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UP GOES THE LEVY

City Council Pretty Certain to Add Three Mills.

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MORE FOR INTEREST.

Old Rate Won't Cover the Additional Bonds.

The Judgment Fund Is Also in Bad Shape.

The chances are good that the council will raise the levy this year from 20 mills to 23 mills, an increase of 3 mills in one year, which is jumping up the tax at a pretty lively rate. It may decide, however, to adopt one of two alternatives, and either leave the levy where it is, or increase it only half a mill.

The following is the levy made by the city for the 1903 and 1904 taxes:

Table with 3 columns: 1903, 1904, and description of tax items like General Revenue, Interest City Bonds, etc.

City Treasurer Hale is digging up statistics about the city's debt to be used by the ways and means committee, which will probably meet next week, in drawing up this year's city tax levy.

There is a good deal of interest in the tax levy this year, because of the great amount of economy talk which has been going on in city hall circles. The council seems to have some men who talk economy pretty freely, but when they have an opportunity to practice that noble art a little, are usually lurking in the woods.

Only one thing is absolutely certain, and that is that the levy to pay interest on city bonds will be increased half a mill. Since the 1904 tax levy, the city has issued \$7,000 worth of bonds to refund the floating debt.

These new bonds bear 4 1/2 per cent interest, so the city must raise about \$2,500 more for interest this year than it did last. If the city decides to leave all the items of 1904 as they are, and simply tack on the extra half mill for interest, it will mean a tax levy of 20 1/2 mills instead of 20 mills.

If the council wants to economize somewhere else, and save the extra half mill which must be added to meet interest charge, it is most likely to be done by reducing the levy for park improvement to 1/2 mill. This levy was raised to 1 mill last year, at the strong solicitation of Councilman Swendsen and others. If the council put the park levy back to 1/2 mill, it will save the half mill which must be added to the interest levy.

There is strong probability that the levy will not only be increased the half mill for interest, but that it will also be obliged to carry an extra mill to provide a fund to pay off bonds which come due next year, and still another mill, and possibly 1 1/2 mills, to pay judgments. This would make the total levy as follows:

Table showing levy components: Interest Levy (50 mill), Last year's Levy (200 mills), To redeem bonds (130 mills), To pay judgments (200 mills), Total (580 mills).

The city has several big judgments to pay, sooner or later. One judgment was secured by the Topeka Water company in the South Topeka hydrant rental case. The amount of the judgment with accumulated interest, is about \$12,000. There is also a judgment for \$225 in favor of W. A. Roberts. It would take about 1 1/2 mill levy to pay the outstanding judgments.

There are two series of bonds which come due in 1905, one of \$14,000 and one of \$4,000. The city has only \$5,000 in its sinking fund, and the remaining \$19,000 must be raised by a levy, if the city pays off the bonds. Of course the bonds can be refunded, and allowed to run if the city so decides.

Mayor Berglundhal is in favor of making the 1 mill levy for taking up the improvement bond debt in the tax increase in the city's bonded debt, and the consequent increase in the interest charge. The bond interest increase has been mainly for internal improvement bonds for street paving. This is the first year for about five years that the improvement bond debt has not increased. Another increase in the tax levy has been to pay hydrant rentals. For some years, the city refused to pay any hydrant rentals, on account of litigation with the water company. Quite a large sum accumulated in the hydrant rental fund, and the council cut down the levy to one mill. In 1904 they had to put it back to 1 1/2 mills.

According to the figures of the city treasurer, the city will have to pay out \$24,492 interest on its general city debt this year. Last year the amount paid was \$21,722.50. This was paid with a levy of 2 mills which produces from taxes the sum of \$20,928.92. The remainder was made up by premiums on the sale of bonds. The levy of 2 1/2 mills to pay this interest charge will raise about \$25,000, which is a few hundred dollars more than will be absolutely necessary. The city's general bonded debt is divided as follows:

Table with 5 columns: When due, Amount issued, Interest rate, Annual interest, Total.

The assessed valuation of Topeka property is higher this year than ever before, in spite of the 25 per cent horizontal rebate allowed on North Topeka property. The assessed valuation of city property this year is \$11,224,912. In 1903 it was \$11,109,177. In 1902 it was \$10,333,749. On the existing valuation, a levy of 1 mill ought to raise about \$11,000.

WRECK ON SANTA FE.

No. 6 Jumps the Track at Dodge City But No One Killed.

