

TAXES HIGH THERE

Topeka Has a Distinct Advantage Over Oakland.

Two Dollars Less This Year on \$2,000 Valuation.

NOW ADD POLL TAX TO THAT

Councilman Clayton Points Out Facts and Figures.

Reasons Why Two Cities Should Be Consolidated.

In an inclusive and full of fact argument, H. V. Clayton, councilman of Oakland, sets forth by figures today many substantial reasons why Oakland should consolidate its government with Topeka.

The election will be held in Oakland January 25. At this time the voters will decide the proposition to be absorbed by Topeka.

Councilman Clayton gives out the following in proof of his arguments in favor of the consolidation:

In discussing the question of the advisability of remaining a separate and distinct city, the first proposition that naturally comes up for consideration is that of whether or not by so doing the taxes on Oakland property will be less than they would be Oakland to consolidate with Topeka.

Inasmuch as many of the residents of Oakland have just recently paid either all or part of their 1912 taxes, we will see how the tax levies of the two cities for that year compare. Oakland's total levy, including state, county, township and school district levies, and excluding poll tax, was \$1.71 per cent one hundred dollars assessed valuation, and Topeka's total levy, including state, county, and school levies, and excluding township and poll tax, both of which are assessed at \$1.67 per cent one hundred dollars assessed valuation.

Compare this with the statements printed on the back of your tax receipt and see if it is not correct. Taxes One Dollar Higher in Oakland.

Now, taking the foregoing as a basis from which to figure, we find that for 1912 a resident and taxpayer in Oakland would pay \$1.71 in taxes on \$1,000 paid \$17.70 as taxes on the same; and for the same year the resident and taxpayer in Topeka who owned property assessed at \$1,000 would pay \$16.70 as taxes on the same.

Now, taking the foregoing as a basis and placing the property valuation at \$2,000, we find that the Oakland taxpayer paid \$35.40 for 1912, and the Topeka taxpayer paid \$33.40 for 1912, or \$2.00 less than the Oakland taxpayer paid.

Oh, yes, by the way, we have overlooked something. We must not lose sight of the fact that in Oakland, by virtue of an annual poll tax of \$1.00 (road) tax of \$2.00 per head to which every man between the ages of 21 and 50 is annually subject. This means that on an average at least one member of every family in Oakland is subject to a poll tax of \$3.00, so that in figuring out the taxes of a resident property owner of Oakland you must necessarily include the poll tax in your figures.

Now then, instead of a tax of \$17.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for 1912 as we figured it out above, the Oaklander really paid \$20.70 in taxes on \$1,000 more than he would have paid had he been a resident of Topeka. Further, on an assessed valuation of \$2,000 the Oaklander really paid for 1912 a tax of \$35.40 or just \$2.00 more than the Topeka taxpayer paid on the same valuation.

Now, there are in Oakland quite a few men who pay no tax whatever except the annual poll tax. They must naturally look at this proposition of consolidation with Topeka? They certainly know that if they were residents of Topeka that there would not be a city marshalling an exorbitant each and every year collecting a \$3.00 poll (road) tax from them. What have these men to gain by Oakland remaining a separate city? Now for further consideration of the following table may be of considerable interest to you. Read it over carefully, and then after it has soaked in for a few days get it out and read it. Figure it out for yourself where Oakland's and Topeka's tax levies will be in 1913 at the rate that each respectively have increased since 1908.

Table of Tax Levies.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Oakland Levy per \$100, Topeka Levy per \$100, Difference. Rows for 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912.

But now let us take up the matter of the increase in the tax levies of the two cities. We will commence with the year 1908—the year when the change was made in the method of assessing, from the old basis to the full actual valuation basis. From the foregoing table we ascertain the following facts:

1908 Topeka tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$15.00. 1912 Topeka tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$16.70. Increase in Topeka tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$1.70. 1908 Oakland tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$17.70. 1912 Oakland tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$19.40. Increase in Oakland tax per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, \$1.70. 1908 Topeka tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$30.00. 1912 Topeka tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$33.40. Increase in Topeka tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$3.40. 1908 Oakland tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$35.40. 1912 Oakland tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$39.80. Increase in Oakland tax per \$2,000.00 assessed valuation, \$4.40.

INSPECT SUPPLY

City Milk Inspector Will Investigate Topeka Trade.

Not a Grocery Store or Depot to Be Overlooked.

REPORT FOR DECEMBER OUT

Three Dealers Are Accused of Selling Filthy Milk.

Permits for 1913 Are Due at Office of Dr. Babb.

That the consumers in Topeka may know from what dairies their milk is purchased and that they may see the scoring given this supply source by the city milk inspection department, Dr. C. Babb, city milk inspector, soon will start out on a visit to every grocery store and every milk station and handling depot in Topeka. He will make a list of every distributor for the month of December, and will be ready for publication the last of the month. Not a distributor of milk in the city will be overlooked.

It has been found by Milk Inspector Babb that several grocery stores and small handlers in Topeka buy milk from farmers who sell only a few quarts of milk daily. This milk is sold to the consumers eventually and the city milk department has no record or no report of its cleanliness or its value in butter fat. Under the new inspection plans the entire supply in Topeka will be recorded.

