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EIGHT PAGES

THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.

A List of Those Who Pay Personal Property Taxes in Kandiyohi County and the Rates of Taxation.

For the information of its readers the TRIBUNE has published a complete list of the personal property taxes. The lists were copied by the TRIBUNE and are published solely as a matter of news. These taxes must be paid by March 1 next or the penalty will be added.

The rates of state and county taxes are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Tax Category and Rate. Includes State School Taxes (1.6 mills), County Road and Bridge (44 mills), Total of general taxes (7.78 mills).

CITY OF WILLMAR.

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Rate of school taxes: Dist. No. 47, 23.28 mills.

Rate of rates of taxes in the City of Willmar, 44.4 mills.

Large table listing names and property values for various districts in Willmar, including Adams, Allen, Anderson, etc.

A NIGHT IN A BARROOM

As Told at the Trial of John Nelson in District Court of This County.

FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT IN THIRD DEGREE.

Bartender John Nelson is Tried on the Charge of Having Kicked Thomas J. Lacey in Ejecting Him from Ole O. Ligeard's Saloon and Having Thereby Inflicted Grievous Bodily Injury on the Assaulted Man.

Witnesses Examined and the Testimony Throws Light on Life in one of the "Regulated" Dens Licensed by the Suffrages of a Majority of our Citizens to Do Business in the City.

No other case tried during the present term of court has been watched with as much interest by Willmar people as the case of State vs. John Nelson, or as it has generally been called, "the kicking case."

While it has been generally conceded that the accused man would hardly be convicted of anything worse than assault in the third degree, the bearing of the case on local city matters as well as the peculiar circumstances of the case itself has made it an important subject for the speculation and conversation of our citizens for several weeks.

We feel warranted therefore in devoting some space to a report of the trial, and feel that a true story of the proceedings during an evening in one of Willmar's licensed saloons may be read with profit by our citizens.

The work of selecting a jury to hear this case was begun last Thursday afternoon. Attorney Samuel Porter had charge of the defense, and County Attorney Charles Johnson, assisted by his partner in law, Atty. Samuel Olson, conducted the prosecution. Every juror was asked closely as to which Willmar newspaper he kept and as to how closely they had read the accounts contained therein about the trouble at the saloon at the time. It is a matter of pride to the TRIBUNE publishers that out of twenty-seven men picked from all parts of the county and examined as jurors for this case fully twenty testified that they were subscribers for the TRIBUNE. A few of these, however, kept both papers: This is a straw which points to the wonderful popularity and unprecedented circulation of the TRIBUNE throughout the county. And allow us to state that the account given by the TRIBUNE of this assault on the week that it occurred was correct, as was proved by the evidence brought out in this trial. Probably the pains taken to secure accuracy in the news service has something to do with the popularity.

The first gentlemen examined, O. R. Olson, was excused. The second one was C. S. Geer, of Burbank. He was accepted. N. B. Johnson of New London was stricken off by the defense. P. A. Brogren of New London was the second juror accepted. Andrew J. Nelson of Lake Lillian, when asked if he was prejudiced against parties engaged in selling liquor lawfully, replied, "I have not got much time for them." After trying in vain to prove him biased, the defense lost no time in using a peremptory upon him. Jonas Jonson of Mamre was accepted as third juror. He kept both Willmar papers, but read the account of the assault in the TRIBUNE only. O. O. Bakken of Green Lake was accepted. Knud Axness of Dovea Gregor Johnson of Irving and D. Harnstein of Green Lake were accepted. Martin Mattson was stricken off by the defense, and C. A. Nelson admitted that it would take some evidence to remove his opinions and was excused. C. P. Quist of Fahlan was accepted. J. G. Bjorberg of this city was stricken off by the prosecution. Oliver Thompson of New London was not wanted by the defense. O. J. Henjum of Norway Lake had an opinion and was excused. Geo. Tait was excused. Knud Olson of Colfax was accepted. G. Croonquist was excused by the state. Nels Bengtson of Roseland and A. E. Anderson of Lake Lillian were accepted. Oscar Thorson of Kandiyohi and Wm. Dickman of Harrison were excused because of opinions formed already. This exhausted the regular panel of 23 jurymen present and as it was supper time the 11 jurors selected were warned by the court not to listen to talk regarding the case, and court was adjourned until Friday morning. The jurors so far selected were Geer, Brogren, Jonson, Bakken, Johnson, Axness, Hagenstein, Quist, Olson, Bengtson and Anderson. Friday morning Thomas H. Olson of Edwards, the remaining man on the jury panel, was examined and found to have conceived notions regarding the affair, and was excused. Wm. Cook was called from the audience, but was excused on account of deafness. The twelfth acceptable juror was finally found in the person of John A. Peterson of Kandiyohi.

