

DOUGLAS PAYS MORE TAXES
Big Increase is Shown in the Amount Paid to the State.

MOST COUNTIES PAY MORE
Over Two and a Half Million Dollars to Be Raised by the State for Expenses for One Year.

Table with columns for County, 1911, and 1910. Lists counties like Adams, Antelope, Assaon, Blaine, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Butler, Cass, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, DeWitt, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Fremont, Furness, Gage, Garfield, Gosport, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hickock, Hooker, Howard, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Madison, Morrill, Nemaha, Nelkin, Oke, Perkins, Phelps, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scottsbluff, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Union, Washington, Wayne, Wheeler, York.

Frank McCann Found Guilty of Robbing Safe at Springfield

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Frank McCann, one of the three men charged with blowing open the safe of M. Tritsch at Louisville, Neb., with nitroglycerin and robbing Mr. Tritsch of \$100,000 worth of jewelry on September 2, was found guilty Saturday in the district court.

County Attorney Taylor was assisted in the prosecution by Judge Stabaugh of Omaha, and a strong case of circumstantial evidence was made against the defendant, who asked the court to grant him a separate trial. The jury was out less than an hour.

NEW STREET LIGHTS AT FAIRBURY ARE TURNED ON

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The city of Fairbury has a unique celebration at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, when the new electric ornamental street lights were turned on. The Fairbury Commercial club had the concert band out and precisely at 7 o'clock every factory whistle in the city sounded and the band played and the people knew that the lights were on. The matter of ornamental lighting of the public square at Fairbury has been under consideration for a number of years and the first step toward securing a fund was inaugurated February 25, 1911, when the Commercial club gave a minstrel show and part of the proceeds were donated toward the cause of illuminating the public square. A large number of lamp poles have been placed around the square. They are similar to the ones in use at Fremont, Neb.

ALUMNI OF NEBRASKA MEET AT CLAY CENTER

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—At an enthusiastic meeting at the office of County Superintendent Lathrop Monday evening, the Nebraska Alumni of the state university Saturday night, organized a county association. The first meeting of the association was held at the home of Mrs. Carl Broderick, chairman, at Clay Center. The following were present: Carl Broderick, chairman; George Thomas, Harvard; Mrs. Eunice Macomber, Sutton, and L. E. Jettie, Edgar. Bernice Preckett was selected secretary. H. A. Swanson was elected treasurer. R. H. McReynolds of Fairfield and Mr. Hosiagh were selected as executive committee. Miss Lathrop and Mrs. Carl Broderick served dainty refreshments. A committee was appointed to communicate with other ex-students and graduates in the county. Secretary I. W. Kline of Lincoln was present.

MR. ERNST SAYS GOOD SEED CORN WILL BE SCARC

WINNEBAGO, Neb., Dec. 17.—Hon. William Ernst of Tecumseh, one of the most practical farmers in the state, is of the opinion the matter of seed corn for Nebraska farmers next year is going to be a question. During the long drought of last summer the corn did not grow but stood absolutely still for a period of over a month, thus naturally delaying its maturity. Then the unexpected killing frost on November 3 caught the corn in bad shape. Mr. Ernst says that the farmers who had not selected their seed corn before the frost had better seed elsewhere or in any event test all that is used. Great loss could be suffered by Nebraska farmers in the use of poor seed. Prof. C. W. Furness, superintendent of agricultural extension of the University of Nebraska, writes Mr. Ernst that he has written to mail facilities in the state for seed, has tested the same and has found good seed in but one or two sections.

MISS GUDATH WILL GET FARM

Girl Said to Be Too Young Will Be Allowed to File.

BREADWINNER FOR FAMILY
Her Mother is an Invalid and Her Stepfather is Paralytic—Does All Work of Farm with Aid of Small Brothers.