Dodge City, Kan., July 22.—Santa Fe passenger train No. 6, from Topeka, was wrecked in jumping the track two miles west of Dodge City Thursday at a siding. The baggage, mail and express cars left the track and the tender went over on one side. None of the passenger coaches or sleepers left the rails. Baggage man Robert Easterly was slightly injured, being bruised about the face and shoulders. A local train was standing on the siding and the baggage car of the passenger piled on this engine and did considerable damage.

Train 568, just leaving Dodge City for the east, was sent out and picked up some of the passengers, while Ringling Brothers' circus, which was wrecked, and took them east. It was not learned what was the cause of the wreck, but it is supposed that a half inch switch in the flange of the wheels on the tender.

TOMORROW IS CIRCUS DAY.

Ringlings Show Will Arrive Early Over the Santa Fe.

The four great trains of Ringling Brothers' circus, bearing the elephants, clowns, gilded cages, high-strung horses, agile and graceful performers and a thousand and one other things of mystic circus interest, are due to arrive in Topeka early tomorrow morning. Doubtless the small boy, multiplied into legions, will be at the railroad yards to welcome the advent of the show train, and will escort the herd of 40 elephants and the running caravans to the show lot. At 10 a. m. the street parade will start from the circus grounds. This procession Saturday morning will be nearly three miles long and present more novelty and lavish display than ever offered before by Ringling Brothers.

Most of the animal dens will be open, all the men, women and children will have some part, the herd of 40 elephants will plod on patiently, meekly followed by a troop of camels, music will be furnished by several bands, including a mounted military one, the great nations of the world will be illustrated by characteristic groupings upon beautifully carved tableau floats and Merry Andrews' gallop will keep the fun spirit of things going for worshiping kid followers. The circus acts introduce a number of foreign artists imported by Ringling Brothers. Among these come here Eddies Friday, England and the four Bedlins from Italy.

Reserved seats and admission tickets will be sold at Ringling Bros. down town ticket office shop at exactly the same prices charged in the wagons on the show grounds.

Lightning Destroys a Barn.

Blue Rapids, Kan., July 22.—Lightning struck the barn and totally destroyed it and the granaries adjoining on the F. P. Bogue farm east of town, Thursday.

Ottawa Reunion Annulled.

Ottawa, Kan., July 22.—The Forest Park Veterans' Reunion Association has cancelled the plans for a reunion on Aug. 14 to 17 at Forest park. The association covers the counties of the Second congressional district.

Baseball at Eureka.

Eureka, Kan., July 22.—Eureka defeated Eureka here in a well played game by a score of 8 to 0. The features of the game and the fast fielding of the home team and the battery work of Tomlinson and Frazier for Eureka. Eureka wants games with the fastest amateur teams in Kansas. Write J. H. Rogers, manager.

SNAPSHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

I am tired of the news from Asia; I want no convention news; I care not for gossip of flying machines; I don't report of the price of stocks. Give me last winter's paper. And leave me while I peruse With a fond regret the page that's set With the good old weather news.

Leave me to read of the skating Where the river is frozen tight, And the trains that couldn't get into town. Because of the snow last night; To think of these present trifles Indignantly I refuse, Give me last winter's paper With the good old weather news.

This is a Colorado day in Kansas. "A Woman's Wit" at the Vinewood park theater.

The Ringling circus has 85 double length railroad cars.

Tonight is amateur night at the Vinewood park theater.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harshbarger is seriously ill.

Tomorrow all straw hats at exactly half price. Come quick. The Palace.

This is good weather to catch cold in the head. The writer speaks by experience.

The wind yesterday blew over a portion of the wall of the new baseball park.

Tomorrow at 8 o'clock begins sale of \$6, \$5, \$4 best shoes at \$2.95 at The Palace.

The heavy rain in Topeka Thursday last. Not a drop fell ten miles west of the city.

Roy Ranney, formerly of Topeka but now of Arkansas City, is sick with appendicitis.

When the baseball game clashes with Ringling's circus, the chances are that the ball game will be defeated.

The United States census bureau has its agent here making the regular annual report on municipal affairs.

Beginning next Sunday night and every night next week the Lorraine Buchanan Stock company will give Ringling's circus comes from Falls City, Neb., to Leavenworth and then to Topeka, and shows here Saturday.

John Price and Lee S. Price, who came to Topeka on account of the death of their mother, returned to Chicago today.

If you have friends from the east visiting you tell them this is the genuine bracing Kansas weather, and it soon gets any hotter.

Sale of outing suits. Entire stock is offered at immense reductions. None reserved. \$14 suits at \$7.50; \$20 suits at \$12.50. Tomorrow at The Palace.

