

### STATE ASSESSES BELT LINE

Attorney General So Holds in Answer to a Query of State Board.

### ONE QUESTION OF FACT TO DETERMINE

State Commences Suit Against Otoe County to Compel Correction of Bonds Held in the School Fund.

LINCOLN, May 20.—(Special).—The State Board of Equalization will meet early next week to complete the assessment of railway property in this state. All railroads doing business in Nebraska have been assessed on last year's valuation except the Belt line of Douglas county, action regarding this road having been deferred by the board on account of a difference of opinion as to whether or not it should be assessed by the state or Douglas county. At the regular meeting of the board last week Attorney Frank Ramsey appeared in behalf of the county, arguing that as the Belt line property was entirely within the boundaries of the county it should not be assessed by the state. Representatives of the road took a different view of the matter and asked the board to make the assessment, asserting that all of the Belt line property was owned and controlled by the Missouri Pacific railroad. The question was referred to Attorney General Smyth for an opinion. He has decided in favor of the road, and the board will probably make the assessment on his recommendation without further discussion.

The questions submitted to Attorney General Smyth were: "Is it the duty of the State Board of Equalization to assess the Belt line of Douglas county? Is the property of the Missouri Pacific Railroad company? and if the State Board of Equalization does assess the property would that interfere with or prevent action by the local authorities of Douglas county in assessing the same?"

The attorney general's written opinion on the subject, which will be submitted to the board next week, is as follows:

**Attorney General's Opinion.**

In answer to the first question, permit me to call attention to section 29 of article I, chapter lxxvii, of the Compiled Statutes, in which it is provided that certain officers of every railroad company returned by the property of said railroad company be situated in more than one county shall list and return to the auditor of public accounts for assessment and taxation the entire property which is afterward described in the section. This provision of the statute is very plain and needs, it seems to me, no interpretation from any source.

Whether any portion of the Omaha Belt railway is situated in more than one county is a question of fact which must be determined by you upon the evidence presented to you. That evidence is not before me and I know nothing about it.

Should you have any doubt as to whether or not any portion of this railway in Douglas county is situated in more than one county I think that doubt should be resolved in favor of the jurisdiction of the board to assess the property, but that the assessment should be made by local authorities of Douglas county, your action would in no way interfere with the right of that county to make the assessment. If, on the other hand, you should be satisfied to make the assessment and the decision of the court should be that it was your duty to have made it, there would be no assessment either by you or by the local authorities of Douglas county.

**Suit Against Otoe County.**

Attorney General Smyth today commenced a suit in behalf of the State against the County of Otoe and its Board of Commissioners, the object of which is to compel the county commissioners to correct an error made in fifty-two \$1,000 bonds purchased by the state last February. These bonds draw 4 1/2 per cent interest and are held as an investment of school funds. Before the bonds were purchased the understanding was that they were to be dated to the date of their issue. The county commissioners passed a resolution to this effect and the bonds were delivered together with 100 \$1,000 bonds, payable after twenty years. A few weeks ago the Otoe commissioners offered to pay off \$10,000 of the bonds. It was then discovered that the date on all of the fifty-five \$1,000 bonds which read: "Payable at any time within fifteen years from date," instead of payable at any time after fifteen years from date. The county commissioners demand the cancellation of ten of these bonds but the attorney general thinks the investment so good that he has drawn within four months after it has been made. The Board of Educational Lands and Funds desires to keep the school fund invested and as the avenues for investment are now limited the offer of the commissioners of Otoe county was not taken. When the mistake was made in the printing of the bonds or whether the agreement between the state board and the county commissioners has been misunderstood will be settled in court.

Chancellor MacLean last night delivered an address before the students of the High school of Dorchester, Neb. Chancellor MacLean will go to Reno, Nev., May 26, to speak before the graduating class of the State university. He will speak at Beaver City, May 24, and at Hastings, May 25.

