

SCHOOL BOARD HAS DEFICIT

Cosgrove Figures Out that a Real Shortage of Funds Exists.

REVENUES ARE NOT RECEIPTS

While Admitting Cash Deficit, the Comptroller Says it is Not Real Because of the Uncollected Taxes.

Some of the funds from which the school board expected to meet the 1911 disbursements were to have been derived from taxes and interest thereon for years extending back to 1904. In City Comptroller Cosgrove's January summary of the condition of city funds a balance of \$16,828.29 over expenditures was shown. The uncollected taxes were fixed at \$75,353.22, called in the report "revenues."

These uncollected taxes are not called "receipts," explained Mr. Cosgrove, "but are general fund expenditures called 'disbursements.' Revenues and expenditures are the moneys raised by levy and expended on warrants. Receipts and disbursements are the actual amounts received and expended. Hence this apparent discrepancy, in which the school board is charged with a deficiency of \$49,000."

Admits Cash Deficit. Mr. Cosgrove admits there is a cash deficiency, but denies there is a real deficit in expenditures, since the uncollected taxes would amount to \$96,968.23 and would therefore be equal to a deficiency of \$80,961.79 in the general fund, not considering the alleged invalid condition of the bond redemption fund, a matter brought to light by the finance committee.

City and County Treasurer Ure has doubts regarding the collection of the full amount of back taxes, explaining that many of these taxes cannot be paid, being personal taxes and the people on whom they were levied having died or left the city long since. Hence there is no certainty as to percentage of these uncollected taxes that can be collected, and as the collections fall below 100 per cent a proportionate deficit will be created.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

Mr. Cosgrove has prepared a statement of these uncollected taxes, which bear interest from 1904 to 1906 at 12 per cent and from 1907 to 1911 at 10 per cent. The taxes with accrued interest are:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911. Total of \$96,968.23.

RETURN OF LOST COIN PROVES TRUTH TO HER

There's honesty among men, no matter what may be the opinion of judges and lawyers. So, at least, Mrs. A. L. Alexander, wife of "the shoeman" has decided, for Thursday morning she had an experience which has led her to this conclusion. She was down at shopping when a young man interrupted her progress with the words, "Here is your \$20 gold piece."

"I just picked the gold piece up. It fell from your purse, so I am positive it is yours," Mrs. Alexander was still skeptical, but the young man asked her to look into her pocketbook. She did so and found that a \$20 gold piece had dropped out through a hole in the purse. Mrs. Alexander has more confidence in men now. She says it would have been very easy for any one to have kept the money without her knowing how the gold had gone.

MEN CAUGHT PAWNING A TRUNK STOLEN FROM CHURCH

Judge Foster has decided that Hill Dugan and Steve Nolan are two of the worst men in Omaha. Wednesday they made their way to St. Rita's church at Eighteenth and Ohio streets, where the women of the church were feeding any deserving person who came, with a good square meal. Steve and Hill had finished a big meal and were walking out of the church when they noticed a large trunk in a hallway. They stole the trunk and carried it to a pawn shop, where they were attempting to pawn it when they were arrested charged with vagrancy. They were given the heaviest sentence which Judge Foster has imposed, since being on the bench—sixty days each on the rock pile.

THIEVES GRAB PURSE FROM MRS. R. E. ENGLISH

While Mrs. R. E. English, 204 Hector boulevard, was walking home Wednesday near Twentieth and Boulevard about 7 p. m. she was attacked by two thieves, who jerked her pocketbook from her hand and then disappeared in the darkness. The pocketbook contained but one silver dollar. Mrs. English had been visiting with a friend and was walking in the center of the street and almost home when the two men jumped out of a clump of bushes. Neither one said a word to her, but jerked her handbag from her hand and ran away.

TRIANGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

On Friday evening the annual triangular debate between teams from Council Bluffs, Sioux City and Fort Dodge High schools will occur. The Council Bluffs team that meets the Fort Dodge team will have the affirmative, and the one that meets Sioux City will have the negative of the question: Resolved, That Immigration Should Be Restricted on a Basis of Illiteracy.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all druggists.

St. Louis Warns This City Against Some Quack Medical Men

Health Commissioner R. W. Connel has received a letter from Dr. G. A. Jordan, assistant health inspector of St. Louis, warning him against the proposed establishment of a medical institute in Omaha by two or more fakirs. The plan of these men is to furnish a building with all modern appliances of a medical institute, hire Hungarian, Bohemian, French, German and Italian interpreters, advertise for custom in the foreign papers and then force the interpreters to represent themselves as physicians. One reputable, certified physician is usually employed.

