

LOWERS SOME ASSESSMENTS

Board of Equalization Lays Off Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars.

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Figures Against Breweries Are Allowed to Stand Because Latter Pay Heavy Personal Taxes and License Fees.

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Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Real Estate (Patton building, etc.) and Personal Property (Stora Brewing company, etc.).

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Railroads Send Agents

The actual hearing of protests was got under way about 10 o'clock. All complainants were sworn in by City Attorney Wright.

In securing a reduction of \$19,000 on the Patton building assessment W. Farnam Smith, the agent, declared the property was paying in rentals about 4 1/2 per cent on the investment.

Prevents Further Cut. This cut also prevented a further reduction on the New York Life property.

A very decided difference of opinion as to the value of the James Monroe Parker estate, lying close along the river between Omaha and Florence, was developed.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BEE

POPULARITY MUST HAVE A BASIS

basis in merit in order to be enduring. Admitting the truth of this proposition, the popularity of The Illustrated Bee is the best possible evidence of its merit.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN have occupied much space in the public eye for several weeks and during that time The Illustrated Bee has been publishing each Sunday special illustrated articles concerning the two countries.

DAVID McLEAN PARRY gave Mr. Frank G. Carpenter an interview in the present series of talks on present day problems with which Mr. Carpenter is now dealing.

REGULAR FEATURES OF THE NUMBER include another installment of the fascinating serial, "The Diamond Dorelet," which is growing in interest each week.

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been instructed to investigate and proceed as it sees fit, and is now investigating. Steps may be taken to secure an assessment of the railroads more nearly in conformity with other assessments than the council proposes.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, through Attorney Kinler, filed a sworn statement by Superintendent J. H. Butler, declaring the gross state business done in the Omaha office for the past year amounted to but \$12,719.75.

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TO EVADE SUPREME COURT

Hill and Morgan Credited with Scheme to Organize Another Way.

TO UNITE RAILS AS THE ERIE SYSTEM

Plan to Get Around Defeat in Northern Securities Fight Involves Evidence of Hill-Harriman Reconciliation.

Should the decision regarding the Northern Securities company, which will be handed down by the courts next month, be unfavorable to that company, as it is said Hill and Morgan believe it will be, it is reported in this city that another plan is being developed.

The report now in circulation is to the effect that all of the western lines which go to make up the securities company will be absorbed by the Erie and that name will be given to all the lines, making them one expansive system.

Lawyers Advise Morgan. In the new plan is carried out the new company will include the Erie, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington systems, all under one head.

HARRIMAN IN THE DEAL. In connection with the reports it is regarded as significant that Mr. Harriman recently has been elected a director of the Erie, in which he is now a heavy stockholder.

What Follows Grip? Pneumonia often, but never when Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is used.

Announcements of the Theaters. At a bargain matinee this afternoon at the Boyd theater the brothers Byrne will give their "Eight Bells," tuned up to date.

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NOTES ON OMAHA SOCIETY

One of the prettiest of last evening's affairs was the watermelon supper given by Miss Jane Grant in compliment to Miss Jean Morton of Chicago, who is the guest of Judge and Mrs. Lake.

The third cotillion, danced last evening at Chambers' academy, was among the largest that has been given this winter and also among the most enjoyable.

Miss Josephine Hart entertained the members of the H. T. N. club Thursday evening at her home, 212 Ohio street.

Miss Anna Coad will entertain at 1 o'clock luncheon Saturday in honor of Miss Edith Her, whose marriage to Mr. Howard Edwards of Evanston, Ill., is to be solemnized at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Meyer has invitations out for an afternoon to be given Wednesday, January 27, in compliment to Miss Josephine Levy.

Miss Jean Morton came from Chicago Thursday to be the guest of Judge and Mrs. Lake.

Miss Gertrude Clarke left for the east early part of the week, expecting to spend some time in New York and Chicago.

Major and Mrs. M. G. Zaleski have taken apartments at the Paxton for the winter.

Miss Josephine Levy, who has been visiting in New York for some time, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles H. Cheyne of Cheyne, Pa., is visiting at the home of their son, H. C. Cheyne, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railway.

WATTERSON JEERS AT BRYAN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22.—Under the heading, "Sheer Political Insanity," Henry Watterson said in today's Courier-Journal: Mr. Bryan lays down his ultimatum.

Mr. Bryan says that if he is elected president he will accept no money for his campaign expenses from the "common people" of the country.

All parties have done this. The democratic party in particular has done it.

What, for example, would have been thought of the democratic platform of 1868 repeating the word "failure"?

The democratic party needs votes. On the lines of 1896 and 1900 it lost them.

It is free silver at the rate of 16 to 1 the only weapon with which democracy may win the people's approval.

Omega Oil Better Than a Porous Filter for cold in chest. Trial bottle 1c.

Both Go to Jail. T. J. Quincey of South Omaha, who was captured by Albert Rosenthal, proprietor of the Omaha Clothing Store, was held for thirty days in the county jail on his plea of guilty to petit larceny, in police court.

GHIRARDELLI'S GROUND CHOCOLATE

A Nutritious and Delicious FOOD AND DRINK MADE OF THE NUTRITIVE AND DIGESTIBLE PRODUCT OF THE CHOICEST COCOA BEANS AND PURE CANDY GRANULATED SUGAR.

Don't Buy any but Ghirardelli's if You Want the Best. The actual hearing of protests was got under way about 10 o'clock.



Prizes for Room Renters and Room Renters

Rent a room and win a prize at the same time, Beginning Sunday, January 17th, The Bee will give prizes to those who rent rooms as a result of an advertisement in The Bee.

THE PRIZES:

- 1st—Novel (to the party letting the room)... \$1.25
2nd—"Mother Goose Paint Book" (to the party letting the room)... 1.25
3d—"Great Pictures by Great Painters" (to the roomer)... 1.50
4th—State Map (to the roomer)... 1.00
5th—Cash (to the party letting the room)... 5.00
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9th—"Life of Napoleon," three volumes, (to the roomer)... 6.00
10th—One 42-Piece Dinner Set (to the party letting the room)... 10.00
11th—Novel (to the roomer)... 1.25
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15th—Cash (to the roomer)... 5.00

Address all replies to "Want Ad" Department, Omaha Bee, Omaha.

ASBESTOS FIRMS ARE BUSY Sending Out Floods of Letters to Theater Managers in View of Iroquois Fire. Since the Iroquois theater calamity local playhouse managers are flooded with circular letters and letters that are not circular.

OPPOSED TO RAISING SALARIES County Commissioners, Who Meet in Secret, Against Increasing Officials' Pay. The county commissioners have been in star chamber session during the last two days discussing the matter of salaries for the assistants in the several county offices.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite. The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere.

Look at the Brand! Walter Baker's Cocoa and Chocolate. The FINEST in the World Costs Less than One Cent a Cup. Forty Highest Awards in Europe and America. Walter Baker & Co. Ltd. Established 1780 Dorchester, Mass.

COUNTERFEIT SILVER COIN Spurious One Dollar Pieces are Circulated, but Makers are Under Arrest. A counterfeit silver dollar of the date of 1862 has put in an appearance in western Iowa, a sample of which is now in possession of the secret service department in Omaha.

PLANT TO RAISE SUGAR BEETS Joy Morton Said to Be at Head of Movement to Found Industry on Burlington. It is reported at Burlington headquarters that Joy Morton of Chicago will be in Omaha in a few days and that he, with H. T. Leavitt of the Standard Best Sugar company and a party of friends, will leave via the Burlington for a trip to Queensland, Wyo., for the purpose of looking into the possibilities of raising sugar beets in that territory.

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