

# General Nebraska News.

## FIGURES ON TAX LEVY.

State Board of Equalization Holds Session.

LINCOLN—The state board of equalization has been in session making tentative figures to represent the relative position of the counties for the purpose of fixing the levy. Several counties had representatives before the board looking after their interests.

The assessment rolls show a total of 33,498,776 acres of land returned this year, an increase over that of last year of 567,586 acres. The average assessed valuation of improved land is \$3.91 an acre, as against \$3.15 last year. Unimproved land is returned at an average of \$1.14 this year and \$1.05 last. The average value of improved lots has been increased from \$127.76 to \$128.71.

The number of cattle returned this year is 2,312,495, with an average value of \$4.46 each; horses, 659,983, with an average value of \$7.74, and asses 2,940, with an average value of \$9.40 a head.

The total assessment of the state is \$188,458,379, an increase of \$8,481,811 over that of last year.

Of the total valuation, Douglas county furnishes \$25,592,610.32, about one-seventh of the total.

Those who have appeared before the board have been given to understand that they cannot hope to get the assessment of last year reduced, since the entire levy will be made on a basis of 2 mills higher than last year. The principal desire is to get a levy which will compare equitably with the other counties of the state.

While the board is disposed to lower the levy of those counties which return a high assessed valuation, they aim to make the levy as great as possible, and there are several counties which will get the limit of 9 1/2 mills. Of taxable franchises, Nebraska has but few, as shown by the assessment rolls. The returns show thirty-six of what are known generally as public service corporations that will pay taxes on intangible property, commonly known as franchises.

**Bellwood Bank Pays Dividend.**

M. J. Holland, who has been receiver for the Bellwood bank, which was wrecked by A. H. Gould, the cashier, has declared his first dividend of 5 per cent. The bank, which did a large business with the farmers of northern Butler county, failed in January, 1902. It is said that there are some assets remaining in the bank, but they are of doubtful value. The small size of the dividend demonstrates the skill of Gould as a bank wrecker.

**Socialists File Ticket.**

The political party known as socialists was the first to file the list of nominees for state officers. The ticket is composed of C. Christianson, Plattsmouth, "no business address," for supreme judge; F. S. Wilber, Omaha, and F. R. Lippincott, Blair, regents of the state university. Wilber has no business address. With the name was the motto of the convention, "Economic Equality."

**A New Bridge.**

The county supervisors have let the contract for the erection of a new iron and steel bridge across the Loup river at Ord.

**EASY FOR IOWA FISHERS.**

Fine Amounts to Much Less Than License Fee.

LINCOLN—Game warden McConnell has reported the case of a number of Sioux City parties who were arrested at Dakota City for fishing without a license. They were taken before a local justice, who fined them \$1 and costs, much to their own satisfaction and the discomfort of the game warden, as they could afford to be fined several times and then get their fishing cheaper than by paying the license fee. The customary amount of fines for these offenses is the amount of the license with the costs added.

Chief Deputy Carter thinks the poachers should have been fined at least the amount of the license fee. He says Iowans especially should not object to paying this fee, as the state has a similar law costing Nebraska hunters \$10 per county to hunt quail in Iowa.

**Fees of Bank Examiners.**

The state treasury has received its first fee for bank examinations under the new law. The last legislature enacted a law fixing the salaries of bank examiners at \$1,800, and requires them to turn all fees into the state treasury. The fee was paid by the Frenchman Valley bank at Palsade, Bank examiners hitherto have been allowed all fees up to \$2,000 a year. It is said that the fees rarely went above that figure.

**Reward is Increased.**

PAPILLON—The reward for the arrest of Ed Snodgrass has been raised from \$50 to \$1,000. Snodgrass is the man arrested for criminally assaulting Miss Giesmann. He was released under \$1,500 bond to appear for trial on July 8, but he did not appear. His bondsmen, Arthur Spearman and John Snodgrass, paid the bond, but a few minutes later withdrew it. Suit has been brought to recover the amount.

## THE STATE AT LARGE.

August 5th Wahoo will hold a special election to vote school bonds. There is an epidemic of scarlet fever in the neighborhood of Elmwood. The locality is under quarantine.

