

THE TAX LEVY COMPLETED

City Council Monday Made the City Levy—The Total Assessment is \$5.25 on the Hundred.

All the officials who have the honor to figure out the amount of taxes the citizens of this city shall pay have now finished their work and the unfortunates who are burdened with property will be relieved to learn that the assessment this year will be but \$5.25 on each of their taxable hundred dollars.

Here is the way the tax is divided up:

The state board made its levy as follows: General purposes 4.8 mills; county general 6 mills; county bonds 1.5 mills; court house 2.5 mills; total 14.8 mills.

Iola township, which voted railroad and bridge bonds while Iola city was a part of it, thus sticking the city for a share in the interest, levied as follows: Railroad bonds 1.5 mills; bridge bonds 1.2 mills; total 2.7 mills.

The city school board made its levy of nineteen mills, divided into 15 mills for general purposes and 4 mills for bonds and interest.

The city council levied as follows: General revenue10 mills; Int. refund bonds1 " ; Int. water and light5.5 " ; Street and alley1.5 "

Total16 " The total levy in the city, therefore, is the sum of all these, amounting to five dollars and twenty-five cents tax on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

Last year the tax was \$5.57 on \$100, so the burden is lighter this year than last. In 1901 the tax was scattered as follows among the various needy departments:

State \$.45; county \$.60; county bond \$.12; court house \$.25; Iola township \$.30; city general \$.75; railroad bond \$.20; street and alley \$.25; school \$ 2. ; water and light interest \$.60; total city \$ 3.85; total of all \$ 5.57.

Talked on Socialism.

As the result of a liberal distribution of hand bills by an Iola man who is a chile vender by practice but a communist in theory, some fifty people got together in the park last night when Mr. Frank P. O'Hara, the editor socialist, explained that belief.

The talk of the Socialist is both amusing and irritating. He asks his audience if they want more money, more leisure, more luxuries and less work. Seldom does he fail to find willing listeners. That is all their argument: If you want what the other fellow has got by thrift or acuteness of unceasing toil and want it without working for it, fall in behind me and as soon as enough of us get together we will take what we want.

O'Hara has a good nasal whine when he talks. One ought to whine continually who has as poor an opinion of men as he has. He believes that the rich are all thieves; the poor all deserving, oppressed angels.

So he laid down this proposition: The laws are no longer made to protect society or prevent crime. They are made to enable the rich to rob the poor. I saw a man dragged into court for stealing three potatoes. He told the court that his baby was starving and his wife ill. After trying in vain to find work and made desperate by the suffering of his starving family, he stole the potatoes. The judge sent him to the work house for six months, and nobody interceded. On the other hand John D. Rockefeller stole millions from the people and he was made head of the Baptist church.

He asked the audience if they didn't want more clothes, more silk dresses, more cigars, more carriages. If so join the socialists. If you want a rich living without the trouble to work or think, get into the grab party. The only illustration of how the great change in society is to come was the story of how plike roads were once owned privately. He did not state that they were mighty good roads, made good by some man's money. He simply felt a horror that people should be asked to keep off the roads or pay toll for enjoying their excellence. What he did approve of was when a mob tore down the toll gates and seized the roads. That was the only thing he said which gave a clue to the way the Socialist millennium was to be accomplished.

He sneered at the intelligence of his hearers. He told them they worked for less money now than years ago, while the price of a bare existence had increased. He said the beef packers got together, decided the poor were eating too much meat, raised the price on that account, stealing millions from the poor and at the same time making the farmer sell cattle to them for eight cents which it cost nine to raise.

And this morning O'Hara, the man who wants everybody to get all his work is worthy, who believes in big pay and little work for everybody, this apostle of unselfishness, trotted all over town with a job of printing; got it done cheaply. Asked seventy-five cents for the job he offered five

O'Hara as he carried the job out of two offices. And right there is the serpent in his Eden. Human nature is much alike even in Socialist reformers and common people. It is pleasant to think of getting for nothing what the other fellow has and we have not: it is a different thing to pay seventy-five cents for a piece of work, although that is a reasonable price, when we can get it done for fifty.

Here's betting O'Hara wouldn't have to divide with anybody if his scheme were carried out.

Something About Paving.

