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DECISION BLOW TO THE STATE TAX VALUATION

SUPREME COURT DECISION ALLOWS RAILROAD ASSESSMENT ON PART VALUE

OTHER ROADS TO HAVE A CUT

State Will Lose \$1,000,000 in Taxes if Federal Court Sustains State Court's Decision.

From Wednesday's Daily— State Tax Commissioner Smith, after some brief figuring Tuesday, said that if the Burlington, Northwestern and Omaha railroads, which are fighting valuations in the federal courts, are treated there as the state supreme court has just held in the case of the Rock Island, it will mean a reduction in the assessed valuation of the four railroads for 1923 of about eighty million dollars.

As the average tax levy is 16 mills this will mean a reduction in the taxes of the four roads of about \$1,250,000, which will have to be made up by taxing other property more. The state's share of this is about \$160,000. Discussing the decision Mr. Smith said:

"The state board of equalization and assessment in 1923 found a valuation of \$10,694,409 for the Rock Island railroad for assessment purposes in Nebraska. The court finds a valuation of \$10,433,599, and that the property of the railroad has been assessed at its full actual value whereas other property has been assessed at 63 per cent of its value. The court therefore remands the proceedings to the state board with instructions to reassess the railroad property. To follow up these instructions will mean a reduction in the assessed valuation of the Rock Island in Nebraska, with a corresponding reduction in state, county and school district taxes. The average tax levy through Nebraska in 1922 was 16 mills (the figures for 1923 are not yet available) and if the levy for 1923 is the same it would mean the total tax of the Rock Island would be approximately \$171,000, while the state's share of this is about \$21,000,000. The decision of the court will have the effect to reduce this.

"The counties thru which the Rock Island passes and that will be affected by the decision are Cass, Douglas, Gage, Jefferson, Lancaster, Nuckolls, Pawnee and Thayer.

"The valuation of farm lands and improvements seems to have been the class of property most considered. The board valued the property of the Rock Island at about its actual value, but that the owners of the railroad were discriminated in that they were taxed at full value while other property was not. The assessment of farm land and improvements was made in 1922 and a reassessment will take place in 1924. The 1923 valuation was the same as 1922 plus the valuation of new improvements, etc. The state board believed the 1923 assessed valuation of lands placed that class of property on about an equal footing with railroad property, and accordingly declined to reduce the valuation of railroad property for assessment purposes.

"The state board before following the directions of the court will ask for a hearing and will exhaust every effort to have the decision reversed.

"Although the Burlington, Northwestern and Minneapolis & Omaha railroads are contesting their assessments, they are not affected by this decision since their actions were commenced in the federal courts."

VACATION DAYS OVER

From Wednesday's Daily— The employees of the freight car department of the Burlington and others not engaged in the passenger coach repair department, are today back at work after a holiday that commenced with Christmas and lasted over New Year's day with the exception of the 31st of December when all departments worked. The men who had relatives at a distance found the vacation a very pleasing one as it enabled them to go home and return with plenty of time and quite a large number took advantage of this opportunity. Monday evening a large number of cars arrived to be repaired in the shops and things will be humming from now on are the indications at the big Burlington industrial plant.

ROUNDS UP FLOATERS

From Monday's Daily— Saturday evening shortly after 10 o'clock Assistant Chief of Police William Heinrichsen was called out to the Missouri Pacific passenger station in the west part of the city where a large party of floaters were reported as congregating. On his arrival there Mr. Heinrichsen found five negroes and four white men who

were seeking shelter from the fast gathering wintry blasts in the depot and Mr. Heinrichsen at once rounded up the party and marched them down to the city jail where they were lodged for the night and to see that they did not get out and commit depredations in the city. While there were enough of the party to start a small revolution against the policeman, they were apparently wise enough to see that there would be no monkey business with the very efficient night police officer as they came on to town without a word of protest and offered no resistance as they were locked up. Early yesterday morning Mr. Heinrichsen released them from jail and escorted them to the edge of the city and saw that they continued on their way out of the municipality to more congenial climes in the southern city. The action of Mr. Heinrichsen is to be commended as it placed the men where they would not be roving over the city and perhaps doing damage to property of the Plattsmouth people.