A. A. Curtin, a brakeman on the Rock Island, had his right hand smashed while coupling cars in the yards at Beatrice.

There was a heavy thunder storm at Greeley, during which the Catholic church was struck by lightning, shattering the shingles and plastering on one corner.

A telegram was received at Seward stating that Claude Roberts had accidentally shot and killed himself at Ogden, Utah. He resided in Seward nearly all his life.

Governor Miley honored the requisition papers of the governor of Illinois for two divine healers, F. C. Parker and W. F. Hall, who were arrested recently in Omaha.

Henry Brooks, a young man who lives near Henderson, was arrested and brought before Judge Taylor at York. He is charged with committing an assault upon Agnes Batazoff.

A large number of workers from Austria have recently arrived in Saunders county and are staying with their fellow countrymen until they can find work or locations for farming.

Chief Surgeon Plummer of the Rock Island has designated Dr. Hefferlin's hospital at Beatrice as the official hospital for crippled and injured employees of the road between Belleville and Horton, Kas.

At the special precinct election in Valentine ten thousand dollars in bonds were voted as a bonus for the new normal school. The vote was practically unanimous, there being only fifteen against bonds.

The iron columns for which officials at the government building have so long waited are at Norfolk at last. Work will be immediately pushed and within three weeks' time, according to Superintendent Williams, the second story will begin to rise.

William Purmont, a cook who deserted his family at York about one year ago and went to Dakota to live, was brought back by Sheriff Brott. He had his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court.

F. S. Moose, charged with whipping his wife, had his preliminary hearing in the county court at Beatrice and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$200, in default of which he was sent to the county jail.

Ex-Treasurer George W. Maurer of Gage county has filed in the supreme court a petition in error in the suit brought against him in the county to recover some \$3,325 paid by him during two terms of office for clerk hire in excess of the fees of the office.

Just at the opening of the game of ball at Wahoo between Wahoo and "Stone's Strutters," the colored team of Atchison, Kas. Charles Rathburn, manager of the latter team, dropped dead. He was apparently in good health and his death was from heart failure.

A barn belonging to Bert Breed, living one and a half miles northwest of Tekamah, was struck by lightning. Two horses were killed, and Breed, who was in the barn, was knocked down and rendered unconscious for some time. The barn was set on fire, but not burned.

The county superintendent of Stanton county is the first to send in his annual report to the state superintendent. Male teachers have been paid on an average of \$50.82 a month, as against \$45.40 last year, while the wages of female teachers have increased from \$36.30 to \$38.64 a year.

A band of twenty horses were stolen out of a pasture of F. T. Bishop's place, in the north part of Perkins county, July 12. They were traced to Wry, Colo., where they were shipped to South Omaha. The billing was changed en route and the car switched off and sent to Neligh, Neb.

The ten-year-old son of Frank Tippen, living southwest of Fairbury, was severely bitten by a rattlesnake. A dog belonging to Mr. Tippen attacked the snake and after he had torn it into three pieces, the family supposing it dead, went up to look at it, when the head of the reptile which was attached to only about three inches of its body, raised up and sank its fangs into the boy's bare foot. The boy will recover.

The barn of Thos. Bryant, on a farm about three miles east of Schuyler, was struck by lightning and set on fire. One horse and three head of cattle and the entire building was burned before sufficient help could arrive.

Mr. Munster, a prominent young farmer residing a few miles northeast of Beatrice, finished threshing his wheat crop last week. From forty-seven acres the yield was 1,000 bushels, nearly twenty-two bushels per acre.

The southwestern part of Burt county was visited with a heavy hailstorm which totally destroyed hundreds of acres of small grain and corn. Hailstones one inch and a half in diameter fell, breaking out windows and doing other damage.

Mrs. Matt Haber of North Bend, who has been laboring under an hallucination for the past three months that her neighbors wanted to kill her, attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a razor, while her husband was absent from the house.

## WAR IS SCENTED.

Fear that the Fear East Will Breed Hostilities.