John Daddman, captain of the Washburn football team, who has been earning \$3.75 a day as an expert stacker in the wheat fields, has returned to Topeka.

Ringling & Downs' circus has been touring the south, and the advance men of Ringling's say that the Topeka circus men have made a "barrel of money."

Ralph Daddman, a former Washburn student who went to Harvard and has distinguished himself in various lines, has got his name into the eastern papers again. He has decided to go into the work of foreign missions, and will be sent to Asia as the representative of the Harvard Y. M. C. A.

The national commissioners now convening at the St. Louis fair has not been properly advised, and that may be true, but Dave Francis has been exploited and has posed in every newspaper photograph in the head hunters to the president of the United States and the royalty of Europe.

"Rowdy," the Pomeranian Spitz dog belonging to Roy D. Johnson of the Santa Fe, was run over and killed by a street car at Tenth and Topeka avenue Wednesday. The animal was a clown dog in the Floto dog and pony show and was trained to do all kinds of stunts. It was worth at least \$100, but was a present to Mr. Johnson.

The Topeka Baseball association is trying to get a game here with Joplin on Sunday, August 21. On that date the Santa Fe railroad will run popular priced excursions to Topeka from every direction and it is anticipated that 5,000 people will be bought here on the various trains. The Kansas National Guard will also be encamped at Vinewood.

So far in the present month only 16 births have been reported to the city health department. The health officers believe that the city physicians are neglecting to make the reports required by law. If the health department has any belief strong enough, why does it not cause the arrest of some of the doctors who are violating the law?

Seven or eight years ago "Pick" Smith caught a big fish up north in the lakes and had it mounted and hung in the Elks' club rooms. Ever since then local fishermen have been trying to beat that record, and Wednesday County Attorney Hargate pulled several large bass out of Lake View. One of them weighed six pounds, but he didn't mount it and put it up in the club rooms. He ate it.

An order was received by the post-office here yesterday that all rural route boxes must be provided with signals which the carrier can so arrange as to indicate to the owner whether or not there is mail in the box for him. The approved boxes now sent out by the government are provided with a flag signal which works

CONTEST DEWEY WILL.

Chauncey and Sister Not Satisfied With Its Terms.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 22.—The will of the late Charles P. Dewey, of Manhattan, Kas., who died in this city about a month ago, disposing of an estate in Kansas and Chicago valued at approximately \$1,000,000, will probably be contested by his daughter by a former wife, and his son Chauncey, who was recently acquitted on the charge of murdering the Berrys in western Kansas, growing out of a ranch feud.

Chauncey Dewey and his sister have just returned from abroad, and they will be present at Chicago next week when the will is offered for probate. After substantial bequests to his nieces, Mrs. B. W. Peterson and Mrs. Hullehen Quarrier, of this city, and have been found in paying quantities. Mr. Dewey's will gives \$5,000 to his daughter, and provides that the remainder of the estate be divided equally between his son Chauncey and his private secretary, Charles F. Killen of Chicago.

The will was executed a few days prior to the death and Mr. Dewey's secretary assisted in drawing it up. The contest will be made on no ground that Mr. Dewey was in no condition at the time to make a will.

HOW DOES HOCH STAND

A. A. Richards Demands to Know About Prohibition.

During the executive meeting of the Republican committee A. A. Richards of Wellington brought up the prohibition question, and wanted Mr. Hoch to declare himself on it. He said there is a probability that otherwise the liberal vote in his judicial district would go to Judge Dale for governor.

W. R. Stubbs tried to head Richards off by asking if the people down there do not know that the county attorney is supposed to look after the prohibition law and that the governor has nothing to do with it.

"They know," answered Richards, "that the governor can appoint an assistant attorney general to enforce the prohibition law, and the liberal element doesn't want anything of that kind to happen down there."

Richards insisted that it would be necessary for Mr. Hoch to declare his position and give assurances that he would not make any special efforts to enforce the prohibition, or a large number of liberal Republicans would vote for Dale.

Chairman Stubbs asked Richards if he was recognizing as the leader of the crowd that was talking of bolting in Sumner county, which Richards denied. Stubbs declared that it wasn't about prohibition, as the governor has nothing to do with the enforcement of prohibition.

Winfield Assembly Paid Out.

Winfield, Kan., July 22.—The Winfield Chautauqua directors held their annual meeting and elected officers for the nineteenth year as follows: President, M. J. Vortman; vice presidents, W. C. Robinson and C. T. Frank; home secretary, H. E. Kibbs; field secretary, A. H. Limerick; treasurer, J. W. Bolinger; executive committee, the above named officers and M. B. Kerr, T. B. Myers and M. B. Light.

