

NO TAX FOR THE WOODMEN

Such is Decision of County Board After Listening to Protest.

ORDER WILL STAY HERE AFTER ALL

Commercial Club Champions Cause of Nebraska's Big Fraternal Organization and Thus Far Seems to Be Ahead.

The Woodmen of the World will not be taxed on its reserve fund. So decided the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday afternoon, meeting in the presence of about fifty members of the Commercial club and other business men who came to protest against the taxation of the fraternal order.

After reading the order of the State Board of Equalization and the report of the County Assessor Reed returning the taxation as directed, Commissioner Kennard moved to strike the report of the county assessor from the record and to leave the taxation of the Woodmen of the World as returned by the county assessor. The motion was carried unanimously.

The action of the board means that Omaha will keep the headquarters of the organization, which several other cities have been trying so hard to get. It means also that the order will not be compelled to pay about \$20,000 in taxes which the state board ordered.

Postmaster Palmer Leads Off.

Captain Palmer was the first speaker before the board. He said:

"I don't know of a state which taxes or attempts to tax the legal reserve of a fraternal order except here in Nebraska, where law is being thrust upon us by the attorney general and others who have no interest in Omaha. Here is an order which employs 135 clerks, whose income provides for 500 or 600 people. It would take a business of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 annually to provide for the same number of people. It is a business of \$25,000 annually. See what an amount of good it does for Omaha. I hope the board will have the nerve and the interest in Omaha to say they are not going to see the order driven out of the state."

Sitting as a board of equalization, the Douglas county commissioners, with County Clerk Drexel and County Assessor Reed, held a two-hour session behind closed doors in the morning. During its session the board listened to talks by delegations from the Woodmen of the World and from women connected with the Woodmen Circle.

City Attorney Breen was waiting in the commissioners' room all the time the board was in session wrestling with the problem before it. The board has announced that the county levy will not be less than last year; that is settled. But Mr. Breen says the mayor could not take intelligent action on the concurrent resolution now before him for the city levy until he knew whether or not the county board would include in its valuation the \$2,000,000 of Woodmen reserve funds.

In opposition to the idea that the action of the county board is final City Attorney Breen says this is not so. He rather intimates that there are citizens who stand ready to make use of a writ of mandamus if the county board strikes the item off the roll.

The board decided to meet Wednesday to make the annual tax levy.

Money in Omaha Banks.

Isaac W. Carpenter called the attention of the board to the fact that the Woodmen keep \$300,000 on deposit in the Omaha banks; that if they left this amount would be withdrawn from deposit and large business interests would be affected.

"No state takes its savings banks," said John Steele, "Why should the reserve funds of fraternal orders be taxed? It represents the savings of tens of thousands of people, invested to insure their families against want. Shall we tax the little savings of the man who wants to keep his family independent of charity? It's up to you, gentlemen; the power is with you. Shall we keep them here or drive them away?"

Other speakers were David Cole, F. M.

OMAHA MEN AND THEIR HOBBIES

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After this there is to be no travel across the tracks at N street, pedestrians being compelled to use the O street viaduct. Within a short time the Union Pacific will commence the building of a passenger station and a freight depot at the passenger property south of N street.

Amos Gates' Funeral.

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OUR LETTER BOX

Proposed Sale of Park Lands.

To the Editor of The Bee: I hereby give respectful notice to whom it may concern that there will be no sale of Omaha park lands if there is any law to prevent it. These lands were purchased by the people for the people of this and future generations, and the title to them is vested in the people. They were bought and solemnly dedicated to a specific and important public use, and not a single acre of them will be sold for any other use, if it can be legally prevented. Speculators in boulevard extensions should not be allowed to trifle with Omaha's priceless park lands. The sons and daughters of this great and growing town, native and adopted, their children, their grandchildren and their great grandchildren, are to live in the future Omaha, with hundreds of thousands more, and these park areas are to be, and will be, sacredly preserved for their use, health and happiness. They will remain here, with hundreds of acres more added to them, if I mistake not, from generation to generation.