LONDON—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent sends a rather alarming view of the situation in the far east. He says Russia's retention of Manchuria, the increase of its fleet, the dispatch of reinforcements to Manchuria, the southward movement of the army occupying Manchuria and the defiant conduct on the Korean frontier, all alarmed the Japs, many of whom are convinced that it would be better to fight now than risk the eventual loss of Korea and the relegation of Japan to a secondary place.

The Japs, he proceeds, are accumulating stores and negotiating the purchase of ships and already have a squadron off Vladivostok, to which port Russian vessels have been sent as a precaution, and both fleets are ready for action at any moment.

The Siberian press is declared to reveal the aggressive spirit of the Russian military party and to show that the Russians believe they will lose prestige if they give way now, as their far eastern empire will be lost and Japanese influence will become predominant.

The appointment of Marquis Ito as president of the Privy council, the correspondent says, is favorable to peace, but Russia must retreat or there will be grave danger of war. The Japanese believe France and England will join in the expected conflict, which diplomats at Tokio think, if once begun, will continue for years, involving disastrous results to Japan financially and the creation of a sort of Balkan difficulty in Korea.

He adds that confidence is shown in the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

## TWO FIRMS GO UNDER.

W. L. Stow & Co. Sink First and T. J. Taylor & Co. Afterward.

NEW YORK.—The announcement on the stock exchange late Friday afternoon of the suspension of T. J. Taylor & Co. and of W. L. Stow & Co. was the cause of a period of excited selling of stocks and wide cuts in prices which has not been equaled since the present movement to liquidate set in. There is nothing in either failure that can be traced to business or industrial conditions outside the exchange, the case lying close to a diagnosis of speculative collapse.

Both firms have been largely concerned in speculative stock market pools, formed for the purpose of taking on a line of stocks, sustaining their price by supporting orders real or manipulative, and seeking to realize profits by selling out to outsiders at the high prices. Such operations have resulted in increasing difficulties with the growth in the stringency of money, the solicitude of bankers over loans employed in such production, and the jaund appetite of the public for such securities. The operations of the firm of W. L. Stow & Co. were on a large scale in Mexican Central, and the difficulties accumulated by them are added to the price of 11 touched recently, compared with 34 1/2 last year.

**MAKE SERVICE ATTRACTIVE.**

Government to Provide Amusements at Navy Yards.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With a view of making the naval service as attractive as possible to enlisted men and lessening visits to dives and deserts, the navigation bureau is now working on a scheme for the establishment of recreation halls and grounds in navy yards and stations.

One of the most complete projects so far unfolded within reasonable price came from the Norfolk navy yard. This plan makes provision for a foot ball ground, base ball diamond, grandstand, cinder track, swimming pool a recreation hall, costing \$25,000, with gymnasium and library, dance hall, and smoking room. It is probable that where sufficient ground can be secured these Norfolk plans will be adopted as a type for other yards. An appropriation for the purpose will be requested at the next session of congress.

**Dies Suddenly at Butte, Mont.**

NEW YORK—News of the sudden death in Butte, Mont., of former Congressman John Clancy, one of the most widely known politicians in Brooklyn, reached his relatives Sunday. Mr. Clancy went west recently with Miss Annette Bacon, a niece. He was in excellent health when he left Brooklyn.

**"Lord" Barrington III.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The preliminary trial of "Lord" F. Seymour Barrington, charged with the murder of James P. McCann, which was set for Monday in Justice Campbell's court, will probably be postponed. Barrington is ill in the Clayton jail, with a threatened attack of typhoid fever. Saturday his temperature was 102 1/2 and on Sunday his condition was not changed. It is thought he will be all right soon.

**A Reaction in Colombia.**

PANAMA.—A strong reaction in favor of the ratification of the canal treaty seems to be occurring throughout Colombia. From all the principal cities, and from Cauca, the largest department of the republic, prominent citizens have telegraphed congress requesting that the treaty be ratified. Communication with Pagota is only possible by mail. The land lines are in bad condition and the cable is broken.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

### SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was a moderate run of cattle, and as the demand was in pretty good shape a very satisfactory market resulted. The cattle began moving toward the close in good season, so an early clearance was made.