Iola has decided to pave her streets and so these figures which Chanute has secured, showing the cost of the kind of paving we want, are interesting here. The Tribune says:

The council awarded the Main street paving contract last night after considering the bids in executive session, to Stephen Schuttler & Co., a Ft. Madison, Ia., firm, whose bid for paving complete was \$1.57 per sq. yd. Six other bids were considered and were as follows:

W. H. Stuckey, Coffeyville, \$1.624; Ramsey & Ramsey, Topeka, \$1.80; R. S. Gillilan, Ft. Scott, \$1.85; W. M. Edwards, K. C. Mo., \$1.87; John Ritchie, Lawrence, \$1.88; Chopson & Greever, Leavenworth, \$2.00.

Bids on curbing alone were submitted by the Ft. Scott Flagstone Co., and Henry A. Usher. The firm bid 49¢ per lineal foot new curbing 14¢ for changing old, while the latter bid 60¢ for the new and 15¢ for the old.

The contract must be completed by the end of the year so it is not to be very long until Chanute will have one of the finest streets in the state.

The contract calls for the best kind of paving. A base of asphaltum then a layer of sand, then a layer of Chanute brick laid on side, a layer of sand on this, lastly pavers laid on edge.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare ten year improvement bonds. This will give property owners on Main street ten years to pay their paving assessment if they desire it, one-tenth being paid each year by tax levy. All who desire of course can pay cash now before bonds are issued, which it is thought most of the property owners will do.

Surprised Mrs. Bartels

A very pleasant social function occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bartels on North Washington last Tuesday.

It was perpetrated by Salem Chapter No. 4 O. E. S., who deftly and quietly took possession of the spacious parlors, completely surprising their hosts.

The grounds were soon lighted with Japanese lanterns and a mandolin company put in an appearance who discoursed sweet music while merry voices whiled away the hours in song and laughter.

Mrs. Bartels is an invalid and a much loved sister of the order, and the surprise was as grateful as it was unexpected. The gift of a large and beautiful bouquet of roses and asters presented by the worthy matron, Mrs. Shoemart, in a few well-chosen and touching words, was a pleasant feature of the evening.

Refreshments, dainty and palatable, were served, and about fifty guests partook.

The moonlight, the music, the feasting, the love and cheer made an event that will be long remembered by Mrs. Bartels and her happy friends.

A STAR.

PENSION CAME TOO LATE

On the Day He Died Sam O'Hara Was Allowed a Pension of \$72 Per Month.

Notice was received in Iola Monday from Mr. E. F. Ware, pension commissioner at Washington, as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that the claim of Samuel O'Hara, Moran, Allen county, Kansas, for increased pension has been allowed at \$72 per month from May, 1902."

And that is a sad, sad story. The letter is dated at Washington on the 16 of August, the very day on which O'Hara died. Before he went to war O'Hara was a stout young man. Broken by the war he came home and sometime later was allowed a pension of \$8 a month. His health was so poor that application for total disability pension was made at once and urged by Kansas Congressmen.

It is one of the ironies of this sad old world that the pension which might have permitted the soldier to seek health in a climate more balmy than this was allowed on the day of his death.

Neodesha Register: The Lanyon brothers of the Spelter Company have bought two beautiful half blocks of ground on the corner of 8th and Lincoln streets north and will soon build for their own occupancy five or six of the handsomest houses in Neodesha. Both plots are on the east side of 8th

REUNION STARTS OFF WELL

Large Crowd Enjoyed the Entertainment Tuesday—Some Excellent Speakers Billed.

Tuesday was the first day of the Gas Belt Reunion but that evening there was a large crowd in attendance. The camp is a beautiful and inviting place and looked most attractive Tuesday.

The Crickets, the family of singers, well-remembered here by reason of pleasant former visits, render some amusing songs. The Neosho Falls drum corps stirred the blood with their war time music. An old soldier, unfortunately minus one arm, performed the surprising trick of playing four drums and a triangle at one time, and making a goodly amount of noise. Then there were talks by old soldiers and the evening camp fire, the pleasantest part of the reunion. There it is that the "old boys" sit about in comfort and tell the tales which moved the world to admiration in the days of '61.

On the side and incidental to the reunion is the mid way. It is not a tough, obscene row of indecencies, but booths where refreshments and gimcracks are sold. The cane rack, steam piano, merry-go-round, "nigger-baby" stand, rubber return balls—they are all there, and a lot more.