In St. Louis two men by the name of Sheridan and Weitzman established such an institute and carried it out in detail. They secured the service of Dr. S. D. Neving and several foreigners, who were pressed into service as physicians. These men were paid \$25 per week and Sheridan and Weitzman were doing a thriving business until their fraud was detected. They are now held in St. Louis for investigation and Dr. Neving's certificate will be revoked.

During the examination of the two men and their several employes it was discovered that they were well under way for the establishment of such an institute in Omaha. The health department of St. Louis at once notified this city, and any attempt to carry out the original plan will be met with strenuous legal objection. The impostors, who were reaping a fortune from their systematic fraud, are being held on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Water Board Decides Not to Take a Hand

The city comptroller will not be handicapped nor assisted by the Omaha Water board in his efforts to collect several thousand dollars occupation taxes from the water company. While no official action was taken at the meeting of the water board Wednesday afternoon, the opinion seemed to be general that it was a case between the city and the water company and the board had no cause to take part in it.

Nothing but routine business was transacted at the meeting. An extension of time to March 3 was granted the Katz Construction company on the construction of the Dundee main, which has been delayed by inclement weather.

Officials Find Jail that Suits Blanche

At last a jail has been found that is suitable as an abode for Blanche Waggoner during the next four months. She was given that much time by Judge Smith McPherson upon conviction on a white slavery charge, and the judge ordered her committed to Fremont, because the Douglas county jail is unfit.

The officials at Fremont do not want her, announcing that their jail is too crowded. It was then suggested that Blanche be committed to Hastings, and then it came her time to object. She did not desire to go there because Hastings is her home town.

Ak-Sar-Ben Hustlers Boosting Musketeers

To plan a boosting campaign for the "Jolly Musketeers," the Ak-Sar-Ben show which will be given at the Brandeis late this month, twenty-five Ak-Sar-Ben hustlers met at luncheon at the Rome yesterday as the guests of the ball committee of the order—Messrs. Barker, Buckingham and Dietz. Each one will be expected to sell a bunch of tickets and tickets will also be placed on sale at a number of centrally located stores.

THIRTY DAYS ON THE ROCKS FOR STEALING SILK GOODS

Mark Anderson, who refused to give his address, was sentenced to thirty days on the rock pile by Judge Foster for the theft of twenty-five yards of silk from the Brandeis store. He was caught with the goods on him by House Detective William Casey. He had a pocket which went through his coat and took the silk from the counter and slipped it through the pocket. When he was taken to the private office in the store to be searched he put up a fight with Mr. Casey, the result being that he was somewhat battered and very meek when he was taken to the station. He pleaded guilty to the charge of petty larceny in court.

STEALS FROM HOUSE WHERE HE GETS A SQUARE MEAL

Because he was "down and out," and could not get any work in the city, William Samponish, who gave his address as Salt Lake City, Utah, told Judge Foster that he had to steal in order to keep from starving and to get money enough to get a bed. He said he had been in the city about a week and had only eaten three meals in that time. He was arrested Wednesday for the theft of a grip from a house where he had begged a meal and received it. He was sentenced to thirty days on the rock pile.

HELPLESS CRIPPLE DIES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

William Jordan, 15 years old, died on Wednesday, after having been a helpless cripple for two years from infantile paralysis. He lived with his parents at 517 Poppleton avenue, and funeral services will be conducted there Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Proper Installation of Gas Pipes Needed

Waldemar Michaelson, city electrician, wants the city to provide inspectors to see that gas pipes are properly installed. "If this is done," said Mr. Michaelson, "the risk of sickness and death will be averted. While the city provides that electrical fixtures shall be properly installed there is now no provision for inspection of gas installation, except that secured by the property holders who hire the individuals to do the work. Mr. Michaelson will press the matter before the city council, giving instances where negligence has resulted in sickness and might have resulted in death. He will point out the dangers of defective installation of gas fixtures and compare the methods employed in installing gas with those used in installing electricity, which, he says, is "much less dangerous."

FODREA IS SECRETARY OF NEBRASKA RETAILERS

Fenn F. Fodrea of the Omaha Trade Exhibit has been appointed secretary of the Nebraska Federation of Retailers to succeed Mr. Avery of Tilden, who resigned. L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood, who is in Omaha to confer with Mr. Fodrea, says he expects an attendance of 1,000 at the federation's annual convention in Omaha in March.

UNCLE SAM SENDS MAN WITH SEED CORN TRAINS

L. L. Zook of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, a former Nebraska boy, has been detailed by the department to represent Uncle Sam on the special seed corn trains which will be run in Nebraska late this month and early in March.