Dr. Babb announces also today that the permits for the year 1913 are due. Every person selling milk in the city must have a permit from the office of the city milk inspector. A charge of twenty-five cents is charged for each permit.

Report for December Is Out. The monthly milk report for December is made public today by Dr. Babb. For the winter months when the cows are closely stabled the condition of the milk is considered good by the inspector. Only three dealers have what is termed dirty and filthy milk this month. They are: Frank Crocker, Frank Hoffer and F. Sadlemire. When samples were taken from these dealers it was found that their milk was dirty. Traces of dirt were found in the milk handled by Richard Jones, H. McMillen, Palmer & Son, Parr & Son and A. A. Rogers.

The report this month is accompanied by the announcement that George Pugh, one of the Topeka contestants at the International Milk and Dairy association show in Milwaukee recently, has received his diploma of honor. His milk received a grade of more than 90 per cent.

The December report: Per cent butter fat. Name and grade. J. W. Blazer, one, 4.0. College Hill depot, one, 4.0. Frank Crocker, three, 4.0. W. C. Custerbender, one, 4.2. O. Dietrich, one, 4.0. W. E. Farns, one, 4.0. W. B. Gilbert, one, 3.8. G. C. Gray, one, 4.0. Frank Hoffer, one, 4.0. H. L. Holston, one, 3.3. E. L. Jackson, one, 3.9. Richard Jones, two, 4.0. W. H. Maxwell, one, 4.0. P. H. Mead, one, 4.1. A. A. Miller, one, 4.0. W. E. Miller, one, 4.4. P. E. Oden, one, 4.6. Palmer & Son, two, 4.1. Parr & Son, two, 4.1. Geo. Pugh, one, 3.9. A. A. Rogers, two, 4.0. F. Sadlemire, three, 4.3. Scott Bros' depot, one, 3.8. T. E. Taylor, one, 4.0. O. E. Walker, one, 5.2. Topeka Pure Milk Co., one, 3.7.

Fifteen Cents Higher This Year. But now suppose that instead of an assessed valuation of \$986,000 Oakland had an assessed valuation of \$800,000. Do you realize that on the basis of the same assessed valuation a 2 1/2 mill levy to raise \$2,000—a very few dollars more than the Oakland city government now raises on a 2 mill levy. That means that had Oakland's total assessed valuation been \$800,000, the tax levies near what it ought to have been, that the Oakland taxpayers' 1912 taxes would have been 5 cents higher on each \$100 assessed valuation than they actually were. Now add this 5 cents to the 1912 Oakland total levy of \$1.77 per hundred, as shown by your tax receipts, and you have a total Oakland levy of \$1.82 as compared with a total Topeka levy of \$1.67.

HE WANTS BIG SUM. IT WORKS WELL. Federal Prison Warden Would Work Convicts Full Time on Prison. Leavenworth, Jan. 4.—Major R. W. McCloughy, warden of the federal prison returned yesterday from Washington, where he has been conferring with Attorney General Wickham and other prison officials concerning appropriation for prison construction which would make the total cost of the second congress. He recommended that an appropriation of \$200,000 be given the Leavenworth prison for the purpose of work to be carried on during the year.

Parcels Post Popular With Topeka People. Four Days' Trial of New Law—75 Packages Sent Today. Dolls, dressed chickens, eggs, rifles, jam, boxes, a broom, an ax and a hoe—how's that for a commutation to prove the efficiency of the parcels post? The ax was a murderous looking affair, the dolls were big and bisque, the broom was the wildest looking package that has ever passed through the Topeka office, and the rifle, which is a Superintendent LeRoy Powell until he discovered that rifles, but not pistols, can be legitimately sent through the mails.

Widow of J. E. Smith Gets \$1,000. A signed judgment in which the widow of a Santa Fe section hand, who was killed near Grote, Colo., November 28, last, received \$1,000 from the railroad, was entered in the district court this morning. The suit was brought by Cynthia A. Smith, widow of Joseph E. Smith, victim of the accident. The Santa Fe entered its appearance and agreed to the judgment. According to the judgment, the money on a hand car that was struck by one of the Santa Fe passenger trains.

Santa Fe Man Concludes Not to Accept Deputy Sheriff Place. Tom Boyd, a Santa Fe office employee, who was offered the position of under sheriff by L. L. Kiene a few days ago, has concluded not to accept the place. Mr. Boyd prefers to stay where he is, and has three offers to take good places in the court house. Two years ago he was offered the position as assistant county clerk, but Tom Boyd prefers his present position with the Santa Fe.

TO KILL CHINCH BUGS. Grain Men and Millers Join Farmers in Fight. Wichita, Jan. 4.—A committee of grain men and millers was appointed here today to organize the farmers of the southwest to prevent the destruction of 1913 crops by chinch bugs. Fields are to be burned over to kill the insects, and the farmers are to be warned that the bugs are alive in grass land and stubblefields.