EASTERN STAR HAS INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Home Chapter No. 189 Has Very Pleasant Meeting New Year's Night—Installs Officers.

From Wednesday's Daily— Despite the wintry condition of the weather there was a pleasing attendance of the members of Home Chapter No. 189, Order of the Eastern Star, present last evening at the lodge rooms to attend the installation of the new officers for the ensuing year and the impressive services carried out in a very pleasing manner by the local officers. The new officers installed were:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Luke L. Wiles; worthy patron, Judge James T. Begley; secretary, Miss Clara Weyrich; treasurer, Mrs. James W. Burnett; chaplain, Mrs. Martha Peterson; associate conductress, Mrs. John F. Gorder; pianist, Mrs. James T. Begley; marshal, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury; warder, Mrs. George Nelson; Sentinel, C. C. Despain; Ruth, Miss Eleanor Burnett; Maria, Mrs. W. F. Evers; Adah, Miss Florence Balsler; Esther, Mrs. W. R. Holmes; Electa, Miss Gladys Hall.

Following the work of the evening the members were treated to some very delicious refreshments which added to the pleasures of the evening and came as a fitting close of the session.

E. O. FURLONG DIES SUDDENLY IN WEST

Former Cass County Man Passes Away at His Home at Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

From Wednesday's Daily— Yesterday the announcement was received by the relatives in this locality of the death of E. O. Furlong at his home in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on Monday afternoon, but the message received did not give any of the particulars of the death. Mr. Furlong had apparently been sick but a short time as the J. L. Stamp family received a package from him on Saturday that he had sent and addressed which leads the family here to believe that death came suddenly to Mr. Furlong.

The deceased gentleman was a son of S. L. Furlong, a pioneer resident of the county, whose death occurred just a month prior to that of the son, Mr. Furlong was born and reared to manhood in Cass county where he was united in marriage to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Taylor, who with a number of children are left to mourn his death. The deceased was also a brother of Marcus I. Furlong, residing at Rock Bluffs.

In response to the message Mrs. J. L. Stamp, a sister of Mrs. Taylor, departed yesterday for Steamboat Springs, to be with her sister and family in their hour of sorrow.

DANCES CLOSE THE YEAR

From Wednesday's Daily— The lovers of the dance had their opportunity to enjoy themselves in the closing days of the old and opening days of the new year. On Monday evening the Elks ball at the club house was very largely attended and the occasion was one that lasted through the passing of the old year and well into the New Year before the dancers wended their way home. The Samuelson orchestra, of Lincoln furnished the music for the occasion.

Last evening the K. K. G. club gave their closing dance of the season at the Coates hall and while the club was disappointed in not having the DeFord orchestra present to dispense the New Year's cheer, a piano player officiated instead, and the dancers spent several hours most delightfully.

Advertising will pay you.

A WELL KNOWN PLATTSMOUTH LADY MARRIED IN IOWA

Mrs. Florence Wadick United in Marriage to Mr. J. J. Adams of Sheridan, Wyoming.

From Wednesday's Daily— Yesterday at high noon at the St. Mark's Episcopal church in Council Bluffs occurred the marriage of Mrs. Florence Wadick of this city to Mr. John J. Adams of Sheridan, Wyoming. The wedding was very quiet, the impressive marriage service of the Episcopal church being celebrated by the Rev. Wilfred E. Mann, rector of the church. The bridal couple was attended by Miss Adams of Lincoln and Mr. Archie Adams of Fremont, sister and brother of the groom. The bride was gown'd in a modish traveling suit of dark blue with a hat to match.

Following the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Adams departed for the west where they will enjoy a short honeymoon at Denver and Salt Lake before returning to Sheridan where they will be at home after January 15 at their home at 538 Broadway. Where the groom has a charming home awaiting the coming of the bride.

Both the bride and groom are well known here and the families of the contracting parties are old time friends for many years when the Adams family were residents of Plattsmouth. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin of this city and has resided here for the greater part of her lifetime and is a lady of the greatest charm of personality and possesses a host of friends over the city.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Adams, old residents of Plattsmouth and spent his boyhood here and graduated from Plattsmouth high school. For the past twenty years he has been located at Sheridan and is the foreman of the Burlington machine shop in that city and possesses the warmest friendship of his associates in the Burlington and an immense number of friends in his home community.