JURY FINDS JAIL GERM CAGE

Investigators Now in Session Urge an Immediate Cleanup.

ORDER IS CARRIED TO SHERIFF

Partial Report of Grand Jury is to the Effect that the County Jail is in a Very Unsanitary Condition.

Criticism of the Douglas county jail for its unsanitary condition is contained in a partial report of the grand jury made to Presiding Judge Abraham L. Sutton. The report indicates that the grand jury will have more to say regarding conditions in the jail and will recommend correction of other evils in its final report, but it believes that the matter reported upon at this time should be corrected immediately.

Judge Sutton at once sent copies of the report to Sheriff Felix McShane, Jr., and to the Board of County Commissioners. The copies were accompanied by notes from the judge suggesting that the recommendations of the grand jury be put into effect at once.

Grand Jury's Report.

Pending our report in full, we wish to offer the following: Immediate attention should be given to the sanitary condition of the cell rooms of the county jail. We found five men sleeping in a cell that should not accommodate more than two. In addition to the crowded condition, we find that the inmates of the institution are locked in their cells at 8 p. m. and not allowed to come out thereof until 8 o'clock a. m. following. An uncovered bucket is placed in each cell for the necessary convenience of the occupants, who are forced to use the same, should occasion require during the above mentioned period of ten hours. This uncovered receptacle is allowed to remain in the cell until morning, at the above hour mentioned, disseminating its noxious odors throughout the night.

Such a condition is bad, and should not be permitted to continue in a civilized community, as it is dangerous to health of those forced to breathe this fouled air, and besides the danger of spreading contagious diseases, the same time a possibility of starting an epidemic of some virulent disease which may sweep through Omaha with results that cannot be foretold. We, therefore, recommend that the guards, or some other duly appointed persons of this institution be compelled to patrol throughout the night at regular hourly periods, each tier of cells and remove this receptacle, which, furthermore, should be a covered vessel. We will submit a report, with recommendations for a final correction of the above evil, as well as regarding other pertinent facts of the institution.

When the grand jury convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after the noon adjournment Arthur W. Gross was placed on the stand and kept there until 3:15. He said he was told the grand jury probably was through with him, but might recall him.

Inquire into Dope Sales. Testimony of violations of the statutes against the sale of morphine, cocaine and other kinds of "dope" was laid before the grand jury by order of Judge Sutton in the afternoon. The testimony was given by Charles Garrish, a "dope fiend."

Garrish is well known to the police and has made them much trouble. He was before Judge Sutton on a charge of larceny for stealing some harness. When Sheriff McShane took the man before the court he was in a pitiable condition because since his incarceration in the county jail he had been deprived of his "dope."

Judge Sutton noted his condition and asked him where he had secured the drugs. He named two places. The judge instructed McShane to take Garrish down and let him tell it to the grand jury. This was done. Several attempts to cure Garrish have failed.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

King Casting About for More Subjects

King Ak-Sar-Ben has started his membership campaign for the year, the initial step being to send out circulars to each member of last year asking him to "come across" with his \$10 initiation fee and then make it his business to induce one other man to join. Part of the circular is given to a cartoon by Doane Powell, reproduced from The Bee showing Mother Omaha holding the Ak-Sar-Ben babe in her arms, with these words below: "Watch Ak-Sar-Ben grow. Do better; make him. Feed him \$10 memberships."

FOSTER HANDS BIG FINE TO THE LECLEDE BUNCH

The city coffers were swelled to the amount of \$147 when ten inmates of the Laclede hotel at 112 South Ninth street were fined \$10 and costs each in police court. William Sutherland, the ringleader, was fined \$25 and costs. Sutherland was charged with running a disorderly house and the others with being inmates.

Exquisite Loveliness of Hair and Skin

(Annie Ely in The Realm.) "The exquisite loveliness of English girls' complexions can be gained by American women who take the same care. Instead of powder and paint, use a simple lotion made at home by dissolving an original package of mazarines in a half-pint of witch hazel. Apply in morning, rubbing gently, and your complexion will be as clear, soft and satiny as a baby's—with no dark or muddied discolorations. "Abundant and glossy hair follows continued dry shampooing. Wetting takes the life out, and makes hair brittle and colorless. Put a cupful of cornmeal in a fruit jar, add an original package of thorax, shake together, and you have a six months' supply of shampoo powder. Sprinkle a little on the head and brush out well. Do this every week or two and your hair will be bright, fine and wavy. "Don't neglect a cold. You must be well to look your best. Remember, colds lead to chronic catarrh. The best remedy for colds, catarrh, sore throat, croup, etc., is Mother's Salve. It is wonderfully healing."—Adv.

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