TEGOMY, S. D., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Freda Gudath of Fairfax, who drew No. 15 in the recent Mellette and Bennett county land drawing, will be able to file when her name is called next April, despite the fact that she is a few months of being the age required by the government. Early newspaper reports stated that she would not be allowed to file on this account, but Messrs. Kull and Oldham of this city have been looking into the matter for the young woman and a provision is found in the homestead law that leaves no doubt as to her right to a homestead. The homestead law states that any minor, male or female, who is the head of the family and is the means of support of the family, is qualified to file. Real Head of Family.
Miss Gudath's case fully comes in under the above condition. In fact, it is a parallel case with that of Mary Kendall, who drew No. 1 in the recent drawing. Her father is dead and she resides on a farm near Fairfax with her mother and stepfather. Her mother is an invalid and was confined in a hospital for several months a few years ago and is at present almost helpless. The stepfather is a paralytic and the work of the farm is thrown onto the girl. Although there are several other brothers none of them are at home or contribute to the support of the family.
Does All Work of Farm.
Miss Gudath does the farm work, with the assistance of two younger brothers. She goes out into the field, winter and summer, puts up hay, cultivates corn, stocks trees, besides tending to all the household duties of the home.
There seems to be no doubt but what she can file and the officials at the local land office give it as their opinion that she has an legal right as any successful homemaker of the opening.

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OUTPUT OF BLACK HILLS MINES OVER SEVEN MILLIONS

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The annual report of State Mine Inspector Daugherty, which has been filed with the governor, shows that the total output of the Black Hills gold mines for the year ending November 1 was \$3,255,995.25. This he divides into different mine outputs as follows:
Homestake \$3,255,995.25
Goldie \$2,700,000.00
Washburn \$2,200,000.00
New Holland \$1,450,000.00
Black output placer mines \$3,255,995.25
The different mining propositions in the Black Hills employ 2,541 men, among which accidents last year caused the death of nine and serious injury to thirteen.

Captain Harper Dies at Ottumwa Home

OTTUMWA, Ia., Dec. 17.—Captain Samuel H. Harper, 65 years old, mayor of Ottumwa, former state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and twice state senator from this district, died of heart trouble today. He was captain of the Forty-sixth regiment, United States Colored Infantry, during the civil war.

BAR GETS AFTER MEN HIGHER UP

how much, to whom, in what form or under what pretext or disguise funds appropriated and expended by the corporation to hinder or obstruct public justice. "Fourth, that this association pledge to the committee who shall be appointed under this resolution sufficient financial aid and our active and earnest co-operation."
Action is Urged.
Attorney Clinton Egan moved the adoption of the resolutions and half a dozen or more attorneys seconded. President Weaver called for the yeas, but S. A. Searle took the floor and spoke to the question. He said he did not believe the members were fully informed and he believed the matter too important to be put through hurriedly. He said he would have regular officers whose duty it is to act against any and all law violations, and added that he would like to know the names of the committee. He said he was not in the attitude of opposing any well advised action looking toward ridding the county of jury bribing, but he wished care to be taken.
When Mr. Weaver said the committee was composed of Attorneys Smyth, H. C. Borne, Sullivan, Mahoney and Seldridge, Searle withdrew all his objections and the motion to adopt was unanimously carried.

YOUNG ROBERTSON

COZAD, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Cliff Robertson, cashier of the Cozad State bank at Cozad, and Miss Edna Robertson, one of the most popular young women of this place, were married on Thursday at the home of the bride by Rev. Bryant Howe at 4 o'clock. At 6 o'clock dinner was served to a number of intimate friends of the couple. The bride is the youngest daughter of William Robertson, wealthy stock raiser of this city. The groom was formerly assistant cashier of the First National bank of Cozad before being promoted to his present position.

Big Tax Bill at Iowa City

IOWA CITY, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Bills to collect taxes due on corporation stock valued at \$600,000 are to be brought by Johnson county here in the name of J. S. Watson, county treasurer. The defendants are T. C. Carson, George S. Carson and Fred C. Carson, administrators; George E. Carson, J. D. Jorgensen, George and Clara Taylor McCann.