**Student Representation at University.**

In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Regents of the State university at its last meeting in this city the students of the institution will hereafter be given representation in the control of the university. This action of the Board of Regents places the Nebraska State university in an advanced position among the universities of the country. The resolution was not made public until yesterday. It is a very important one and the students of each class in each college and school of the university and also the students in each permanent school organization shall respectively have the privilege of electing a student delegate to the board of the organization of the university. The election of the delegates shall be by ballot and shall be controlled by the secretary of the organization of the university. The delegate shall be a recognized channel of communication between the university authorities and their respective organizations.

"The Turn of the Tide," a nautical comedy-drama in three acts, was presented by the Delian society of the State university in the chapel this evening. Those who took part in the performance were: Charles F. Horner, Anna Saulis, Harry Carroll, C. W. Jones, E. F. Warner, Nora Pyrtle, Ruth Davis, E. M. Dunaway, Flossie Archer and V. C. Batte.

The selection of a date for the Lancaster county republican convention will be made by the republican central committee next Thursday. The candidates for the election offices are generally in favor of an early convention. All county officers, with the exception of the register of deeds, are to be elected at the fall election, including three judges of the district court.

Nearly all of the state officials left for Omaha this afternoon to attend the "dollar dinner" given by the Peter Cooper club.

The Empire Rupture and Medical company of Omaha filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state this afternoon. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000. The board of directors consists of: Henry A. Wernimont, Andrew E. Wallace and Augustus L. Sanabe.

The annual competitive drill by the student cadets of the University of Nebraska was held at the university armory this afternoon, resulting in a better profit in small grains than in the eastern counties. The gold medal was won by the best drilled cadet who was Sergeant Weeks. Drilled cadet

### MORE RAIN FALLS IN NEBRASKA.

**Moisture Saturates the Ground and Causes the Barometer to Fall.**  
SYRACUSE, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram).—Nearly three inches of rain have fallen in the last twenty-four hours. The storm last night was very severe, roads, fields and streams were flooded. The Nebraska is similar and the Vassar assembly a lake. The roof of the Methodist Episcopal church was struck by lightning, but the damage was not very heavy. Much corn will have to be replanted, owing to the seed rotting and ravages of the cutworm.

**Plains, May 20.—(Special).**—During the last thirty-six hours two inches of rain have fallen here. While not so greatly needed it was not unwelcome, although the feeling would be better had the weather remained warmer. Much corn that was planted early has come up slowly and reports are made of some having replanted, especially in the northwestern portion of the county, where two weeks ago there was an excessive fall of rain. Small grain doing well, although many are growing until rainfall.

**PIEMONT, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—This immediate vicinity had a very heavy rain last evening. Between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. two and ninety-four one-hundredths inches of rain fell. It came down in the first fifteen minutes. The streets were turned into rivers and water stood in pools on vacant lots and in low places. A good many sidewalks floated off their places. The railroads suffered no serious damage from washes and trains ran nearly on time today. The ground was in such condition that the greater portion of the water soaked into it. Indications all point to good crops the coming season. Corn is mostly planted.

**PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—Rain fell in copious showers in this city yesterday, last night and today. The ground is very wet and it is expected that a nice rain will fall here tonight. About an inch of water fell and as it rained the greater part of the night it has done a great deal of good. It was needed badly in this county. The rain appeared to be general and everyone is jubilant.

**GENEVA, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—A good rain has been falling all night and the ground is thoroughly soaked. Corn is nearly all planted. Vegetation is growing rapidly.

**HARVARD, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—Cool weather, and rain still continue, the government registration giving 1.46 of water since Friday night.

**FARNAM, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—A heavy rain or succession of showers continuing all last night has changed the whole appearance of the country and for the time eliminated the doubts and fears of the producers. It will make a notable difference in the small grain crop. Corn planting is practically finished.

**LOUISVILLE, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—Rain began falling here Thursday night and continued until this morning. Almost two inches of water fell and the ground is thoroughly soaked. Oats, wheat and meadows are in fine condition, due to the frequent rains during the last two weeks.

