twenty carloads of barrels will be received during the next few days. Orders for Uncle Sam refined oil are coming in from all over Kansas and all will be filled just as fast as the refinery can turn out the oil, and the plant is now running night and day.

Write at once for prices on refined and fuel oil.

## Stock Will Be Advanced 25 Per Cent at Midnight, Tuesday, August 1.

The Uncle Sam company has met with such great success in raising the necessary capital to crowd the work, both on refinery and pipe line, and in its oil field development, that stock advanced at the present prices will either all be sold or advanced 25 per cent from present prices at midnight, Tuesday, August 1. The company has sufficient funds to crowd the work and you should not delay an hour in sending in your remittances, for this company now is a communication with over 25,000 investors, scattered all over the United States. These investors are fast finding

the presidency of the division and Omaha will present a candidate in the person of H. Worley. Council Bluffs will present a candidate for secretary of the division, C. A. Long of that city.

It also is expected that there will be a spirited contest for the election of delegates to the national meeting of the association, which will be held early in October at Cincinnati, O.

## CATHERS AND ROOT HAVE A SAY

Affidavits Filed Denying that an Injunction Has Been Violated or Any Oats Taken.

John T. Catthers and Jesse C. Root, cited for alleged contempt of court for violation of a court order restraining them from trespassing upon certain lands, have filed in the district court affidavits to the effect that they are not guilty.

Mr. Catthers in his affidavit sets up that no restraining order was issued, as alleged, on application of John H. Gilman; that he was never served with notice of a restraining order, and, finally, that Gilman is a trespasser on the property in question, which is alleged to belong to Catthers in fee simple by virtue of purchase at sheriff's sale in October, 1904.

Mr. Root confines himself to denying trespass on the property or the cutting and carrying away of a crop of oats; also accuses John H. Gilman of being a trespasser on the property in question, which is alleged to belong to Catthers in fee simple by virtue of purchase at sheriff's sale in October, 1904.

The contempt case against Catthers and Root was to have been heard by Judge Sutton Wednesday morning. Because of Catthers' belief that he is the legal occupant of the premises by virtue of a lease from Catthers.

## ADAMS &amp; KELLY BUILDING

Permit Issued for Erection of Forty-Thousand-Dollar Structure at Thirteenth and Nicholas.

The city has issued permits to the Adams & Kelly company for a \$40,000 brick warehouse at Thirteenth and Nicholas streets. It will be 132x155 feet in ground dimensions and four stories high. Parks, John & Parks is the firm holding the construction contract. Other permits have been issued to Mrs. E. Wilson, \$14,000 frame dwelling, 201 North Twenty-fourth; A. C. Smith, \$1,500 alteration and repairs to frame dwelling at Park and Poppleton avenues; J. E. Reagan, \$2,500 frame dwelling at Sixteenth and Evans; L. J. Platt, \$2,500 frame dwelling at Sixteenth and Evans.

## NEBRASKA DAY AT PORTLAND

August Twenty-One Selected and Governor Mickey Will Head Delegation to Exposition.

Monday, August 21, will be Nebraska day at the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, according to the decision of the Nebraska committee at meeting held in Omaha Wednesday, which was attended by Commissioners William P. Warner of Dakota City, H. G. Shedd of Ashland and George L. Loomis of Fremont. Governor Mickey will head the delegation which will go from Nebraska and consist of the day will be selected later. Nebraska has been attracting considerable attention at the exposition with its exhibits and moving

## Douglas County's Surplus Financiering.

Valuation for Assessment.	Levy in mills.	Tax.	Bridge Fund.			Road Fund.		
			Levy in mills.	Tax.	County portion.	City of Omaha portion.	City of S. Omaha portion.	
1895	22,502,630.46	1	22,502.63	2	45,005.26	25,342.03	17,990.28	1,672.95
1896	21,659,705.42	1	21,659.71	2	43,319.41	24,297.91	17,288.49	1,733.01
1897	21,070,973.92	1	21,070.97	2	42,141.95	23,679.68	16,757.43	1,708.83
1898	21,023,532.41	2	42,047.10	2	42,047.10	23,513.91	16,784.86	1,748.32
1899	21,626,214.64	3	64,878.64	2	43,252.43	24,114.72	17,303.90	1,833.80
1900	21,745,973.64	3	69,587.12	2	43,491.95	24,243.68	17,291.83	1,956.43
1901	22,381,792.08	3	71,621.73	2	44,763.58	24,967.84	17,758.83	2,036.90
1902	25,368,181.00	2	50,736.35	2	63,420.45	35,467.63	24,565.39	3,387.43
1903	25,602,793.32	2	51,205.66	3	89,609.78	50,013.16	34,488.10	5,108.52
1904	28,862,629.00	2	57,725.26	3	86,587.89	49,515.50	31,018.44	6,053.89
			\$485,836.49		\$543,639.80	\$305,156.12	\$211,247.55	\$27,240.08