Was a Pleasant Party. The Royal Neighbors of America, Tent No. 148, gave a surprise party to the tent oracles, Mrs. Eversole, Sixth and Monroe streets. There were 45 guests present. Music, reading and games were enjoyed during the evening. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, coffee and cake were served.

Funeral Notice. Members of Shawnee lodge No. 3, K. and L. O. E. are requested to attend the funeral of Brother William Knauer at the residence 32 Blaine avenue, North Topeka, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

3 BIG Reels

HOME OF PICTORIAL VAUDEVILLE! 10,000 Miles of travel to secure it.

A Marvelous Motion Picture Production Taken in the Great Sahara Desert in Africa, with assistance and permission of Liebler Co., producers

A Trip to the

"GARDEN OF ALLAH"

A picture that takes you to the land of mystery

Monday --- Tuesday January 6 and 7

SEE The Torture dance of howling Dervish. Snake biting the Dervish churmer. The famous members of the notorious Ouled Nalles Street.

A picture suggested by Robert Hitchin's famous book, "The Garden of Allah," dramatized at a cost of \$200,000.

ONE DIME

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. LOST—Female Fox Terrier, brown head, black spot on chest. Tax No. 794. Return to F. Johnson, 111 E. 2nd.

LEGAL. [Published in The Topeka State Journal, January 4, 1913.] OFFICIAL CITY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS. Commission Chamber, Topeka, Kansas, Saturday, January 4, 1913. The city commission met in regular adjourned session at 9:00 o'clock a. m., with the following members present: Commissioners Bone, Miller, Stotts and Tandy. Mayor Billard in the chair.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. Mrs. William E. Stephens, age 35, formerly Miss Mary Davis, daughter of J. P. Davis of 1027 Topeka, died at 2 o'clock Friday at Christ's hospital. She was the wife of W. E. Stephens of the city of Mexico, who is connected with the Westman Plerson Oil company. She returned to Topeka from Mexico last August on a return trip, and was taken to the high altitude and excitement of the Mexican revolution.

UNDER SAME ROOF. But Taft and Roosevelt Do Not Speak or Meet. New York, Jan. 4.—President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt were under the same roof today for the first time since it was announced that both would seek the presidential nomination at Chicago.

LEONARD TO PROBE PEN Reform to Be Recommended by Major if It Is Necessary. Washington, Jan. 4.—Attorney General Wickham today appointed Major Henry Leonard, of the U. S. major corps, to investigate the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and report recommendation for reform if necessary.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Macaroni—Wash five eggs beaten to stiff froth, three-fourths pound confectionery sugar, two pounds English walnuts chopped fine, vanilla to taste, one ounce dissolved fine bread crumbs. Mix in sauce dish or butter, drop small spoonfuls on buttered tins. Let dry in 2 o'clock oven just begins to brown. Do not have oven too hot or they will burn instead of drying. These are fine for Christmas gifts.

LOCAL MENTION. Complaint was filed today against O. W. Dietrich, charging violations of the Kansas pure food law in that cream sold and not come up to the standard. The complaint charges two counts of selling cream which does not show 15 per cent of butter fat.

Board of Managers for State Fair. T. A. Borman, president of the Kansas State Fair association, announced today his appointment of members of the board of managers. The board will be the same as last year with an exception—R. J. Hodge will assume the place of George W. Crane, who requested to be relieved of the work on account of ill health. As a result of the resignation Mr. Borman is also a member of the board of managers.

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BEAUTY HER BANE

Pretty Teacher Fired, Together With Five Men Students.

Good Looks Likely to Prove Hindrance, Trustees Say.

SHIP KANSAS TOBACCO

Negro, Former Slave, Raises 7,120 Pounds on Kansas Farms.

Bethany, Penn., Jan. 4.—Miss Helena Kesterling, physical instructor to the co-eds at Bethany college has been dismissed by the trustees because of her good looks. Five male students were dismissed at the same time.

Itchison, Kan., Jan. 4.—Six hogshead Kansas tobacco were shipped yesterday from Wathena, sixteen miles north of here in Doniphan county. That is the first tobacco raised in Kansas and is from the 1910-1911 crop.

OAKLAND NOTES. (Items for this column may be phoned to 3915 or the State Journal office.) The Oakland W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. Koser, 389 Chester avenue. Mrs. Koser will have charge of the meeting. Roll call will be answered by New Year's resolutions by each lady. Symposium character teachings, earnings and spending money, benevolence, economy, thrift, righteousness, truth, and honesty. Business of importance will be transacted. All members are urged to be present promptly at 7:30.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS. Mrs. Mary E. Boston died at 1255 Van Buren street Friday. Her age was 73 years. Burial will be from Lane chapel of 1255 Van Buren street, Sunday, interment in Mount Auburn cemetery.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Lemon Snowballs—Beat three eggs very light, add slowly one cup granulated sugar, three tablespoons water, grated rind of one lemon and all the juice, a cup of flour and a teaspoon baking powder. Sift for the croquettes and simmer powder into buttered and simmer one to two hours in double boiler, add two tablespoons butter, half cup sugar. One will beat egg, grated rind and juice of one lemon in double boiler, add other ingredients and stir until thick in cream. Mrs. John Graham.

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