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OVER THE STATE.

TAXATION IN NEBRASKA.

Below will be found a table giving the aggregate assessed valuation of our State by counties, and also the number of acres of improved and unimproved land and the average value of the same per acre. Even this condensed statement serves to exhibit many of the idiosyncracies of our system of assessment and taxation. The counties enter into active competition to see which one can get itself believed to be the poorest. The eastern counties seem anxious to rival the "bad lands" of the west for worthlessness, and it appears that those returns as though it would not take very much of a syndicate to buy up the whole state. The returns of personal property have been reduced in a still more scandalous manner by this desire to elude taxation. A county having taxable property the assessed valuation of which is \$1,623,000, claims to have no clocks nor watches at all; another with a taxable valuation of \$1,205,000 has no pianos owned by its citizens. Omaha has lied like the mischief maker to the assessors or to the rest of us, for according to the returns to the auditor's office the average value of town lots in Douglas county is only \$442.50, while in Lancaster it is \$506.07. To easterners who cry out in horror at our high rates of taxation, the facts regarding our assessment rates should be made known.

COUNTIES.	Assessed Valuation of Property.	LANDS.	
		Improved	Unimproved
	Aves.	Aves.	Aves.
Adams.....	2,022,821	207,572 84	108,173 23
Antelope.....	1,256,079	20,268 33	225,001 15
Barnes.....	1,432,727	32,871 22	103,315 63
Becker.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Benning.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Blair.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Boone.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Box Butte.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Burns.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Cass.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Chase.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Cherry.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Cheyenne.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Clay.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Colfax.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Dallas.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Dawson.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
DeWitt.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Dodge.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Douglas.....	1,623,000	100,000 00	30,000 00
Dundy.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Franklin.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Frontier.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Gardner.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Grant.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Greene.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Hall.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Hamilton.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Harlan.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Harrison.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Hayes.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Hitchcock.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Holt.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Hovde.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Jackson.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Jefferson.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Johnson.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Kearney.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Keith.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Kimball.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Lincoln.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Logan.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Loup.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Madison.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Merrick.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Miami.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
McPherson.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Nebraska.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Nebraska.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Omaha.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Otoe.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Pawnee.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Peru.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Platte.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Polk.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Rock.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Seward.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Sheldon.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Sherman.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Sioux.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Stanton.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Thayer.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Valley.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Washington.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Wayne.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Webster.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
Wheeler.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63
York.....	1,675,500	32,871 22	103,315 63

LIGHTNING struck the main stable on the fair grounds at Omaha and the structure was burned to the ground. Five horses were instantly killed and five perished in the flames. An equal number were got out uninjured. The loss is about \$10,000.

PROF. BRAYTON made a balloon ascension in Lincoln the other day. It was his intention, if possible, to reach Omaha, but owing to the scantiness of his attire and a premature escape of gas, which greatly inconvenienced him, he was compelled when only twelve miles from Lincoln to descend.

Mrs. Dr. McCaw, of Belvidere, filled her gasoline stove while the burners were hot, and the result was an explosion which came near resulting fatally to Mrs. McC. Her husband being present she was rendered assistance that doubtless saved her life.

GEORGE HOOKER, of Buffalo Gap, says the Chadron Democrat, was in the city yesterday exhibiting specimens taken from the whetstone quarry near the Gap. He states that the rock has been examined by experts, who pronounce it an excellent quality of whetstones—in fact equal to any found in the world for sharpening tools and polishing marble, and it is the intention of the owners to place it on the market in a few weeks.

ROBERT HARRY, a Saunders county farmer, while in Fremont on business, was quite severely hurt by one of his horses becoming unmanageable. He had his collar bone broken, and received severe bruises which it is feared may result fatally.

DEATH is announced of Mrs. W. C. Ghost, wife of Judge Ghost, formerly of Fremont. York is slaughtering all unweaned dogs. The price for killing has been raised to one dollar.

The Blair canning factory finds the corn crop uneven and short of what was expected. On tomatoes the prospect is better.

A CIRCULAR by Commissioner Sparks modifies his existing relations in regard to cutting timber on mineral lands. Timber, he says, may now be cut for commercial purposes to be sold only to actual consumers who shall be bona-fide residents.