**COZAD, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—A steady downpour of rain lasting three hours yesterday night. It is of untold value to the growing crops. The spring wheat is now in fine condition. Many of the farmers are through planting corn. Much of the winter wheat has been plowed under and the ground planted to corn. The indications are that there will be more rain within the next twenty-four hours.

**ROSELAND, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—Thursday night this vicinity was visited with the best rain it has had for a long time. About a half inch of water fell. Fall wheat will be about half crop. Very little of the corn has been planted on account of the partial failure of fall wheat. Farmers are through planting and the prospect for an enormous crop of corn is excellent.

**GOTHENBURG, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—This section was visited by a general rain of three-quarters of an inch Thursday night, which puts the ground in elegant condition for growing crops. The season is quite late and the corn planting will continue into next week. Small grain is looking well and the outlook is very flattering for a big crop. Farmers are in the best of spirits and are planting a very large acreage of corn. It is cloudy and threatening more rain.

**PERU, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—This section was visited by a heavy rain early yesterday morning and it continued to rain at short intervals all day. This is the second heavy rain of the season.

**STOCKVILLE, Neb., May 20.—(Special).**—There was a good rain here Thursday night. It was a great help to the small grain. A large part of the winter wheat was winter killed and spring wheat has been suffering some from water. The general condition of the country is in the western part of the county than in the central part. More corn than usual is being planted.

**AINSWORTH, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram).**—Some very fine rains have fallen over this county within the last two days. Small grain looks well and everything is growing nicely.

**ELWOOD, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram).**—An inch of rain fell in this locality during the last twenty-four hours with every prospect for more.

**Stream Near Stella Overflows.**  
STELLA, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The Little Muddy, a half mile west of here overflowed in banks at 9 o'clock this morning and the stream is now a mile wide at this point, the main current being a few rods west of the Missouri Pacific depot. Twenty head of cattle are penned up in the middle of the stream and efforts are being made to get them loose so they can swim down. The water is almost up to the high water mark of 1882.

**Teachers Chosen.**  
SUTTON, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The Board of Education has elected the following as teachers for the ensuing year: Prof. C. F. Lehu, Osceola, superintendent; George W. Porter, principal; Ada Dubois, assistant. Teachers: Shadrach Doty, Mary Stewart, Mammie Bemis, Viola Meyers, Lucile Brown, Mary Goodrich, Anna Speich and Mahasha Silver.

**Recruiting Station at Hastings.**  
HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Warren Deane, second lieutenant in the Sixth cavalry, will arrive in Hastings Monday and open a recruiting office for the purpose of enlisting men for the regular army in the Philippine islands.

**Graduating Exercises at Falls City.**  
FALLS CITY, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The exercises for the graduating class will be preached at the Methodist church Sunday next.

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Grenadine Stripe—46-inch..... 1.25

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One more case of 36-inch Percale, suitable for ladies' waists, wrappers, men's shirts, etc., sold everywhere for 10c—tomorrow, 5c yard.  
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### DRUMMERS FINISH BUSINESS

Commercial Travelers' Convention at Hastings Comes to an End.

### CLOSES IN EVENING WITH FINE BANQUET

**Resolutions Adopted in Which the Members Pledge Themselves to Oppose the Operation of the Numerous Trusts.**

HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram).—Hastings will in the hands of the Knights of the Grip, whose forces were largely increased during the last twenty-four hours, until there are now nearly 250 traveling men in this city.

Today's session of the Nebraska grand council of the United Commercial Travelers was a busy one, as the members in plenty of members.