The many friends, among the Journal desires to be numbered, extend the best of wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Adams for a very happy life in their new home and the success and prosperity that they so well deserve.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily— The Cass county farm bureau will hold a meeting at the district court room at the court house on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 and all members are urged to be present at this session. The matter of the further maintenance of the home agent and the demonstrations will be taken up at this time. Hon. W. B. Banning, of Union, will preside over the meeting and it will be of great interest to all of the residents of the county.

CITY RESPONDS LIBERALLY TO THE NEAR EAST RELIEF

Campaign Raises \$456.47 in Cash and Pledges and Also Donations of Clothes.

From Wednesday's Daily— As the result of the campaign for the Near East relief in this city which was carried out by the local committee following the visit here of Miss Catherine McCormick and Miss Catherine Sedgwick, the special workers in the cause of the unfortunates of the Near East, the city has responded most generously as the report that the committee has prepared will show. The sum total of the cash that has been raised in the city is \$357.97 and the pledges for the year 1924 yet unpaid will give \$99.50 later and makes a total of \$456.47. In the various drives there was raised the various amounts: Cash collections from Boy Scout campaign, \$137.72; tag sale, \$25.20; subscriptions secured by Miss McCormick at Christian church, \$33.65; movie theatre meeting, \$12.35; Presbyterian church, \$149.05.

In addition to the cash contributions the campaign for old clothes conducted by Mrs. John F. Gorder, resulted in a very generous offering and 400 pounds of clothing was turned over to the committee and all was in the best of shape and will make a splendid offering to the needy in the Near East.

STILL ABOUT THE SAME

From Wednesday's Daily— Advice from Murray are to the effect that Mrs. J. A. Walker, who has been in very critical condition for the past ten days is still very poorly and while she has partially regained consciousness she is very weak and her condition gives but little hope of her recovery.

MARRIED AT LOUISVILLE

From Wednesday's Daily— The marriage of Miss Edith Stand-er, graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan university, and Dwight Alverson of Belleville, Kan., took place on New Year's day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Stander, at Louisville, Neb. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Alverson, father of the groom and pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Belleville. The groom is a newspaper man located at Belleville, and the bride has been teaching school at Bayard, in Morrill county. Prof. R. W. Deal and wife, of University Place, cousins of the bride, were among the guests, which included relatives and near friends.

DEATH OF FORMER CASS COUNTY MAN AT LINCOLN

Dr. Thomas V. Davis Passed Away Last Night at His Home in Lincoln—Born at Murray.

The residents of this section of Cass county will learn with great regret of the death of Dr. Thomas V. Davis which occurred last night at his home, 746 Elmwood avenue, Lincoln, following a short illness.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Davis, pioneer residents of near Murray, and was born at the home west of that place and spent his early days here in Cass county. He was for some time engaged in business in Murray and later took up the study of medicine and completing his work in this line located at Nebraska where he practiced for a number of years and later moved to Lincoln to complete the education of his children in that city.

Mr. Davis is survived by the widow and two sons, Earl H. Davis of Cassper, Wyoming, and Guy R. Davis of York, and five brothers, M. S. Davis of Haxton, Colorado; O. A. Davis of Murray; L. M. Davis and Dr. J. R. Davis of Lincoln and P. P. Davis of Denver Colorado. The deceased gentleman was also a cousin of Searl S. Davis of this city.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SEES THE OLD YEAR TAKE DEPARTURE

Appropriate Services at Methodist Church Mark Passing of Old and Arrival of New Year.

From Wednesday's Daily— The members of the Epworth League with their friends enjoyed a fine time at the parlors of the Methodist church Monday evening when they gathered to witness the passing of the new year 1923 and to bid welcome the new year of 1924.

There was a very pleasing number in attendance at the meeting and the evening was one of the greatest pleasure to all of the members of the party assembled.

The early part of the evening was given over to games of all kinds that served to pass the time most enjoyably and a great deal of merriment was derived in the pastimes that were arranged by the committee in charge of the festivities.