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Says He Has Kemmerling's Sworn Statement to Opposite Effect.
President G. W. Wattles of the street railway company has issued a statement on behalf of the company in which he says he has a sworn statement from John Kemmerling which is exactly the opposite of that given to the Omaha Bar association, on which that association passed resolutions at its banquet Saturday evening and asking that proceedings be instituted in the name of the state to forfeit its franchise.

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Mr. Wattles says he personally had the books of the company gone over at the time of the Kemmerling investigation to see if any money had been spent as charged and that nothing on the books showed any such expenditure.
Following is the statement of Mr. Wattles:
"To the Public.—The officers of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company read with regret the resolutions of the Omaha Bar association charging the company with being guilty of improper conduct and asking that proceedings be instituted in the name of the state to forfeit its franchise.
"It is a well recognized and fundamental principle of justice that persons should not be condemned without being given an opportunity to be heard. The street railway company was not given any notice nor an opportunity to make defense to the wholesale charges promulgated in the resolutions. An expectation of that sort can scarcely be expected to meet with the approval of a fair minded public.
"A group of lawyers should be the last body of men to be guilty of the offense of passing resolutions which are scandalous in their nature, and which manifestly and probably have been intended to prejudice the public against the company, rather than a justifiable investigation of the truth of the charges.
"The Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company has always endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with the public and to make a candid statement and explanation of any matter about which the public has any reason to complain. In the management of the business of the company no money is disbursed without a voucher being presented therefor, and approved by the general manager, and no voucher has ever been approved where there was any knowledge or means of knowledge that the money was not properly and lawfully expended. In every instance where any money has been received by the company a suspicion of any wrongdoing in the claim department an investigation has been immediately had and in each instance it was found upon investigation that the report was untrue in fact.
"In the investigation of the Kemmerling case at the time of his arrest the following facts were brought out: He was found guilty of contempt of court, not because he refused to answer questions, but either paid or authorized the payment to him of any money, but because he was found guilty of soliciting and of actually accepting \$30 paid to him, not by the street railway company, but by an employee sent to him as the result of a conference between two lawyers, one of whom furnished the \$30.
"Arthur Gross of the claim department of the street railway company was proceeded against on the charge of attempting to bribe a juror, but upon the trial the judge directed a dismissal of the case upon the ground that the evidence was insufficient to justify the submission of the question to a jury. That ought to have speeded this matter before a fair-minded group of lawyers.
"Investigates Money Spent.
"At the time the present charges of the company caused a national investigation to be made of vouchers to satisfy himself whether any money had been paid to or through the claim department to Mr. Kemmerling or for any other improper purpose, and found that no money had been paid to him, or to the claim department that might have been used for that purpose or in any improper or unlawful manner. Aside from this the street railway company caused an inquiry to be made of Mr. Kemmerling and has in its possession a stenographic report of a long interview with Mr. Kemmerling, in which he makes the positive statement that no one representing the street railway company ever gave or offered to give him a single dollar for any purpose whatsoever while he was serving as a juror, and that any statement to the contrary is false and untrue.
"In all candor we ask the public whether it was fair for these lawyers to pass these condemnatory resolutions while attending their public dinner, the effect of which is to prejudice the street railway company in its litigation, and also to seriously affect its securities, consisting of stocks and bonds which are held by thousands of innocent persons, on the unsupported confession of a single individual whose confession is contradicted by his sworn statement in court and by his previous admissions in writing.
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"By G. W. Wattles, President."
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"All I have to say regarding the bar association's action is that the supposed facts upon which it was based are absolutely untrue," said H. A. Lemmer, assistant general manager of the street railway company. "The company has never spent money to influence jurors. If any money has been spent it was absolutely without the knowledge of any of the officials and they do not know of it yet. I don't believe it was. If it were true we should know it. It is extremely unlikely that any employee of the company would go down into his pockets for money to fix jurors or anyone else in the hope of making the company think him a capable man in his department."
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