At 9:30 this morning the members congregated at the council hall, where a procession was formed which proceeded to march through the main streets. It was headed by the Second regiment band and carried nearly two blocks in length. H. H. Cherry, while acting as drum major, used a base ball bat for a baton and handled it with as much ease and grace as a professional. C. B. Flagg, supreme secretary of the Knights of Belting; grand treasurer, W. C. Brooks of Beatrice; grand conductor, Charles N. Atchison of Beatrice; grand sentinel, C. S. Troyer of Lincoln; executive officer, J. H. Bartlett of Lincoln, Jack Holland of Hastings.

Three more members were initiated in the afternoon. They were Alexander G. Muehe, James G. Norton and George Bush, Jr.

**Close with a Banquet.**

At 8 o'clock tonight all members of the United Commercial Travelers met at the council hall, where they had a sociable dinner with the speakers. The banquet was a holy to the Bostwick hotel, where an elegant banquet was in waiting. The dining room was gloriously decorated. Everything sparkled with the Union Commercial Travelers' colors, which are blue, white and yellow. The ceiling and the sides of the rooms were studded with incandescent lights of various colors. Motives of greeting and welcome were in profusion. It was after 11 o'clock when Will J. Holland, who presided as toastmaster, called the 200 guests in order with a few words of eloquence. The following toasts were then responded to: "The United Commercial Travelers," D. L. Clink, grand conductor of the state of Illinois; "Nebraska and its Future," Charles E. Green of Norfolk; "Competition and Rebates," J. N. Hirschberger of Lincoln; "Wives and Sweethearts," C. C. Patrick of Omaha; "Merchants, Wholesalers and Retailers," J. Birney of Grand Island; "Joys and Sorrows of a Commercial Traveler," W. C. Brooks of Beatrice.

At the conclusion of the members of the order expressed themselves as being sorry the affair was over, but felt as though they had received enough enjoyment during the last two days to last until their next annual meeting at Norfolk.

### HOLT COUNTY IS ALL RIGHT

**Cattle and Sheep Industries Are Alone Worth Over Two Millions.**

**CONCEDED BEST HAY COUNTY IN STATE**

**General Prosperity is Everywhere in Evidence and the Republican Party is Steadily Recovering Lost Ground.**

O'NEILL, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—According to conservative estimates there are in Holt county 75,000 head of cattle and 15,000 head of sheep, representing an actual value of \$2,300,000. The number is increasing all the time and the people here are certain that they have the best stock county in the state on account of the immense amount of hay that is put up here and which is necessary for winter feed for stock. There is no disputing the fact that Holt is the best hay county in the state.

No man in Holt county is preaching "prosperity" any stronger than the county treasurer, who was elected two years ago as a populist. This official said to the writer today:

"Land in Holt county is selling 40 per cent higher than it did three years ago and more farms are changing hands than for many years past. The best of it is that most of those who are buying land are the men who have lived here the longest. They are increasing their holdings and the money they are using to make the purchases has been accumulated right here in Holt county. In the meantime taxes are being paid up faster than ever before. This spring the payments are coming in so fast that we don't have time to balance our books."

Another man who was enthusiastic over the prosperity of Holt county was the banker from Stuart, a little town in the west part of the county. He said that his money was getting to be a drug on the market in his locality. He said:

"We used to run through our notes quite often and notify people to come in and settle, but we don't have to do that any more. They come without notice. It has been two months since we looked over the list for the purpose of making notes. Our bank, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has \$80,000 in deposits, where two years ago it only had \$30,000, and the money all belongs to the farmers."

### Locates a Burglar's Outfit

HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—J. E. Elliott, postmaster of Trumbull, Mo., recently filed two burglars full of brasses in his store, unearched a burglar's outfit this week consisting of high explosives, finished and blank keys, files, steel bars, etc. One of the keys that had been finished was an exact fit to Martin Bros' store. The citizens of Trumbull are keeping a close watch for the owners of the articles and should they put in an appearance they will meet with a warm reception.

### Hastings High School Commencement

HASTINGS, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The fourth annual commencement of Hastings High school will take place at the Kerr Opera house next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The class exercises will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the graduation exercises on Thursday evening. The graduating class this year consists of fifteen members.