Best steers sold at steady to strong prices as compared with yesterday. The prices paid, though, showed considerable variation owing largely to the rapid fluctuations that have been going on, as compared with the close of last week it is safe to quote cattle generally 15c higher and in a good many instances the improvement has been even more than that. The bulk of the fair to good cattle sold from \$4.50 to \$5, with choice going from that up to \$5.25, which is the highest price paid in some time. The cow market held about steady on desirable grades. There was a good demand for a few lower than the way of corn fed cows or heifers and good grass stock sold without difficulty, but when it came to the canners and cutters the market was very dull.

The tendency of prices downward. Bulls, second calves and stags did not show enough change from yesterday morning of mention.

HOGS—There was a fairly liberal run of hogs and the market was in about the same condition it was yesterday, that is rather unsatisfactory to the selling interests. Buyers started out and bought a few of the best light-weights about a nickel lower than yesterday. They sold largely from \$5.20 to \$5.30. After they had picked out a few of that class the situation grew rapidly worse until at the close hogs had to sell a big time lower. Heavy hogs sold largely around \$5.15 and \$1.75, and on the close even light hogs had to sell around \$5.15.

SHEEP—Quotations for grass stock: Good to choice lambs, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good lambs, \$5.00@5.25; good to choice yearlings, \$3.75@4.00; fair to good yearlings, \$3.50@3.75; good to choice wethers, \$3.50@3.75; fair to good wethers, \$3.00@3.25; good to choice ewes, \$2.75@2.90; fair to good ewes, \$2.50@2.75; feeder lambs, \$3.50@4.00; feeder yearlings, \$3.00@3.50; feeder wethers, \$2.75@3.25; feeder ewes, \$1.50@2.50.

### KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Fat cattle steady; quarantine steady; quinine cows steady to 10c lower; stockers and feeders, strong; calves, higher; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$4.70@5.25; fair to good, \$4.00@4.70; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.25; western feeders, \$2.00@4.60; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.25@4.60; Texas cows, \$2.00@2.20; native cows, \$2.00@4.40; native heifers, \$2.40@5.40; canners, \$1.25@2.50; bulls, \$2.50@3.75; calves, \$1.75@5.00.

HOGS—Market, 5@10c lower; top, \$5.40; bulk of sales, \$5.20@5.40; heavy, \$5.25@5.40; heavy, \$5.25@5.40; mixed packers, \$5.25@5.40; light, \$5.25@5.40; yorkers, \$5.40@5.45; pigs, \$5.40@5.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market firm; native lambs, \$2.15@5.25; western lambs, \$2.00@5.50; fed ewes, \$2.90@4.75; Texas clipped yearlings, \$3.00@4.90; Texas clipped sheep, \$2.75@4.00; stags and feeders, \$2.75@3.65.

**WILL RETURN INDICTMENTS.**

Result of Investigation in the Post-office Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Four indictments resulting from the postal investigations are likely to be returned by the federal grand jury in this city next Monday.

This is the fruit of the jury deliberations at which Postmaster General Payne hinted just before his departure on his tea days' cruise along the coast. The jury has had the cases under consideration for a long time. They involve contract matters closely related to transactions which have already resulted in sweeping action on the part of the investigation officials. It is understood that these postal officials and a contractor are involved. One of these parties is not a resident of Washington. Extreme reticence has been observed regarding the cases.

**Robert Fitzsimmons Marries.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Robert Fitzsimmons, actor and pugilist, was on Friday granted a license to marry Julia May Gifford, the actress. The ceremony will take place Saturday at Miss Gifford's hotel. Fitzsimmons gave his age at 41 and that of the prospective bride 23.

**Buildings Ceded to the Churches.**

SAN JUAN, P. R.—All the municipal rights in the church buildings at Guaymas, Arroyo and Gayamas have been ceded by the provincial authorities of those places to the Catholic churches. The ownership of the churches has been disputed ever since the United States took over the islands. Spain, during the old regime, claiming the churches, which were maintained out of the municipal funds.