To add to the enjoyment a very delightful informal program was given consisting of a vocal solo by John Frady, piano numbers by Miss Helen Wescott and Mason Wescott and readings by Miss Ruth Jacks and Earl Babbitt as well as appropriate remarks by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Foutz. The last half hour of the service was in charge of the pastor and carried out the appropriate religious thought on the passing of the old year. One of the novel features of the occasion was the writing of New Year resolutions by the members of the party which were read and served as an inspiration to those in attendance.

Very appropriate refreshments of sandwiches, marshmallows and cocoa served to add to the delights of the evenings.

COLONEL UNDER THE WEATHER

Col. M. A. Bates, editor of the Journal, has been welcomed the New Year from the confines of his home as he has been under the weather since Sunday and kept confined to the house. He is feeling some better and expects to be back on duty again in the next few days. His many friends will regret to learn of his disposition.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

To the farmers and neighbors of Plattsmouth precinct: You are requested to burn grass and trash along the roadways and trim up the brush. This will help the drainage and save cost of road work.—C. C. Barnard, overseer. d28-2wks d&w

A VERY QUIET HOME WEDDING ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Miss LeNora Snyder United in Marriage to Mr. Raymond C. Cook Last Evening.

From Wednesday's Daily— Last evening at 8 o'clock at the pleasant country home of the bride's parents west of Mynard, occurred the marriage of Miss LeNora Snyder to Mr. Raymond C. Cook, one of the well known young men of this community.

The wedding was very simple and attended by only the immediate families of the two contracting parties. The marriage lines were read by the Rev. W. L. Crum, pastor of the United Brethren church of Mynard, of which both the bride and groom are members, the ring service being used in the ceremony of the uniting of the lives and hearts of these two most estimable young people.

The bride and groom are natives of Cass county and have spent their lifetime here, and are numbered among the most highly esteemed young people of the community and are members of two of the old families of the county, the bride being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Snyder and was educated in the Plattsmouth schools. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cook and is one of the progressive young farmers of the vicinity of Plattsmouth and has been quite active in the work of the DeMolay and Masonic orders, being advisor of the local chapter of the DeMolay. Mr. Cook is also a graduate of Plattsmouth high school, being a member of the class of 1918.

The host of warm friends throughout Cass county will join in extending to these two happy young people their sincerest wishes for their future welfare and happiness.

Among the guests outside of the immediate family present were: Mr. A. J. Doerr and son, Arthur, of Chicago; Mrs. Mattie G. Wiles, Miss Mary Wetenkamp and Miss Nell Treasurer of Lincoln.

RIVER FROZEN OVER

From Wednesday's Daily— The cold snap of Sunday and Monday which spread over the west completed the work of freezing the ice on the Missouri river and John Richardson the ferryman, states that on Monday the river was closed over with ice for the first time this winter, although it has been filled with floating slush ice for some time. The ice, however, is only of slight thickness and it will require a long period of real cold weather to really form any ice that will be of real value for storage.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SEES THE OLD YEAR PASS OUT

Enjoy a Very Pleasant Time at Parlors of Presbyterian Church With Large Attendance.

From Wednesday's Daily— One of the pleasant watch parties of the season was that held by the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church at the church parlors on Monday evening and which was attended by some forty of the members of the society and their friends.

The time preceding the going out of the old year was spent in games of all kinds at which a great deal of merriment was derived and the members will long very pleasantly remember the occasion of the departure of the year 1923 from the calendar of time.

Just preceding the coming of the new year a short religious service was held and in which the pastor, Rev. H. G. McClusky, officiated and gave very appropriate remarks as the year passed out and 1924 came into being on the stroke of midnight.

To add to the enjoyment of the occasion dainty and appropriate refreshments were served to the members of the jolly party.

WILL TRY CASES

From Wednesday's Daily— District Judge James T. Begley of this city will visit Falls City on January 8 to hold court for Judge J. B. Raper, who has not been in the best of health the last few days and Judge Begley has also been requested by the chief justice of the supreme court to preside at the session of the district court at McCook while Judge Eldred is sitting on the supreme bench. This will take up a large part of the time our district judge in the next few weeks. At the trials here in the middle of January, Judge Alexander Troup, of Omaha, will be here to hold court.

Ezra Horning of Nelson, Nebraska, was here over New Year's day visiting his sisters, the Misses Horning and at the W. T. Adams home.