The annual promenade of the High school and eighth grade will be held in the Methodist church next Tuesday evening.

### Harvard Items

Several new houses and substantial additions to those already built are being contracted for this spring.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Harvard High school will be given tomorrow evening by the Rev. R. S. Osmond of the Congregational church.

While some farmers have finished the planting of their corn considerable yet remains to be done.

### Will Observe Memorial Day

WEST POINT, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—Memorial day will be appropriately observed in this city. The Grand Army of the Republic, as represented by D. S. Crawford post of this place, has already made arrangements to that effect. Hon. John R. Hays of Norfolk has been engaged as orator of the day.

W. E. Krouse, vice president of the First National bank, who was so severely hurt two weeks ago by jumping from the train after it had left the depot, is slowly convalescing.

The city council last night acted upon the Freeman's resolution and disbanded the chemical and hook and ladder companies and authorized the formation of new companies. The two companies will be organized with young blood.

The city council met in special session last Wednesday evening to open the bids for the refunding of \$25,000 city bonds. Quite a number of bids were filed, but before the board convened one of the bids—which proved to be the best one—was withdrawn and two others had no certified checks, as demanded in the call for bids. The three which received consideration were as follows: N. W. Harrie & Co., Chicago, par and to furnish the lithograph bonds; Adams & Glain, West Point, \$150 premium; C. H. Imhoff, Lincoln, \$180 premium. Evidently the council expected much better offers, and after learning that better bids could be obtained an adjournment was called for Tuesday night, when the bid of Charles S. Kildier & Co. of Chicago for \$225 premium was accepted, on condition that a certified check on a bank other than their own be given.

### Model Plant for Sheep Feeding

**Facilities for Handling Forty Thousand Head of Taylor Ranch.**

ABBIOTT, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—This town boasts one of the largest sheep feeding establishments in the country, the property of Robert Taylor. This gentleman has 16,000 acres, fenced with fifty miles of woven wire fencing and barns, sheds, feed lots and, in fact, everything that can be in any way utilized in the production of beef, pork and mutton. His arrangements provide for feeding 40,000 sheep, besides several hundred head of cattle and hogs. There are 1,600 acres of alfalfa, which produce a ton of alfalfa and 500 acres of prairie hay land. Besides his feeding operations he makes a specialty of breeding fine sheep and has at the present time something like 7,500 head of Merino and Leicester breeds. Mr. Taylor is ambitious to make his place the finest sheep feeding plant in the world and shepherds who have been out to see it from South Omaha speak in the highest terms of the progress which he has made.

### Prosperity at Plattsmouth

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The erection of new and the repairing and improving of old buildings is a sure sign of the prosperity which Plattsmouth is enjoying. The Ancient Order of United Workmen have just had erected a large building and occupy the second story for lodge and social purposes. Robert Sherwood & Son have their new two-story brick building on Main street nearly completed. The foundation for an addition to the Christian church is completed and carpenters will commence work at once. Two lots are being graded preparatory to the erection of a fine new church building for the Methodist Episcopal society, which, it is said, will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. C. C. Parmelee has purchased the Fitzgerald "forty" and plans and specifications are being drawn for a fine palatial residence to cost about \$25,000. Hon. S. M. Chapman has been awarded the extensive improvements made on his fine residence. Senator W. H. Newell has had his home thoroughly overhauled and an addition built. F. M. Murphy has had new porches and an addition built to his residence. T. E. Parmelee has had a new roof and skylight put on the two-story brick building occupied by the drug store of A. W. Atwood.

### Matters of Interest at Wahoo

WAHOO, Neb., May 20.—(Special).—The Ancient Order of United Workmen members of this city were very busy people last evening. They initiated a large number of new members. Deputy Grand Master Van Dyke of Grand Island was present and conducted the work. Delegations were present from Harlan and Valparaiso. After the hall work was finished they repaired to a

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