An order issued by the war department places Fitz John Porter on the retired list of the army as a colonel, at his own request.

COMMISSIONER COLEMAN, of the agricultural bureau, has issued a circular of rates and regulations for co-operation between states and the government for the suppression of pleuro-pneumonia. It quotes the act of June 30, 1886, which appropriates \$100,000 for this purpose.

A CIRCULAR has been sent out from the treasury department conveying the information that five-cent nickel and one-cent pieces will be forwarded from the United States mint at Philadelphia for transportation charge, in sums of \$20 for multiples, on the receipt and collection by the superintendent of the mint of a draft on New York or Philadelphia payable to his order.

The chief of police of Columbus, as a Union Pacific train arrived the other day, arrested a man on the charge of stealing a team of horses in Platte county. When taken in charge he confessed his guilt.

THOS. J. WALKER, accompanied by Wm. Thompson and W. F. Warne, of Washington, D. C., all connected with the office of commissioner of railroads, have arrived in Omaha to examine the books of the Union Pacific railroad company, to see that all is straight in regard to the 25 per cent of the net earnings that goes to the government. It will take the next two weeks to look over the figures.

One hundred cars of material for the Rock Island have been delivered at Beatrice.

A COMMISSION has been issued to T. O. Shea, as postmaster of Madison.

A FLOATER was picked up in the river at Nebraska City the other day. The corpse was that of a boy about thirteen years old and was not identified.

The temporary bridge for the crossing of cars at Rulo is about ready for business.

J. H. FOXWORTHY of Lincoln, fell on the sidewalk in Hastings last winter and broke his hip. He now says that city for \$20,000 damages.

The Hastings ball club costs 1,150 per month.

A MAN named Stone, who stole 100 pounds of bacon from a farmer near Salem, got thirty days in jail for the offense.

A NEBRASKA CITY correspondent says some wretches threw dynamite into Geo. Elke's fish pond, killing four-fifths of the fish. Mr. Elke offers a reward of \$50 for the conviction of the perpetrators of the outrage. This is quite a loss to him, as he has spent a great amount of time and money in fish culture.

THE W. C. T. U. ladies of York have engaged Mrs. Henry to deliver a series of temperance lectures there. Mrs. H. is said to be a forcible and eloquent speaker.

JAILER JOE MULLER, of the Douglas county jail, has turned out thirteen of the city prisoners which were sent up by the police judge to serve out sentence for minor offenses, such as drunkenness, vagrancy, etc. These fellows were released in accordance with the terms of the state law, which says that a prisoner shall be confined one day for every \$3 of fine.

DURING one of the hot days last week two of the horses on the Lincoln street car line laid down and died. The weather was too much for them.

NEAR Omaha the other day twenty-three freight cars, some of them loaded, and all standing on the Union Pacific track, started on a down grade run. They turned out a switch and ran into a culvert, where they were all piled up promiscuously. Most of the cars were smashed into kindling wood condition and the company sustains a very heavy loss. Rascally boys looted the baggage.

PLATTSBOTH has raised \$400 to be distributed in prizes at the base ball tournament during the county fair next month. The Fremont, Omaha, Lincoln and Hastings teams have been barred.

The Hastings base ball club played six games in Iowa in one week, winning all of them.

J. K. HONEYWELL of Lincoln lost a very valuable Cayfrey colt from the bite of a rattlesnake a day or two ago. The long dry spell seems to have made these reptiles more venomous than usual.

THE HASTINGS Reds wear the champion base ball belt of the state.

BEATRICE has devised plans for a city building, and bids for construction of the same have been advertised for.

At Blue Springs, Allie Brown, an inmate of a house of ill-fame, attempted to commit suicide by taking eight grains of morphine. A physician pumped her and she will probably recover. The girl is only 18 years of age.

The demand for furnished apartments and private board, is far in excess of the supply at Beatrice.

At Columbus unknown parties attempted to force an entrance into the Misses Brown's cigar store. Two shots from a revolver in the hands of the plucky ladies dispersed the marauders.

THOMAS WEBSTER, living about five miles south of Madison, killed a very large rattlesnake in his house last Sunday. It jumped at him, and came near biting him. It had seven rattles.