The prosecution opened the case with a statement by the county attorney to the jury. Attorney Porter objected to the introduction of evidence, alleging indictment not to be worded in such

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Admitted that he was quarrelsome when intoxicated. Remembering having some misunderstanding with Ole Ligeard, proprietor of the saloon. Was more or less faint after being kicked, but did not faint. Was taken out in a hurry. Thought the same crowd as usual was hanging about the saloon. Had seen Rose during the day but no feeling was shown. There was no trouble except that there might have been "more or less talk."

Had not said the day before that he was injured. Had talked with Madison about the fellow that was hurt the day before. Was positive he had not fallen over a short post on his way home. Was positive as to how he received kicks and that he was kicked two or more times.

J. W. Roberts was called. Came to Willmar Aug. 20 last and is employed in construction work for the Minnesota Western Elevator company. Was in saloon at time trouble occurred. Saw Nelson put Lacey out and saw him kick the latter two or three times. Was standing near the door and had opened the door before Nelson laid hands on Lacey. Nelson came from behind bar and took Lacey by the arm and led him to the door and kicked him from behind. Lacey made no resistance, and there were no words between Nelson and Lacey. After closing the door the bartender said, "I gave him a couple of good ones." On cross-examination witness stated that there were between fifteen and twenty people in the saloon at the time. He had noticed Miller, Rose, Hildal, Lacey, Schagel, Nelson, Sulzer, Madison, Ligeard and a number of familiar faces. Lacey and Rose were standing around together more or less. There had been some trouble between Lacey and Ligeard. Ligeard had blood on his face. Rose said it was a pity an old man should be hit like that. There was a great deal of noise and the crowd congested. Saw that Lacey would get hurt if he stayed. When he saw bartender come he opened the door and told Lacey to run. Lacey was talking to Manager Schagel before Nelson came, and was told to go out. Attorney for defense introduced a photograph of the interior of the saloon and a long examination was had as to the position of different parties. Witness stated that Lacey was walked out at a moderate rate of speed. Did not see Rose kick at Lacey. When re-examined by Atty. Olson, witness stated that Ligeard was drunk. When asked why he believed that Lacey would be hurt if he did not go out, the witness said he had seen bartender come out from behind the bar the day before and "punch" a man. This statement was objected to and was stricken from the evidence. Witness said for himself that he was sober at the time. Lacey swore when he was kicked.

A. J. Miller was called. He stated that he was in Willmar on Jan. 3 and stepped into Ligeard's saloon with

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he thought he had never in his life seen so depraved a face as he saw among them. He believed that the kicks administered to Lacey by Nelson landed. As Lacey looked around the witness saw a quick facial expression, but thought it was that of anger rather than pain. At this point the court adjourned for dinner.

The Friday afternoon session opened with Miller on the stand for the state. He stated that Nelson did not appear to be angry. He made a mark on the photo in evidence, marking his position at the time of the trouble. He stated he did not know all who were in the saloon. He thought at the time that Rose's demeanor was mainly a bluff. There was a good deal of very immoral talk.

Edwin Hildal testified that he was in the saloon at the time of the trouble. Saw Nelson come out from behind the bar, take Lacey to the door, but did not see the kicking. Heard the bartender say, "I gave him a couple of kicks," as he returned. A good deal of his testimony corroborated what had been said before. Did not think there was "such an awful row." He saw Ligeard's face bleeding. The latter was very drunk. Could not tell if injury on his face was a cut or a scratch. Rose looked kind of angry. Nelson's manner was pleasant.