Died From Heart Failure.

Ed Dutton, a lame man who for several years was located in Iola, being operator at the Santa Fe depot, was found dead in his bed at his room in Chanute Sunday morning. He had been out hunting Friday, became over-heated and complained of being ill afterwards. When a boy went to wake him Sunday morning it was found that he had died during the night. He was a K. P. Workman and a railroad man and carried \$2,000 life insurance in the Workmen. The funeral was held Monday afternoon and Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Ellis, of Iola, attended. When Dutton lived here he roomed at the Grays'.

HERE AND THERE

While swimming in the Neosho near Chanute Sunday, E. A. Andrews, a blacksmith was drowned.

Prof. Bushong returned to his home in Olathe after spending Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. Hartung.

Born, Monday, August 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shea, of north Jefferson avenue, an eleven and a half pound son.

\$65 spring wagon for \$50; \$75 top buggy for \$60; \$70 top buggy for \$55; \$65 top buggy for \$50; Farmer's survey \$65. A. W. Beck.

Miss Clara Klammann left for Lake Geneva where she will spend a few weeks visiting relatives. Her brother accompanied her as far as Chicago.

The contract for the new Chanute Santa Fe depot, eating house, etc., which is to be erected at a cost of \$30,000 has been let to Mr. Career, of Lawrence.

Mrs. J. A. Jones returned to her home in Colony after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson returned home with her and visit there a few days.

Judge Smith Monday evening united in marriage Edward M. Green and Irma W. McNutt, both of Welda, Anderson county, at the home of Mr. Young, 23 Campbell street, in this city.

The W. O. W. of this city expect to have a big picnic in Crouch's Park August 31st and an excursion will be run from Kansas City touching intermediate points. Mr. Edgar agent at the Santa Fe received word yesterday that the train would consist of ten coaches.

Neosho Falls Post: Miss Eva Jackson has had a very tempting offer to conduct an orchestra at Chanute the coming fall and winter. She also has a good offer to play for the Elite Dancing Club at Burlington, and she already has enough pupils to insure her a class at Iola. Miss Jackson is a talented artist and Neosho Falls people will rejoice at her success.

After a week of distressingly hot weather, which seemed to reach a climax Tuesday afternoon, in a calm, sweaty sunbath, a cloud blew up in the heavens, swung around to the east, and last night deluged the dry earth with a magnificent downpour. The dust was cleared from the air, the face of the earth washed off and the beating rain did not leave much mud. It was a most grateful change for Iola and will not fail to be of great benefit in the county.

The recording of oil leases in the south part of the county continues. One bunch, made to J. L. Walker, grants a rental of \$1 per acre per annum, and specifies that drilling must be commenced within ninety days. 740 acres were leased to him by P. J. Dimond, Henry Schurfeld, C. W. Hall, W. C. Lassman and Simon Ratsbach. The lands lie in township 29, range 19, mostly, which means seven or eight miles southeast of Humboldt. James Finley also leased

Mrs. D. H. Manley of LaHarre passed through Iola on her way to Garnett.

Twenty of the Twentieth Kansas soldiers now hold offices in the regular army.

Mrs. Mary E. Faddis has been granted a widow's pension at the rate of \$12 per month.

Messrs. T. W. and W. H. Wooten, of Fredonia, arrived to visit a sister, Mrs. Emma Franshier.

Miss Theodore Aldrich arrived from Chicago for a week's visit with her sister Mrs. C. R. Sucher.

Judge Smith started off Wednesday by uniting in marriage John W. Head and Fay Brown, both of Elsmore.

The probate judge last Tuesday united in marriage Richard Grether and Edna Bringer, both of Gas City.

Mr. E. D. Shields, the clothing merchant, returned this morning from Chicago where he went to buy goods.

Miss Lulu Harris returned from Boulder, Colo., where she has been for a month in hopes of benefiting her health.

Mrs. Jim Ewart came up from McCune, Kans., Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williamson and their relatives.

The tramp found nearly dead near the Santa Fe stock yards some time ago is rapidly recovering. He is well educated man and for years was in the government secret service.

The editor of the REGISTER returned home Wednesday from Colorado where he has been for three weeks for rest and work. His family will remain there until the middle of September.