The dates for the nineteenth session are August 22 to 28, 1905. One interesting feature of the reports of the officers was that of the treasurer, in which it was learned that after paying all expenses of this year's adjourned session there is a surplus of \$500 on hand to apply on the improvements that were made prior to the assembly. This financial report is a view of the fact that rain fell on every day of the assembly session.

Emporia's Coal Is Good.

Emporia, July 22.—An analysis of the coal taken from the 30-inch vein in the well, has been made by Alva Smith, county surveyor, and is found to be a good variety of coal, almost as good as the Osage City shaft coal. However, it is not nearly as good as the piece of coal supposed to have been taken from the first oil hole. The following table will best tell how the coal compares with the Osage variety: Emporia—water, 7.98 per cent; volatile matter, 35.13; fixed carbon, 59.64; ash, 13.7.

Osage—Water, 6.78; volatile matter, 37.41; fixed carbon, 40.92; ash, 10.66.

Transportation of Kruger's Body. Amsterdam, July 22.—It is understood that Mr. Leyds, the former diplomatic agent of the Transvaal in Europe, is trying to arrange with Premier Kruger for the conveyance of the body of former President Kruger to South Africa on board a Dutch warship.

Sold Wheat for 73 Cents.

Arkansas City, July 22.—J. E. Johnson, who lives six miles northwest of this city, was in town today with five loads of wheat. His wheat yielded about twenty bushels to the acre. It tested fifty-six pounds and brought 73 cents on the market.

"I'm afraid," said the county editor, "that young Blackstone won't like the write-up we gave him today."

"Why?" asked the assistant.

"I wrote of him as a thriving young lawyer," but the intelligent typo made it "thieving."—Philadelphia Press.

Supper in Topeka Breakfast in Colorado



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FIND LEAD AND ZINC.

Garnett Is Jubilant Over Its Double Discovery.

Garnett, Kan., July 22.—Following closely upon the discovery of gas here in quantities which promise to make this a great natural gas center, comes another find of equal importance. Lead and zinc have been discovered near here and it is believed that both are found in paying quantities. Two weeks ago some well diggers on the Lowell farm, about four miles northwest of here, dug up some fine specimens of both lead and zinc. They were sent to Chicago for analysis and were returned with a flattering report. Upon the strength of this report a company has been formed and a shaft will be sunk immediately.

Charged With Fencing Streets.

Wichita, Kan., July 22.—James Murphy, Al Miller, Sherman Heckathorn and Ben Fowler, Clearwater citizens who were arrested on complaint of W. G. Hull, charging them with fencing up a public highway, Third avenue, in the city of Clearwater, were released by Judge Alexander in the city court.

Major Gale at Fort Riley.

Junction City, Kan., July 22.—Major Gale, inspector general of the Northern Division, has arrived at Fort Riley from the division headquarters at St. Louis. He is visiting the post at this time for the purpose of making the annual inspection of the post quartermaster's office and the work which the quartermaster has charge of at the post.

MICKLE IS NOMINATED.

Chase County Attorney Will Be Dennis Madden's Opponent.

Emporia, Kan., July 22.—The Republican convention of the Fifth judicial district was held here Thursday and nominated F. A. Mickle, the present county attorney of Chase county. The other contestant was J. G. Hutchingson of Emporia. He received the fourteen votes from Lyon county and Mickle received the seventeen from Chase and Coffey counties. Mickle is a young man. Coffey and Chase counties made a combination against Lyon naming Mickle on the first ballot. Judge Dennis Madden, the present judge, will be Mickle's opponent.

Emporia Girl Sues Her Father.

Emporia, July 22.—Mrs. Emma Harris has filed suit in the district court against her father, Isaac Newell, and others for the payment of \$312, which she alleges is owing her for caring for Mrs. Isaac Newell during her sickness. Mrs. Harris alleges that Mrs. Newell promised to pay her \$4 a week for being nurse. The date of the periods she was Mrs. Newell's nurse, as mentioned in the petition, are March 15 to October 28, 1902; January 1 to April 1, 1902; July 1, 1902, to February 1903 and June 14 to July 1, 1903, when Mrs. Newell died. In all Mrs. Harris claims pay for seventy-eight weeks' service. The petition claims that Mr. Newell had property to the value of about \$1,200 and that he disposed of it to Isaac Bradley to prevent his creditors taking it and left for parts unknown in August, 1903.

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