L. H. Rude was called. He resides at Pesenden, N. D., and is deputy sheriff of Walsh county. Was visiting with Larson's, fourteen miles from town. Was in Willmar on the evening of Jan. 3. Was going by Ligeard's place and heard a great noise in there. Went in to see what was going on. Saw Nelson come from behind the bar and push Lacey out. Saw him kick twice when he came to the door. It was a big saloon row.

Frank Rose was called. Said he had resided at Willmar for 22 years. He saw Nelson lead Lacey to the door and saw the former kick the latter at least once, just when he was leaving. Heard some swearing. Heard no remark by Nelson. Saw Miller, Roberts, Hildal, Rude. Was in the saloon all afternoon. Had the hammer in his hip pocket all the time. Had used it in the barn. Had a few words with Lacey about a ham and a half of a hog. Offered Lacey ten dollars worth if he would quit drinking and go to work. Admitted being drunk. Had said that it was too bad that an old man should get hurt, when Lacey had struck Ligeard. Only pulled his coat partially off. May have tried to get after Lacey when he was put out but was held. Madison said to him, "Never mind him, he is gone." Witness only acted as if he was mad. Did not remember having kicked at Lacey. He took two more drinks and went out. Went over to shop. Asked his help how business was coming, and went back to the saloon. Admitted that he had said on returning, "I made the jump through

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Feb. 11.—Boys, remember your sweethearts with a valentine next Friday. Andrew Nordstrom made a business trip to Willmar last Saturday. Rumor has it that Miss Alma Mattson has left for Minneapolis for good. Misses Marriam and Alice Klint spent Sunday week before last at Herman Johnson's. Clarence Lindblad visited at John Lindblad's Saturday and Sunday. George Hulth spent last week in Minneapolis, visiting. S. J. Wahlgren went up to Wadena last week to look after his interests there and to make some improvements on his farm. Charles Johnson and Clarence Lindblad have returned August Ljodblad's farm for a term of three years. We wish you abundant success, boys. Miss Hilma Freedholm is spending the week in Roseland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Soderberg. Miss Thekla Wahlstrand, who is staying at L. P. Fel's, visited with her folks Sunday. Axel Lindblad made a pleasant trip to Minneapolis recently. Miss Sofia Johnson arrived here last week from Vestergotland, Sweden, and is at present enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Sonden. Deputy is fully aware of the fact that temperance, honesty, and industry reward their votaries with honors, but intemperance and indolence bring their adherents to dishonored graves. It is also a rule of law that voluntary drunkenness never excuses, but rather aggravates a crime committed under its influence. Yet, if the drunken condition of the criminal were brought about by the act of the person who suffered by the criminal act, it may in some measure mitigate the offense. The drunkard ninety-nine times in a hundred is as much responsible for what he does when he is drunk as the man who kills another through anger. We have often heard said that "drunkenness is insanity," but if so, it is insanity induced by the voluntary act of him who becomes drunk, and in this connection Deputy desires to add that in his opinion there should be a law in every locality that when insanity is interposed as a plea in defense in any criminal action where murder is charged in the indictment, and when such plea is found by the jury to be true. The defendant in such case should be incarcerated in the asylum for the insane for life, and without power of pardon relieve or discharge in any person or authority whatever. Such a law if strictly enforced would no doubt diminish the commission of great crimes. Note this ye drunkards, and bear it in mind. DEPUTY KID.