A REGISTER reporter heard a man making a peculiar complaint yesterday. He was a banker and had sent for several thousand dollars of gold ten dollar pieces but received twenties. Think of kicking on a big stock of twenty dollar gold pieces!

There will be a meeting of the Allen County Republican Central Committee in the court room in Iola, Tuesday August 26, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of planning the work of the campaign, and transacting such other business as may come before it. A full attendance of the committee is important. M. P. JACOBY, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ritter have returned from their trip to Colorado. Mr. Ritter says that owing to the absence of snow from the mountains the temperature in many of the valleys is nearly as high as it is here and the discomfort of being hot away from home is so much greater than when at home that he ended his trip.

If you were a young man, says Ed Howe, and had a chance to take up an occupation, what is the matter with bricklaying, which pays \$4 a day for eight hours work? Still, owing to the fact that the silly girls do not look with as great favor on bricklayers, most young men prefer to be dry goods clerks at \$4 a week which they think is something "higher."

Clark Thomas, of the Moran Herald, was in town Tuesday on business. Mr. Thomas and his wife are mourning the loss of a baby daughter, their first born, a bright little cherub whose brief life of but a few days makes the home seem vacant. They certainly have the tenderest sympathy of their numerous Iola friends.

The other night when it poured down a torrent of rain three Iola men got mighty wet. They had been out at Gas City, barely managed to catch the last car as it left that town, running to it through the rain, and then discovered that it stopped at the power house. They had to walk the mile into town through a regular flood.

The Bowls-Sapp wedding was solemnized at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, in a quiet, unostentatious way at the residence of Rev. William Hankins, who performed the ceremony. The groom wandered alone to the house, departing with Will Hankins, his best man; the bride arriving from another direction at a different time with the groom's sister. Why will people try to fool a reporter?

The REGISTER printed a story the other day about the mineral exhibit to be made at Butte, Montana, by Kansas at the International Mining Conference. Governor Stanley has appointed twenty delegates from this state, and among them are A. B. Cockrell, of Gas City, J. P. Coppeau, George A. Fry and L. L. Northrup, of Iola, E. V. Lanyon of Neodesha, and Oliver Garrison of Cherryvale, to represent the smelting interests.

Sir Henry Irving declares that once, when he was playing "Othello" in a western city, his audience was composed for the most part, of miners. "When we came to the handkerchief scene, where Othello demands the handkerchief of Desdemona many times, he says, 'I noticed that the audience was becoming exceedingly nervous. About the third time the demand for the handkerchief was repeated, a large Irishman in the rear of the house shouted: Wipe your

HAVE BROKEN THE HOODOO

Took First From Ft. Scott and Came Near Taking the Second—Twelve Games at Home.

One of the funniest games of the season was the Saturday game at Ft. Scott. Never before has Iola been able to beat the Scotties and papers confidently predicted an easy time. At the end of the second inning the evening papers went to press and there was a chuckle, audible for miles, among the fans when they read the score at that time: Ft. Scott 10—Iola 0. But the new Iola team knows not the word "despair." The boys had made errors galore to help Ft. Scott get those runs. They grinned, cut out the errors, began slugging the ball and when the game was over Jimmy Craven sadly admitted that he had "got his drubbin'" and the final score was 13 to 12 in favor of Iola. In the ninth Iola was two run behind, needing three to lead. She got 'em and blanked Ft. Scott.

Here is the game by innings:

Table with 2 columns: Iola, Ft. Scott. Rows for innings 1-9 and total score.

Iola lost the Sunday game at Ft. Scott 5 to 4, principally because the new team work is not yet pat with the players. The three errors made were costly, but the game was lost only by one run. Huffman, the Ft. Scott catcher, did some dirty work in a late inning. Carpenter, of Iola, was scoring from third on a long fly. The throw-in was perfect but Carpenter reached home nearly with the ball. Huffman blocked the line and Carpenter collided with him, but not heavily. Huffman snatched off his mask and struck Carpenter a dirty blow in the face.

The Scott team and the fans were tickled nearly to death when the game was over and they realized that they had won. That Saturday game made them very anxious. Today the two teams play the third game and Gill and Heinz will be the opposing pitchers.

The Sunday game by innings was thus: Ft. Scott 2 0 0 0 2 1 0 5 9 1 Iola 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 3 3

LOST A DOUBLE HEADER.