The avarice of Omaha real estate agents keeps the county commissioners busy in preventing the roads leading into the city from being platted into lots and sold.

An Auburn barber shop till was tapped the other night to the extent of about \$15.

A MAN named Pinner, representing an Omaha jewelry house, suicided with the pistol in Salt Lake last week. He had been jilted by his best girl, hence courted death as a panacea for his troubles.

The Omaha fair management announces as the latest attraction a dog race, five entries, one-fourth mile dash. The animals that are to run are the property of an eastern trainer, and are said to furnish a race as exciting as a horse race.

REV. STRADER, the Lutheran pastor of Ponca, has preached his farewell sermon there, and will go to Grand Island.

The corn in Pawnee county, says the Republican of Pawnee City, will not be over half a crop, owing to the long continued drought. There is a good deal of old corn in the county, but it is held principally by the wealthier farmers.

The Fullerton Journal is urging in regard to the organization of a county agricultural society and the holding of a fair this fall.

JOHN LINDE, a prominent farmer living near Ainsworth, has been adjudged insane and will be taken to the state asylum.

An Omaha saloonkeeper is called upon through the courts to pay Mrs. Maria C. Johnson \$14,180 for having sold whiskey to her husband, making him a common sot, and depriving her of his support.

The department of Nebraska G. A. R. has loaned to the Norfolk district reunion 196 tents, which have been shipped to Norfolk. From there they will go to Grand Island to be used at the state reunion. The 700 tents which have been rented from a St. Louis firm for use at Grand Island will be lifted August 20.

LINCOLN is building two huge packing houses—Nos. 1 and 2—which will get in operation in the early months of autumn.

The North Bend Fair says the Standard Cattle company will soon bring about 3,500 head of cattle to their new station for feeding during the winter. One hundred men are now putting up hay for the company.

STATE FISH COMMISSIONER MAY, of Fremont, has returned from the east, where he secured a large collection for the fish exhibit at the fair.

The Nebraska press association were given a hearty reception as they passed through on their excursion to the west.

There will be two county fairs in Cass county, and it is expected that success, in point of exhibits at least, will attend both.

The Presbyterians of North Bend are building a \$3,000 house of worship.

One Brandt was tried in the Platte county court and bound over to the district court for running a Sunday garden south of Columbus. It is understood that fourteen more complaints will be filed.

FOURTEEN thousand dollars has already been pledged and the erection of a \$10,000 building will be commenced as soon as preliminary arrangements can be made.

MANAGERS of the Globe coffee company, doing a sort of lottery business at Lincoln, were arrested and fined \$200.

A YOUNG man at Lincoln while asleep, fell through a second story window to the sidewalk and was seriously injured.

The eleventh annual convention of the Otoe County Sunday school association, was held at Nebraska City last week. The attendance was liberal.

The Union Pacific will erect a new depot at Mead, Saunders county.

OMAHA is about to put to death all dogs without the regulation tag.

PROHIBITIONISTS of Dodge county held a meeting for placing in nomination a ticket, but the attendance was so limited that the matter was deferred for a time.

The Lincoln Journal is in receipt of special advice from forty-six points in south east Nebraska and northeast Kansas regarding the corn crop outlook, and taken as a "job lot" they are far from encouraging. The reports cover Nebraska from Columbus south and from Superior east, and reach into Kansas two counties deep from Concordia eastward. From this wide territory reports of half crops come from twenty-two points, seven localities report less than half crops, ten report prospects for two-thirds the usual yield, two hope for three-quarters of a harvest, and five send word of full crop prospects. Columbus is the one Nebraska point that reports fair prospects for average crop, the other four points so reporting being in Kansas.

Is the county jail of Lancaster county there are eighteen prisoners whose cases will come before the next term of the district court.

Good brick, tile, and potter's play has been found near Fullerton.

DANBURY, Red Willow county, wants a good barber and a lumber yard. Two good openings in these lines.

WASHINGTON special: Judge J. C. Crawford of West Point, Neb., has arrived at the National hotel and will remain a week. He will endeavor to have the two land offices designated and the four officers appointed in Western Nebraska or ascertain why the matter is delayed. He will also look into the appointment of boards of examining surgeons for pensioners throughout the state.