The Y. P. S. has decided to postpone their Washington festival until Feb. 28. A good program is being prepared. Also the needs of the body will be cared for. After the program the young ladies will serve coffee and cake in the schoolroom. The ladies of the M. E. church held a meeting at Mr. Jones' last Friday afternoon. Money was collected for church purposes. The school district 35, Miss Hilma Norman, teacher, is preparing to render an interesting program next Friday evening, Valentine day. The school is to be supported by a number of former scholars and none should fail to be present. Night sessions by young people should be discouraged. To come home from a jolly party 5 o'clock in the morning is rather too fast. The best of physicians advise young people to retire at ten o'clock at night, sleep soundly and wake up at 6 refreshed and strong for the new day's work and duties. The advice is worth a trial. The creamery at Kandiyohi is without a doubt one of the most prosperous concerns in the county. The valuable property is now all paid for and this has been done by the farmers within a few years and in such a manner that they hardly know it or at least never felt it, for the butter from this creamery brings the highest prices in the east and leaves monthly a surprisingly large return. The good result is due to the fact that the creamery has been fortunate to have first class creamerists and especially to the fact that it has been run in an honest business like manner. In all business there is nothing like honest, diligent and efficient management. The financial secretary is Charles Gabrielson and the treasurer John Lundquist. The president is Mr. Anderson. A phone is not simply for the sake of talking. It is for transmitting some important and worthy message, which generally takes only a few moments of time. Give the rest a chance!

Ladies Social Union of the Presbyterian church will serve coffee at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Tyler next Friday afternoon from 4 o'clock through the evening. Price, 10 cents. All are cordially invited.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a Frances Willard social at the home of Miss Gerda Wennerlund on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 20, at three o'clock. Refreshments will be served. All are very cordially invited.

Mrs. David Colville of Valley City, N. D., arrived Sunday morning for a visit with her sister, Mrs. T. M. Getchell, of this city.

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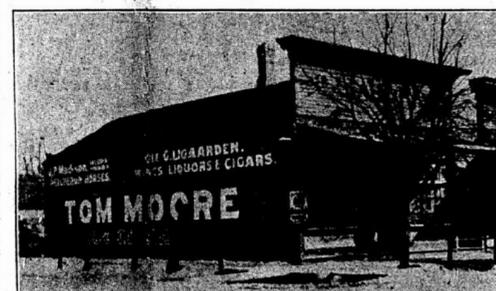
Feb. 10.—Jack Frost is enjoying himself immensely now-a-days. He seems to think it his greatest delight to bite people's noses. Some of the farmers on route No. 2 who placed wooden boxes along the road have been obliged to replace them with steel ones. J. J. Swenson offers his farm for sale. Here's a snap for some one who wants to buy a large and good farm. Charley Bloomgren has returned from Bowbells, N. D., where he has been staying since last fall. A large number of our young people attended the basket social in district No. 83 Saturday evening a week ago. Her Ellingsen and brother of Willmar were seen in this vicinity Friday of last week. Miss Annie Walner visited friends and relatives in Willmar last week. Ole Graanquist's house is looking up in fine style, and when completed will be a swell structure. Messrs. Wahltran, Dahlquist and Paulson, of Willmar, are doing the carpentering. Miss Caroline Hallquist has gone to Willmar to learn the dressmaking trade. Axel Lindblad and Charley Johnson are back from Foley, where they purchased each a carload of wood. Mrs. A. Nyquist has returned to Minneapolis after a visit with relatives and friends here. Misses Christine and Ida Graanquist are home from a stay in the land famous for its roses. The mail route in the southern vicinity is not a daily, as we stated in our last items, but only serves the farmers every other day. Some of our young people who had not learned who the champion letter writer is are feeling very puzzled, and some are losing sleep to find out. Some believe it is the writer, but there you are mistaken. Never mind who he is; he is a good fellow just the same. Emil Hegstrom took a trip to New London last Friday. Erick Molin transacted business at Elmquist's in Fahlan Wednesday. Miss Cora Peterson attended the teachers' examinations held in Willmar Friday and Saturday, consequently there was no school in district No. 68 Friday. A phone was put in at E. Molin's the latter part of the week. Little did Kid dream when he as a matter of news stated that Svea possessed the champion letter-writer of the county (and he hardly believes it yet) that any human being with as much brains as an insane hen could read it in such a way as to believe Kid meant his own report. But that is what the Lake Elizabeth "Pen" has done. Every sane person who read the item knows it meant different. Now, Mr. Penholder, read our items as they are printed. Never mix peas with beans—if you know the difference. P. N. Nelson, our successful poultry raiser, returned Saturday from a trip to St. Paul, where he had been in attendance at the poultry fair held there last week. Mr. Nelson brought with him some of the best class chickens to improve his already good breed, including a White Window rooster which scored 99 at the fair, for which he had to pay an enormous price. It is safe to say that he has the most reliable stock in the county. Everybody who intends to improve his poultry stock will do a wise thing in dealing with him. Miss Minnie Williamson returns to Minneapolis today after a three weeks' stay at home. She is now hale and hearty again. The Y. P. society will meet every other week. A splendid debate is said to take place. Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Johnson left for Kokato last Thursday, where they have leased a farm. We are sorry to see them leave but wish them much luck and happiness in their new home. Our merchant J. Ed Nelson will build an addition to his already large store. He is at present hauling materials. Mr. Nelson is a successful business man and is doing a thriving business, so he had to get more space in order to have better accommodations. KID MCCREE.