The ball fans were disappointed when news came that Iola had lost both games at Ft. Scott. They would have wagered their heads that we would take one. Just how it happened the REGISTER does not know. The first game was the first of the present series; the second, an old game, postponed on account of rain. Below are the details of the two games from this morning's Republican. They speak for themselves of the crippled line-up and the lack of hits, although in one game thirteen long flies were pulled down by Ft. Scott in the out field. Here are the details:

First game score:

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Second game:

Table with 2 columns: Ft. Scott, IOLA. Rows for players and total score.

The score by innings:

Table with 2 columns: Ft. Scott, IOLA. Rows for innings 1-9 and total score.

NOW TO REDEEM OURSELVES

Twelve Games at Home With Nevada, Fort Scott and Chanute—Last Chance to Leave the Bottom

The Nevada base ball team arrived Wednesday Missouri for its final three games with Iola. Fort Scott plays three at Chanute and then comes here for her last three games with Iola. Iola was then scheduled to play three at Chanute, but those games have been transferred here (the Chanute grounds being occupied) and after the three transferred games Iola plays three more here against Chanute. Thus we have twelve games at home, with the best team by far we have had at any time during the season. It is the final test and it decides whether Iola gets off last place. Incidentally the patronage decides whether Iola gets off the league ball earth. Now is the accepted time to attend, cheering the team to victory, encouraging the management to stay in.

Umpire Bruner, and whom no better has been found in this league by Iola this year, arrived this morning to umpire the game. That means a fair field and no favors—with which Iola would have been twenty games better off than she now is had absolute fairness been shown in all the towns all the time.

The few people who braved the threatening storm and the mud to take in the game of ball Wednesday saw one of the prettiest exhibitions of the season. There was no wrangling, only one error and a bright prospect of winning at the last moment. The final score shows up like this:

Table with 2 columns: IOLA, Nevada. Rows for total score.

Wouldn't that make you light your grandmother?

Heinz pitched for Iola and Torrie for Nevada. In the second inning Heinz gave a base on balls and the lucky walker scored on a hit. In the third inning Nevada got three hits in succession and made her second run. Iola scored her one run in the second on hits. Both teams did some brilliant fielding and only one error was made, it costing nothing. A vicious cloud blew up in the northwest and many left the grounds, but the storm did not come over. The wind blew a terrific gale from the north, converting many a hit into a pop-up. Fair field hits were blown foul by twenty feet. Long drives were held by the wind.

Thus the game proceeded, both teams doing fine work. The last half of the ninth inning looked like victory for Iola. Shaumyer was up first for Iola and got a safe hit. Kuran got a walk. Heinz hit, advancing Shaumyer to third, but putting Kuran out at second. Heinz then stole second and with one out, a man on second and third, Hartzell and Driscoll at bat, things certainly looked lovely and the fans went wild. But the high wind was against Iola. Hartzell hit a nice one that would have gone to the outfield, where even if caught Shaumyer could have scored, but the wind caught it and the infield nabbed the easy pop-up. Two outs and Driscoll at bat. He had the same luck as Hartzell and the game was over.

The game yesterday between Iola and Nevada resulted 4 to 1 in favor of Iola.

CONSCIENCE AND REMORSE.

"Goodbye," I said to my Conscience—"Goodbye for aye and aye!" And I put her hands off harshly, And turned my face away! And Conscience, smitten sorely, Returned not from that day. But a time came when my spirit Grew weary of its part; And I cried, "Come back, my Conscience, I long to see thy face!" But Conscience cried, "I cannot—Remorse sits in my place."—Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

DOUBTFUL RUMORS

And Still Scores of Iola People Accept Them as Facts.

The published statement of some stranger, residing in a far-away place, may be true enough; but it is generally accepted as a doubtful rumor. How can it be verified? The testimony which follows is convincing proof because it comes from a resident of Iola.

Mrs. W. H. Williams, of No. 418 Cottonwood street, says: "Some three months ago a very severe pain seated itself in the small of the back and for three or four weeks I sometimes suffered excruciatingly. I could scarcely attend to my household duties owing to it when I went to C. B. Spencer & Co.'s drug store for Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me from the first. A continuation brought greater relief and when I had completed the treatment backache ceased. Doan's Kidney Pills can be relied upon."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Doan's—50