NOT SO BAD

From Monday's Daily— While the sudden change in the weather that occurred Saturday night in Nebraska brought a quiet scene from pleasant fall weather to snow and real winter, the conditions still lack much of the real old fashioned winter as the mercury this morning hovered at 2 above zero. However, the stiff wind blowing made it seem much colder to the pedestrians who were out in the blasts. The snow, the first real one of the winter, made a very wintry aspect to the scenery but there is one consolation to those who complain about the weather—think of the kids who were given sleds for Christmas and shut off the grumbling about the snow and cold.

TELLS STORY OF ROBBERY BY HOBOES ON THE ROAD

Stranger Arrives Here with Report of Assault while Riding Side Door Pullman on K. C.

From Monday's Daily— There arrived here yesterday morning a stranger who bore on his person the marks of conflict and as he came walking down the Burlington tracks from the direction of the Missouri river bridge, he attracted more or less attention and had apparently had a streak of bad luck following him on his way, as his face was bespattered with blood and dirt that made him not the most attractive object that could be imagined.

The man stated to Officer Frank Detief that his name was Clausen and that he had been punning his way from Kansas City to Omaha, and while traveling via the K. C. line, he had met up with two other "tourists" and they had proceeded to beat him up and abuse him and finally kicked him off the "hobo limited." He had then made his way here to this city and sought aid for his injuries. Mr. Detief escorted him to the office of a surgeon and Dr. J. H. Hall dressed the injuries and made the man as comfortable as possible and he departed for Omaha, where he claimed he had relatives who would succor him in his want.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETING

From Wednesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon the membership of the Christian church held their regular meeting at the church which was very largely attended by the members and the ladies came provided with baskets of good things to eat that served as the basis of a fine hot lunch dinner that was set at the church at 1 o'clock and was a fitting prelude to the very interesting session that followed.

The business session, opening at 2 o'clock was most interesting and the reports received showed that the various societies of the church had a most successful year and from the standpoint of religious work and membership the year was one of the best that the church has ever had, and under the leadership of the very able pastor, Rev. Walter R. Robb, had advanced very well along the path of re-awakened religious interest.

The members also enjoyed a very fine supper at the church following the election of the church officers.

FIRE DOES SERIOUS DAMAGE TO RESIDENCE ON HILL

Dickson Residence on Wintersteen Hill, Owned by A. J. Tritley, Practically Destroyed.

From Monday's Daily— One of the most serious fires that has visited this locality occurred Saturday evening shortly before 7 o'clock and which resulted in a great deal of damage to the old Dickson residence on Wintersteen Hill now owned by A. J. Tritley which was occupied by the Price and Bisbee families.

The fire had gained quite a headway when discovered and was soon spread between the walls of the house making the work of fighting the flames a matter of difficulty for the firemen who had responded promptly to the call and it required a great deal of water to subdue the blaze.

The fire had apparently started in a closet in the house which was a double residence building and the blowing out of a flue stop is thought to have caused the fire, the burning soot falling in the closet starting the blaze.

The furniture in the house was badly damaged by the fire and in the case of the Bisbee family there was some insurance carried but on that belonging to the Price family there was no insurance and the loss will be quite serious to them.

The owner of the property, Mr. Tritley, carried some \$2,000 insurance on the building but this will not pay for the repairs that will be necessary to place the building back in shape.

ONE DIVORCE FOR FIVE MARRIAGES

That's the 1923 Record in Cass County—Makes Poor Showing of Cupid's Ability.

From Monday's Daily— While County Judge Becson has been busy the past year giving the necessary permits to 101 persons for wedded happiness, the office of Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson has also been busy giving others a chance for happiness by the severance of the matrimonial ties, and the year just closing shows that twenty divorce cases were filed. This is three short of last year, but with the falling off of the marriages shows a substantial gain for the divorcees as it shows one divorce for every five marriages.

SMALL FIRE TODAY

From Monday's Daily— The fire department was called out this morning to the residence of Lem Green near the Columbian school, a defective flue having caused a small blaze that burned quite strongly for some time, but the fire boys made quick work of the fire and soon had it extinguished and with a loss estimated at not over \$25. The fire started on the inside of the house back of a flue and burned quite a little along the side wall of one of the rooms of the house.

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