**Condemn Northern Press.**

MEMPHIS.—The fourth annual conference of the industrial and ex-slave organization convened here on Friday with representatives of thirty-four states in attendance. Resolutions were passed condemning the northern press for its attitude in the negro question and extending a vote of thanks to the southern newspapers for their stand in regard to the recent lynchings in some of the northern states.

**Danish West Indies Treaty Dies.**

WASHINGTON.—The treaty providing for the acquisition by the United States of the Danish West Indies officially died Friday. If Denmark should conclude to sell the islands to the United States it will be possible to revive the provisions of the treaty which has just failed. In the meantime the position of the state department is comfortable, having done its part toward completing the bargain.

# THE POPE'S LAST MOMENTS

## Dr. Laponi Describes the Scene as Leo XIII. Passed Away—Died with a Blessing for All the World on His Lips.

The Chicago Examiner prints the following from M. J. Conway, its special correspondent at Rome:

The personnel of the Vatican spent yesterday in weeping and sleeping after the exhaustion of the past fortnight. The most pitiable figure at the Vatican is Centra, who constantly kneels before the dead, weeping, his head buried in his hands.

It is well known the Pontiff wore a false set of teeth. They were taken away by his nephew, Camille Pecci, who will treasure them as family heirlooms.

Cardinal Rampolla was leaving the Vatican last evening when he met Oreglia. The latter prevailed on him to remain in the Vatican. Rampolla dismissed his carriage and remained, thereby giving a quietus to the reports of a quarrel with Oreglia.

I was in the Vatican last night,

his right hand and moved his lips in benediction while we knelt. "Another period of exhaustion followed, when he again opened his eyes and said: 'This is the last,' in a voice shaking from the spasmodic movements of the hands and feet. Then he spoke, recommending all present to work for the church.

"The pontiff looked inquiringly at his secretary, Angeli. Monsignore Angeli stooped to the pontiff and asked his wishes. The patient vainly essayed to answer.

"The Pope lay with his closed eyes. His breathing was almost imperceptible. An interval of lucidity came, and feebly raising his right hand, he said in a childlike voice: 'I bless this world; all my friends and enemies.'

"He then quickly lapsed into unconsciousness. His breathing became

As they entered the younger children, awe-struck and frightened, began to cry, but the beauty of the scene soon quieted them and they ceased to weep. The little party advanced on tiptoe, and, circling around the bed, fell on their knees and joined in the prayers of the penitentiaries.

Presently the visitors arose and slowly filed past the bed, kneeling to kiss the dead hand as they passed. Count Camillo, one of the nephews, who knew him best, accompanying him always when he went into the gardens of the Vatican, was completely overcome.

The quiet of the evening on the day of the Pope's death was broken by a chorus such as the world has seldom heard. On the stroke of 8 all of Rome's 400 churches commenced to toll bells for the passing of the soul of Leo XIII. From the seven hills and from every quarter of the city which contained churches came the constant clang until all was one vast reverberation.

The harsh jingle of the smaller chapel bells striking quickly and more often was not drowned by the solemn strokes that came in mourning measure from the great dome of St. Peter's. It was as if a great fire raged and every bell in Rome was vying with every other in anxiety to warn the populace.

Except in its common motive and common sorrow it was an amazing discord which continued an hour and which will recur nightly until the obsequies are over.

Cardinal Rampolla intended to leave the Vatican immediately after the death of the Pope, when, having off-



COUNTING THE BALLOTS.



CARDINAL'S CELL AT THE CONCLAVE.

passing the bronze doors, which are closed for the first time in a quarter of a century. The courts and corridors were deserted. Only the pontifical policemen guarded the doors of the Pontiff's apartments.

When Laponi, assisted by five Vatican physicians, embalmed Leo's body, they found the Pope practically without a stomach. The body had been absolutely without. All the organs were gone.

Despite the reports to the contrary, the Vatican has not and will not inform the Quininal officially of the Pope's death.

The Pope's grandniece, Anna Pecci, daughter of Count Camillo, sketched the dead Pontiff yesterday.

