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Tax Injunctions.

On Tuesday of this week two cases were filed in the district court by Edwin S. Towle who appears for himself and all other tax payers of Richardson county asking that the county clerk be enjoined from proceeding further with the spreading of the ten per cent increase made by the state board of equalization of Richardson county property on the tax records of Richardson county.

Judge Wilhite granted a temporary injunction in the absence of the district judges and thus prevent anything further being done in the matter until the case is finally heard. Reavis & Reavis appear for the petitioners in that the increase of the state board is illegal and in violation of the constitutional rights of the citizens of this county. For instance, All cash was returned by the assessor at its full value, and by the increase of ten per cent made by the state board, every man in this county will have his money valued at 110 cents on the dollar, while in Otoe county and other counties where no increase was made, all money will be valued at 100 cents on a dollar. This seems a direct discrimination and should be declared illegal. The same character of case has been brought in Nemaha county by Hon. Church Howe and is being argued today. C.F. Reavis is participating with the Nemaha county lawyers in the trial of this case. A petition in error will also be filed from the finding of the state board in order that if the court should hold the act of the state board to be final against a collateral attack, such as the injunction cases filed here, the matter may be heard by the supreme court on a review taken direct from the state board. The petitions also contain an allegation that the finding of the state board in violation of the constitution of the United States by depriving persons of their property without due process of law. This will enable the petitioners to take their cases to the United States supreme court if desired. We have not heard further from Nemaha county as to the result of the case argued there today.

City Hospital.

Through the kindness of Dr. Houston a reporter was permitted to take a hurried trip through the "Mercy Hospital." Dr. Hous-

ton will have his office in the south wing of the building and Dr. Wisner will office in the north wing. There will be a ward in the northeast part and the private rooms will be on the second and first floors away from the ward. The main operating rooms will be on the second floor and will be fitted with every convenience known to modern surgery. The culinary department will be in charge of Col. Sam Robinson and wife and the wards and surgical departments will be in charge of trained nurses who are especially fitted for the work. This hospital is a gigantic undertaking and fills a want that Falls City and Richardson county has long felt. Every physician and surgeon in the surrounding country will undoubtedly take advantage of it, and the ill and distressed will be enabled to receive all the advantages which otherwise they would have to go to a city for and pay for at great expense.

Huff Case.

The case of Ben Huff against the estate of his father for services rendered during the life of the deceased, was heard before Judge Wilhite Monday. The case was instituted by Messrs Falloon and Weaver, but for good reasons these lawyers withdrew from the case before the trial. Mr. Huff was his own

lawyer and conducted his case with surprising ability. A horde of witnesses was in attendance and the case attracted a great deal of attention. The court found against Ben and he says that he will appeal. There is no question as to the justness of Judge Wilhite's decision and the matter should be dropped where it is.

Ray Land Sold.

The Ray land in Barada was sold on Monday by John Evans of Shubert under an order of the court. The land brought about \$31 an acre and at that price was about the cheapest piece of property sold in this county for years.

Wreck at Violet.

A bad wreck occurred Tuesday afternoon at Violet, six miles west of Pawnee on the B. & M. No. 15 a passenger train, was standing on the track expecting No. 16 to take the siding, but for some reason No 16 kept the track and ran into No. 15. The engines of both trains were badly smashed up but no one was killed. Several of the passengers were very seriously injured but it is thought none fatally. No. 16 was heavily loaded. A number of the passengers were on their way to the St. Louis fair. The injured were attended by the company's surgeon and were taken to Wymore.

Just a Word.

It may be said that this paper is smaller than its competitors, but as the publisher of an excellent little magazine recently said, "it should be borne in mind that radium is more valuable than coal." We try to print all the news. That our efforts are appreciated is shown by the fact that without solicitation we have added the names of 109 new subscribers during the last week. Any "Doubling Thomas" is privileged to call and inspect this list. These subscribers are practically all farmers and all live contiguous to Falls City. We desire to express our gratitude to the members of the farmers telephone companies for securing us these subscriptions and to ask them when in town not only to call and see us, but to visit the stores of those merchants who advertise in these columns in order that there may be a mutual and enduring interest between this paper and all of its patrons.

To Mr. Morehead.

Why, if as you say your prices are fair and just, is it that you have lost the custom of the farmers in the west and northwest part of the county for your telephone business.

Lee J. Varvel, Ruio, Neb.

Central Committee Meets.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance of the County Central Committee in this city on Wednesday afternoon, nearly all the members being present.

Chairman John Hossack called the meeting promptly to order and an organization was perfected by the election of F. M. Boss as Temporary Secretary.

John L. Cleaver was elected permanent Secretary and S. M. Bayne treasurer of the committee.

W. W. Abbey, treasurer of the committee during the campaign of 1903, rendered a detailed report of receipts and disbursements of the last campaign, showing all debts then contracted had been paid and there being a balance of \$5.50 now in the treasury.

W. W. Abbey was elected chairman of the executive committee with authority to enlarge the committee to five members.

There being a vacancy in the membership of the committee from Falls City precinct; owing to the absence from the state of the committeeman elected W. P. Fergus committeeman for said precinct.

The committeeman for the third ward in Falls City being in feeble health, Carl Lippold was elected an assistant committeeman for said ward. Committee then adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

Opening of School.

The Falls City public schools will open Monday Sept. 5th. Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30 there will be an examination for teachers at the high school building. Friday, Sept. 2nd all high school students both new and old should register at the high school building. Saturday Sept. 3rd the city teachers will meet at the high school building at 9 o'clock for a general meeting.

It is earnestly desired that there be the fullest co-operation between teachers and patrons during the coming year so that our schools may attain the highest measure of success.

W. H. Pillsbury, Supt.