THE KEARNEY flouring mills, destroyed by fire early in the week, will probably not be rebuilt immediately.

YORK county expects to have the best fair this year within its history.

TABLE ROCK expresses a readiness to furnish a number of men to fight Mexico should our government need their services.

QUITE a number of Blue Springs blooded horses are training for the races to be held at the fair ground Sept. 21st to 24th.

Since efforts have been made to secure the right of way for the Rock Island through Fairbury there has been a great increase in values.

The Millard "Sanitarium and Health Resort company" has finally materialized.

The prohibitionists of Platte county met in convention at Columbus and nominated a full county ticket.

There were 3,353 arrivals at the three principal hotels of Hastings for the month of July.

GEO. GUNN, of Adams county, got his hand caught in the betting of a corn sheller and had it quite badly crushed.

A YOUNG man by the name of Lawrence, secretary of the Nebraska news association, has been arrested on a charge of forgery. He claims that it is the work of his enemies.

FRANK LEE, of Humphrey, presented his petition to the county commissioners asking that a license be granted him to open a saloon at Neligh. On the same day a petition was presented asking that license be not granted. The commissioners have set a day of hearing. Both sides have employed counsel, and a lively time is expected.

The voters of Oakland said that the city vote \$7,000 bonds for water works.

The Masonic temple which has just been commenced at Beatrice will cost \$30,000.

A MAN, named Falberg, had his foot crushed between the bumpers of two flat cars at Omaha to such an extent that amputation was necessary.

Hastings' base ball club goes by the name of Reds, and they are said to be no slouches with the ball and bat.

THEY ARE GENEROUS REQUESTS.

The extent to which Tilden Remembered Relatives and Others.

The will of the late S. J. Tilden has been furnished to the press. It begins thus: Mindful of the uncertainty of life and being now in the full possession of all faculties of mind and memory, I, Samuel J. Tilden of Greystone, in the city of Yonkers, county of Westchester and state of New York, do hereby make, publish and declare my last will and testament in the manner and form following:

The document contains forty-three clauses. The first clause revokes all previous wills made by the testator. Clause second names John Bigelow, Andrew H. Green and George W. Eglow, executors and trustees under the will. Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 contain the usual provisions as to compensation of executors, discharge of just debts, etc. Clause 9 gives the testator's sister, Mrs. Mary B. Pelton, during her life the use of the house at 38 West Thirtieth street, and the income of \$100,000. Upon Mrs. Pelton's death the use of the house reverts to the testator's grandniece, Laura A. Pelton, during her life and if Mrs. Pelton shall not have disposed of \$50,000 of her inheritance by will, that amount also reverts to Laura A. Pelton. If Mrs. Pelton dies leaving children, the house and the \$50,000 goes to her children. If not she may will the house as she chooses and the \$50,000 shall revert to the estate and be managed by the trustees. Upon Mrs. Pelton's death \$50,000 of her inheritance goes to the testator's nephew, Mrs. Whitely, with similar provisions for her children and the income of \$100,000 is also paid to Mrs. B. Pelton during her life.