And Fontanelle park is a "cow pasture" is it? Ten thousand people live in walking distance of it when it was bought. It is a beautiful spot of ground, and the Cleveland plan of it is the perfection of landscape art. Whose fault is it that the people of that part of Omaha have been denied the benefit of its proper development? The honest and skilled head and hands of Superintendent Adams should have been first to put in the way of aylvan decoration years ago.

And Elmwood, too. Not by a long shot, if, as I have said, there is any law to prevent, Parks are the crowning need and glory of all great cities in the modern world. The occupation of a city is not its wealth, with its grown trees and wealth of shrub and lawn and flowers, Elmwood will be to Omaha what Central park is to New York. And what is twenty years in the life of a great city? In those coming days tens of thousands of people will surround Elmwood and be breathing its coolness and boulevards which will then connect it with the business center of the city and with Hancock and Riverview to Miller and Fontanelle. Are there any doubting Thomases left in Omaha, who are so densely dull as not to see the sure signs of what Omaha will be in population and wealth in 1925? If there are any such I hasten to express to them my sympathies and regrets, and to ask them to study Sticker's. I would also urge them to mark the growth of the great cities of the world, and to see the great signs of living men on the imperial parallel of 41 degrees of north latitude, and hush their breath.

In actual development Omaha is not yet forty years old. The first fifty years of the white occupation have not yet been counted. I saw it when not more than twelve white persons could call it home. It now contains, including South Omaha, not less than 100,000 inhabitants. It is the terminus of fifteen railroads. The Union Pacific, under Harriman, with its mighty development of Burt, in its conquest of tributary territory to Omaha, counts for five ordinary railroads. Five added to fifteen makes twenty. Nebraska alone contains more people today than Old and thirty-five years after its first occupation and one-third as many as the entire United States when they declared their independence. But Nebraska, with all its strength, is only a small fraction of the resources that are to make it beyond the possibility of failure, an industrial and commercial center, with a population mounting into hundreds of thousands in the next twenty years.

Bell the park lands, did you say? Not for money. Can the value of parks in the congested population of great cities, in their health, happiness and in the saving of the beautiful in nature and art be measured by dollars and cents? I will not stop to answer my own question.

I quite agree with Commissioner Cornish and Mr. Durant that the lowland addition to Riverview would be a good thing. A finished park requires smooth and level expanses added to the purely picturesque. Neither Hancock, Riverview nor Miller park has this necessary element of beauty. Elmwood combines the two in fine proportion. GEORGE L. MILLER.

Tribute to Scip Dundy.

SOUTH OMAHA, August 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have a word which I wish to suggest as a name for Samson's street. I am urged by the distinguished politician who failed of nomination and is seeking an election on an independent ticket. I simply wish to place this name before the public, as I think it is far better than any of those chosen by the judges.

The name "Scip" Dundy is almost international from the fact that he has done more to promote clean, educating amusement than any man of modern times, the name "Scip" Dundy and pure amusement are synonymous, and as we are going to give the best entertainment possible at the carnival, let us call it "Scip" Dundy. In honor of our own "Scip" Dundy, the name "Scip" of itself suggests something gay, bright, buoyant and care free, so I am out for your votes for the name "Scip." Let us give the name "Scip" to our washwoman. All we want is a catchy name for the show. EMMET WEISSEL.

Summer Vacation Tours.

The Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," to the "Cherry Blossom," St. Lawrence River, Adirondacks, Lakes George and Champlain, Catskills, Hudson river, White mountains, forests and lakes of Maine, New England sea coast, Michigan resorts, etc. For copy send to G. C. Merrill, T. P. A., M. C. R. R., Kansas City, Mo.

Program at the Food Show.

A rare treat is in store for those who love a good dinner. The river boat appearance of Round's Ladies' Orchestra, at the Auditorium, August 14 to 24. This organization has been engaged to play on a

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PHIL GREEN, In His Dazzle Devil Spiral Act.

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Go out to the Beach and dance in the cool Pavilion. Dancing every night under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World.

A. H. HENNINGS—Cleaning Up the Taxes.

Davis, Tom Fry, E. E. Bruce, W. A. De Bort, Cadet Taylor, Luther Drake and J. C. Root.

