

## COUNTY REALIZED SMALL SUM AT TAX SALE; SCHOOLS HARD HIT

The sale of delinquent taxes for the year 1919 on Ward county real estate was held at the office of County Auditor Kennard Tuesday. There were

but a few buyers and a very small percentage of the taxes were sold. Not more than 15 or 20 percent of the taxes on farm lands were sold to individuals and little or no city

or village property. Ward county bid in all of the taxes unsold. All of the farm taxes sold were bid in at 12 percent with the exception of one or two pieces that sold for 11 percent. This means that the buyers receive the 5 percent penalty and the one percent per month. In case the taxes are not redeemed within a year, the investment for the first year will net the buyers 17 percent. Last year the taxes sold at rates running from 5 to 12 percent. A few years ago when money was cheap and more plentiful, taxes were often bid in for the 5 percent penalty alone.

The buyers were particular to bid on no farm lands on which there was a penalty for hail insurance taxes, as the hail insurance draws only 6 percent. This undoubtedly was responsible to some extent for the light sale of farm taxes. Other years all of the farm lands had been sold. The list was much larger than ever. This year, the county realized only fifteen or twenty thousand dollars from the sale, whereas other years, the county's receipts were nearly \$50,000 and if all of the farm taxes had been sold this year, the receipts would have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00.

Mr. Kennard informs the Independent that this is going to leave the school districts in the county very short of funds for some time to come, or until the farmers and the owners of city and village property pay some of these taxes.

The schools are all running full blast and teachers are receiving the highest wages known. Warrants can be issued but it will be impossible to cash them, unless at a big discount, it is feared. Banks will not be able to accept these warrants at all.

Ward county will be affected in other ways. The county will have to register its funds and the warrants cashed later. These will also be discounted at quite a large percentage. The county was on a cash basis during the summer and it was hoped that it would soon be able to go on a cash basis again.

### THE LARGEST CITIES IN U. S.

1. New York City	5,621,151
2. Chicago	2,701,705
3. Philadelphia	1,823,158
4. Detroit	993,739
5. Cleveland	796,836
6. St. Louis	772,895
7. Boston	748,060
8. Baltimore	733,820
9. Pittsburgh	588,196
10. Los Angeles	576,673
11. San Francisco	508,410
12. Buffalo	506,775
13. Milwaukee	457,147
14. Washington	437,571
15. Newark	414,210
16. Cincinnati	401,247
17. New Orleans	387,219
18. Minneapolis	380,582
19. Kansas City	324,410
20. Seattle	315,652
21. Indianapolis	314,194
22. Jersey City	297,864
23. Rochester	295,750
24. Portland	258,288
25. Denver	243,109
26. Toledo	236,369
27. Providence	237,595
28. Columbus	237,031
29. Louisville	234,891
30. St. Paul	234,595
31. Oakland	216,361
32. Akron	208,435

33. Atlanta	200,616
34. Omaha	191,601
35. Worcester	179,754
36. Richmond	177,687

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CATTLE AND DUCKS DRINK IN OIL LAKE AND DIE Winnett, Mont., Dec. 10.—Rapid development of the Cat Creek oil field has resulted in the death of part of a herd of cattle that had been drinking oil. The fuel had been dammed up un-

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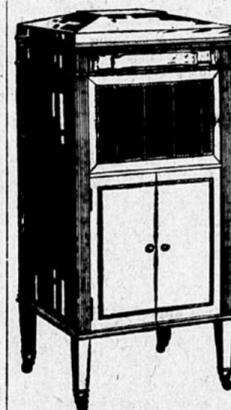
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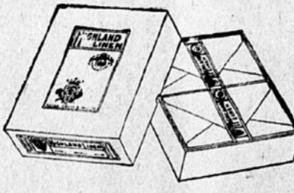
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### CHRISTMAS CANDY

JOHNSTON'S, the appreciated Chocolates in 1/2, 1, 2 or 3 pound boxes ..... 65c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.85 to \$3.50 a box

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