Clause 10 gives the income of \$70,000 to Lucy T. Tilden, widow of the testator's brother, Moses Y. Tilden, with reversion to her adopted daughter, Adelaide B. Buchanan. Clause 11 gives the income of \$50,000 to Susan G. Tilden, widow of the testator's brother, Henry A. Tilden, with reversion to testator's niece, Henrietta A. Swan. The twelfth and thirteenth clauses bequeath to his niece, Caroline P. Whitely, the income of one hundred shares of Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad stock and the interest of the testator in the Delphi Iron company. A special trust of \$50,000 is also to be invested for her benefit. The fourteenth clause gives to his nephew, Henry A. Swan, the income of one hundred shares of Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad stock, and also provides for a special trust of \$50,000 for her. The fifteenth clause conveys to Lucy F. Tilden, widow of Moses Y. Tilden, the dwelling which she and the testator formerly resided at New Lebanon. This clause also provides for the conveyance to the executors and trustees of certain lands formerly owned by Tilden's father, Elam Tilden, or subsequently acquired by Moses Y. Tilden, with the object of keeping the landed property together and in the family, the same to be applied to the use of his nephews, Geo. H. Tilden and Samuel J. Tilden. The sixteenth clause releases George H. Tilden and Samuel J. Tilden from debts amounting to \$30,000. Clause 18 leaves \$75,000 to S. J. Tilden, Jr. Clause 19 leaves \$150,000 to his niece Ruby S. Tilden. Clause 20 leaves \$150,000 to Susan G. Tilden, niece. Clause 21 releases the estates of his brothers from loans of \$300,000. Clause 22 leaves Annie J. Gould \$100,000. Clause 23 leaves Mrs. M. C. Staffer of New Orleans, \$100,000. Clause 24 provides that the husband of legatee shall have no management of the bequests. Clause 25 provides for a corporation to be called the Tilden Trust, and to embrace the residue of the estate. Clauses 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 bequeath small sums. Clause 33 gives \$100,000 for a free library at New Lebanon and clause 34 \$100,000 for a free library at Yonkers. Clause 35 provides that the Tilden Trust may be used for a free reading room and library in New York city, or where the trustees desire otherwise in their judgment they may devote the trust to other charitable, educational and scientific purposes instead. The other clauses are technical down to clause 41, which authorizes such a monument to Mr. Tilden's memory as the trustees see fit. Clause 42 authorizes the publication of Mr. Tilden's writings. Clause 43 provides that any legatee contesting will forfeit his legacy. The will is dated April 23, 1884.

SHE LOVED NOT WISELY.

Denison (Tex.) special: A terrible tragedy was enacted in this city this morning at 11:30. A young lady named Lelia Brown, from Carthage, Mo., came to the city last night in company with Conductor Ben Brown of the Pacific, and was taken by him to his private sleeping room. The young lady, humiliated by the disgrace she had brought on herself, procured a pistol and sent a bullet through her heart. The lady leaves several letters addressed to friends and her mother. The city is wild with excitement over the sad affair, and the denunciations are loud and strong against Conductor Brown.

INTERIOR GREASERS FOR WAR.

They Want Revenge for Palo Alto, Monterey and Buena Vista.

City of Mexico dispatch: A party in northern Mexico is in for crossing swords with the United States. It is reported on good authority that General Casas, who has recently departed in the vicinity of Sabinas, has offered to join hands with the federal government and clean out the Yankees. Government dispatches from Victoria, the capital of the state of Tamaulipas, received in Nuevo Laredo, are to the effect that the town is much excited over the El Paso and Eagle Pass complications. Public opinion as to the justification of Monragon is divided, some claiming his acts were justifiable and others condemning him. The governor of Tamaulipas is said to have asserted that if he were in the position of Governor Bonnat, of Chihuahua, he would never give Cutting up. The people of his state appear to uphold him in his opinion.

From Parra Limeras news comes that the prospect of war with the United States is met with delight as many in that section wish to aid in wiping out the remembrance of their defeat at Palo Alto, Monterey and Buena Vista. Their inborn antipathy and intense hatred for Gringos creep out daily, as is shown by their insulting and annoying treatment of Americans who are so unfortunate as to be living in their midst. The governor of Coahuila seems to be more conservative than either of those of Tamaulipas or Nuevo Leon, and is said to be in favor of peace and conciliatory measures.

A private telegram from Saultillo says that a brigade of infantry arrived in that city this morning. Their intended destination is not known. Stock men arriving from Mexico state that news of the trouble with the United States has just reached remote regions in the interior, causing great excitement and making it dangerous for stock buyers to stay in their midst. Importers in Nuevo Laredo are countermarching orders for goods in contemplation of trouble, as they are confident Cutting never will be given up. The present suspense is paralyzing business on the border.

THE SITUATION IN IRELAND.

As Set Forth by Mr. Davitt, Just Arrived in America.

New York dispatch: Michael Davitt arrived Saturday by the Germanic after a voyage devoid of incident. He was accompanied by James Bourke, one of the owners of the Dublin North City Milling company and business partner of Patrick Egan, president of the Irish National League of America.

Mr. Bourke will make only a brief stay in this country, as his visit is purely on business. Mr. Davitt will remain several months, will attend the Chicago convention and afterward will deliver a series of lectures throughout the country. Mr. Davitt found time to answer a few questions concerning the present situation in Ireland and what prospect there