Cardinal Oreglia strongly resents the visits of the Pope's relatives at the Vatican. The Cardinal succeeded in excluding the Pope's three nephews but their wives visited the mortuary twice yesterday despite Oreglia's orders. Little last night said:

"The numerous prelates at the Vatican cannot conceal their concern at the approaching visit of Cardinal Gibbons. On his position will depend the politico-religious attitude the next Pope will take regarding Italy and other countries.

"Gibbons, as an American cardinal, is the living incarnation of the human progress the church should follow to-day. He is an orator, persuasive and enlightened, especially regarding the trend of modern thought. Hence his arrival is anxiously awaited, and there is a burning desire to ascertain how he will use his influence in the conclave."

Dr. Laponi dictated the following description of the Pope's last moments to me yesterday:

"Often during the last five hours the Pope seemed to be dying. After the benediction in articulo mortis the pontiff rallied, his eyes intelligently followed the movement of the cardinals.

"He recognized his nephew and made a desperate effort to rise in his bed, which exhausted him so much that he lay prostrate a few minutes with eyes gazing, the pulse being so rapid I could not count it.

"Soon he opened his eyes, raised

superficial, the pulse imperceptible and a rattle was heard in his throat. Centra raised the pontiff's head and tried to give him wine and water. The patient could not swallow. Nothing remained but to moisten the tongue and lips."

**TAKE THE LAST FAREWELL.**

Relatives of Pope Leo Visit the Death Chamber.

There was a touching scene at the Vatican when the nephews of Leo, with their families, entered the death chamber to take a last farewell of their uncle, for whom they had an intense reverence.

Officially announced the demise of the pontiff to the diplomatic body accredited to the Vatican and to the papal nuncios, with instructions to have the news communicated to the various foreign rulers, he considered his duties as papal secretary of state to have been ended. Rampolla was on the point of leaving when Cardinal Oreglia insistently begged him to remain in the apartment he had occupied for over sixteen years, and the secretary of state acceded to the request.

According to a statement coming from a high ecclesiastic, arrangements at the Vatican are being pressed forward which will enable the conclave of Cardinals to begin sitting Aug. 1.

**Behind the Times.**

When a new edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress" was issued not long since the publisher received in his mail several letters addressed to "Mr. John Bunyan," in one of which the author was asked for his autograph. A similar case has occurred at the office of Harper & Brothers. They have just published John Ruskin's "Letters to M. G. and H. G." A few days later they received a letter addressed to "Mr. John Ruskin, care of Harper & Brothers, New York city." They opened the envelope, which contained a letter and some newspaper reviews of the book. It was from a clipping bureau and the writer urged Mr. Ruskin to "try our service," as after doing so "you will wonder how you could ever do without our press clippings."

**A Strenuous Advertiser.**

A funeral director, apparently of Milesian extraction, has gone into business in Bucklin, Kan., where he advertises thus: "When you die, remember that Bucklin has an undertaker."

**Floating Hotel.**

John Arbuckle, the Brooklyn coffee merchant, has long cherished an idea that a floating hotel, on which accommodations and meals at a moderate rate could be had, would prove an excellent investment. Last year the plan was tried, with only moderate success, but, nothing daunted, Mr. Arbuckle will put his floating hotel into commission again this summer. The full-rigged ship Jacob A. Stamer has been fitted up as a hotel. Before it is opened for the reception of men who want to spend the night on the water Mr. Arbuckle will take out several parties of mothers and children from the tenement districts.

**Whistler's Brilliance.**

An American woman who met Whistler, the artist, a year or two ago was amazed at the brilliancy of his wit and the originality of his character. "He was like no other human being I ever knew," she says, "a creature of moods and epigrams, but altogether delightful. After an hour's chat with him I felt as if I had been conversing with a flash of lightning."

**Poplar London Hostess.**

The countess of Warwick, one of the most beautiful women in England, has been a queen of London society this season in spite of the fact that the king and queen ignored her splendid entertainments. When the countess was Lady Brooke she was a guest at Tranby Croft at the time the celebrated baccarat scandal developed. The prince of Wales, now King Edward, was also a guest and because of his presence an effort was made to hush up the matter. But Lady Brooke talked and the whole affair was soon public property. Her ladyship thereupon became known as "the babbling Brooke."

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