Transfers from the Bridge Fund—\$57,526.46, or 12 per cent.  
Transfers from the Road Fund—\$11,466.83, or 4 per cent.  
Bridge fund tax, increased 100 per cent in 1898 over the year 1897.  
Bridge fund tax, increased 208 per cent in 1899 over the year 1897.  
Road fund tax, increased 42 per cent in 1902 over the year 1901.  
Road fund tax, increased 100 per cent in 1903 over the year 1901.

out that our refinery stock is good property and hundreds are buying it every day. The stock is bound to advance in solid value to 25 cents per share within the next nine months and possibly in ninety days. It's now or never with you if you secure stock at present prices. By sending draft or money order at once you can secure stock as follows:

100 shares	14.00	73
250 shares	35.00	73
500 shares	80.00	73
1,000 shares	160.00	73
5,000 shares	800.00	73
25,000 shares	4,000.00	73

## Monthly Payment Offer.

100 shares, \$15.00 cash, six monthly payments of \$2.00 each; 250 shares, \$4.00 cash and six monthly payments of \$6.00 each; 500 shares, \$11.00 cash and six monthly payments of \$12.00 each; 1,000 shares, \$22.00 cash and six monthly payments of \$13.00 each; 5,000 shares, \$110.00 cash and six monthly payments of \$13.00 each; 25,000 shares, \$550.00 cash and six monthly payments of \$13.00 each.

## Assets Back of This Company—Reasons Why the Stock Will Certainly Go to 50 Cents Per Share Within Nine Months.

The Uncle Sam company now has one great refinery completed and in full operation. This refinery is now worth, on a conservative basis, a Quarter of a Million Dollars to the stockholders of the company and is already being increased in capacity. The company has miles of lateral pipe lines completed, connecting about three-fourths of the Cherryvale field, and is laying more lateral lines. A franchise for 17 miles of main trunk pipe line across nine Kansas counties, clear through to the banks of navigable water, is now secured and owned by the company. Forty miles

of the main trunk pipe line is now on the ground along the pipe line at Neosho Falls, LeRoy, Piqua and Cherryvale. More pipe line is arriving and being unloaded ready to complete and to pump oil through. The company owns and controls over Thirty Thousand Acres of valuable oil and gas lands, located in some of the richest oil fields in LaBette, Montgomery, Elk and Cherokee counties, and also south of Bartlesville, in the five hundred barrels daily, right up against the Osage line in the Cherokee nation. On these properties

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city, on which refinery No. 2 and the big tank farm will be completed during the next six months. The company has purchased tank cars and has storage tanks for stations that will immediately be installed at Concordia, Hutchinson, Topeka, Wichita and Salina, Kan.

More Stations in Prospect.

Forty-five more distributing stations will be established in Kansas as the company completes another refinery and increases the capacity of the one at Cherryvale. The refinery and oil lands and oil production, owned and controlled by this company, with its franchises, pipe lines and machinery, are worth, on a conservative basis, today close to Six Hundred Thousand Dollars. In addition to the above mentioned property back of this company there are over One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) subscribed on gift-edged installment contracts, which will all be paid in during the next four months. This money is for stock that is already allotted and on which two and three payments already have been received by the purchasers. There is not a shadow of a doubt but that all of the money will be paid promptly as it falls due, at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 daily during the next 120 days.

Will Own Property Worth Over Five Million Dollars in Less Than a Year.

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Any County in Kansas That Will Buy Fifty Thousand Shares at Present Prices Will Secure an Oil Station for Both Refined and Fuel Oil at Once.

As before stated, the Uncle Sam company is already at work installing stations in Kansas. Any man or club of men who will band together and take Sixty Thousand shares at present prices can name the man they wish to be put in charge of the company's interests in their county and the company will at once commence to supply them with both refined and fuel oil. It will also install a station at their county seat town just as quickly as the machinery can be secured from the manufacturers.

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