Feb. 11.—Misses Sadie Horne and Alvie Strong visited with Marie McCrimmon last Saturday evening. Miss Josephine Pagel entertained a few of her friends last Sunday. Marie and Charlie Miller departed for Minneapolis Friday where they will visit with relatives and friends for a few weeks. Charles Masters of Spicer was seen passing through here while on his way to Atwater Friday. Misses Evaline and Sadie Horne accompanied by Miss Elva Strong, spent Saturday and Sunday at their home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parsons and daughter Ruth visited at John Tait's last Sunday. Miss Anna Johnson, who has been in Minneapolis for some time, returned last Monday for a few weeks' visit. Gust Engberg is assisting Edward Feig for a couple of weeks. Oscar Orred of Spicer attended the crockinole party given at Albert Dahl's last Wednesday evening. Professor Fuok of Macalester College of St. Paul, held services in the church last Sunday. Grace Aspinwall spent Saturday with Jennie Johnson. Miss Otilie Moberg departed for Brooking, S. D., last Saturday, where she will visit for some time with her brother Anthony. On account of Mr. Dobson being sick Ray Strong hauled the mail last Saturday.

Mamre. Feb. 10.—David Anderson, who is attending the Seminary at Willmar, spent last Sunday at home. H. P. Logren went to Willmar Monday. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson drove out to their son Theodore Johnson in town of Woods, for a visit last Monday. John Holmgren shipped a car load of hay from Pennock to St. Paul last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Norman entertained a number of friends last Tuesday. S. Nyquist shipped a carload of timothy hay to St. Paul last Thursday. Rev. Brolund from Lamson, Minn., conducted services at East Salem last Thursday evening. Chas. Lindberg, Jr., went to Kerchoven Thursday to take charge of the creamery. We wish you success, Charley. Mr. Salberg of Minneapolis is visiting at N. Oman's. H. P. Logren was in Willmar as witness in a case, not as juror as was stated last week. Louis Torngvist from Minneapolis and Rev. C. Lind from Kast, Minn., conducted services at East Salem in the forenoon and at West Salem in the evening Sunday.

Kandiyohi. Feb. 10.—Henry Isaacson attended the surprise on O. A. Herberg last Friday. Mrs. Jonas Enblom was taken very sick last Friday. We hope for a speedy recovery. Miss Hilma Norman spent Saturday and Sunday in Willmar. Some of the young people from here attended the surprise party on Geo. Peterson last Friday. J. A. Isaacson has accepted a position as clerk at O. A. Ruden's store at Atwater. Miss Martha Enblom went to Willmar Sunday. Geo. Enblom went to Atwater last Saturday. A dance was given in the hall Monday. The auction sale at Emil Lundquist's last Thursday was well attended and every thing sold for a good price. Berg's young people of Genessee, visited at John Anderson's last Sunday. Miss Anna Anderson of Atwater made a short stay at home last Sunday. Geo. Peterson was seen around here last Sunday. MIKE.

A Change at the "Golden Rule." H. E. Crawford has purchased a third interest in the firm of Boyd, Neste & Sandven of the "Golden Rule" store in the Odd Fellows' Block. The deal was closed last Saturday. Mr. Sandven retires from the firm, and it was his share in the business that Mr. Crawford has purchased. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The post office known as Warner in the northern part of the county has been discontinued. People in that community now get their mail on Route No. 3, Belgrade.



The "Crystal Palace" Saloon.

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