Another Victim

of an accident. Editor of Columbus, O., was cured of his wounds by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Try it. For sale by Sherman & McConnell Drug Co.

THE GREAT PHOTO SHOWS.

The Big New Circus Beautiful Here Thursday—Time Table for Day.

Here is the program for the day, which will be carried out in detail, and the show people say strictly on time:

10 a. m.—The parade is due to reach the downtown business district. Drivers and teamsters are especially and politely requested to avoid this parade or have secure control of their horses.

11 a. m.—Free open air shows and opening of various departments of the show grounds.

1 p. m.—Opening of the main entrance to the menagerie and big show, allowing one hour to view the animals and courts. Promenade band concert by Sig. Zierke's combined band of sixty musicians.

2 p. m.—Grand Mysterious India spectacle and regular program. One hour to view the menagerie after "the big show."

4:15 p. m.—The specialty concert after the big show, introducing new features and the grand ball.

8 p. m.—The night show begins. Grand Oriental pageant and Asiatic display enhanced by the electric lights and colored by fire, adding a more vivid and realistic touch to the gorgeous tournament pageant. The long program commences with Sugi-moto's wonderful Japanese acrobatic troupe, the finest in the world. In case of inclement weather the waterproof tents insure perfect protection and comfort.

Douglas County Farmers Visit.

A number of prominent farmers from Douglas county left last evening on an excursion, with E. T. Hayden, of the firm of Hastings & Hayden, to look over the wheat lands in southeastern Lincoln.

Mr. Henry Lebert, a well known farmer, who lives west of Benton, went up last spring with a traction engine to break up his section. He purchased this farm last fall and is breaking about twenty acres a day.

Hastings & Hayden will run regular excursions to Canada from now on.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

Name and Residence. Age. Henry Hagerman, Omaha, 29.

Mary E. Edin, Omaha, 24.

James Lambert, Omaha, 28.

Frank Sawyer, Omaha, 28.

Mary Folsom, Omaha, 23.

William D. Boyd, Kansas City, Mo., 31.

Alice L. Cottrell, Omaha, 20.

23-K wedding rings. Edholm, jeweler.

Mortality Statistics.

Not a death has been reported to the City Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at noon Tuesday. The following were reported:

Births—Walter J. Kirkland, 45 North Twenty-third, boy; James Blanes, 313 Grand, boy; Benjamin Hirsch, 1118 Center street, girl; John Schenkenberger, Fifth and Poppleton streets, boy; E. H. Hester, 229 Douglas street, boy; Stanley Drake, 521 William, boy; W. B. Elms, 114 Sherman avenue, boy; C. Woodworth, 388 Burt street, boy.

Building Permits.

The following building permits have been issued by the city building inspector up to noon Tuesday: W. T. Niesman, Twenty-fifth and Lake streets, frame store room, E. 500; Angie Malney, Forty-second and Hickory, frame dwelling, E. 300; M. W. Miller, Nineteenth and Simey, frame dwelling, N. 600; Robert Wiklund, 130 North Thirty-seventh, frame dwelling, 200.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The second call in scavenger tax sale began Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Joe Brothers, manager of a barber shop at 1523 Douglas street, has reported that thieves stole two hair clippers from his place of business Monday.

Sarah C. Stiles has been granted a divorce from Frederick C. by Judge Troup on the ground of non-support. They were married in this city in June, 1904. Mrs. Stiles composition, geography, mental arithmetic, reading. Wednesday: Physiology, agriculture, civil government, drawing, book-keeping.

Examinations for Douglas county teacher certificates will be held at the High school building at 2 p. m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 14, 15, 16. The following will be the order of subjects: Monday: arithmetic, spelling, grammar, theory and art. Tuesday: history, composition, geography, mental arithmetic, reading. Wednesday: Physiology, agriculture, civil government, drawing, book-keeping.

Deaths.

EHLEERS—Wilhelmina, August 7, 1905, aged 25 years. Beloved wife of P. H. Ehlers. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from residence, 519 Jones street. Interment Forest Lawn.

STUBENDORF—Annie, wife of Fred, died at the family residence, 1230 South Twenty street, Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, after a year's illness. She was 65 years of age. Funeral services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment Prospect Hill.

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