

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

Nebraska Land Owners Will Pay Increased Taxation This Year—Legislation Needed for County Jails.

Higher Taxes on Lands.
The individual tax payers of Nebraska who own lands will pay state taxes this year on an increased valuation of \$1,784,000, or a total assessed valuation of \$145,000,000, while the owners of railroads will pay taxes on an increased valuation amounting to \$440,000, most of which represents the value of new lines.

Secretary Bennett of the state board of assessment is getting his tabulations in shape so that these facts now stand out plainly. Half a million town lots are this year assessed at \$45,000,000, an increase of \$1,617,000.

Statistics of improved lands in the state give 19,377,635 acres, the taxable value of which is \$128,321,542, or an average of \$6.62 per acre, equivalent to an actual value of \$33 an acre. Unimproved lands give a total acreage of 14,202,411. Their assessed valuation comes to \$16,894,803, which is \$1.19 per acre, or \$5.95 actual value.

Of improved lands in cities and towns there are 280,700, whose combined taxable valuation stands at \$40,593,791. The number of unimproved lots is 214,762, and they are assessed at \$4,274,000.

From 52 cents per acre in Banner county, the lowest assessed valuation in the state, to \$10 per acre in a dozen or more counties and \$12 in two or three, is the range of land values. This does not represent extremes, as the average is taken for each county.

Authority Over Jails Taken.

Secretary Piper of the state board of charities and corrections is getting ready to have a meeting of the board to discuss legislation needed to give it greater authority in dealing with county jails and charitable institutions. Mr. Piper has just returned from a trip through the state and many of the jails he found in poor condition. At his suggestion in some instances the authorities did some painting and cleaned up the places, but in other cases the county authorities refused to act.

Mr. Piper will recommend a separate institution be erected for the habitation of epileptics, taking them from the insane hospitals because of the effect such cases have on the other patients. He will also recommend a bill to abolish jails in basements and a law which will give the board's secretary power to order officials to clean up the jails and keep them in first class sanitary condition. To compel this now Mr. Piper has to bluff his way through and he has not the authority under the law to get his orders enforced.

Threshing in Cedar.

HARTINGTON—The first threshing of winter wheat is turning out better than expected. Fred Cole has threshed 1,700 bushels on the Linghart farm that tested sixty-eight pounds to the bushel. James Steffen has threshed 1,200 bushels that yielded twenty-two and a half bushels to the acre. The spring wheat also looks good, and is filling well.

Found With Broken Neck.

OSCEOLA—The discovery near here of the dead body of Fred Beckman in a granary has developed something of a sensation. It is believed that Beckman was killed in a quarrel with drunken companions and an investigation is being made to learn the details. Examination of the body developed the fact that his neck had been broken.

Nebraska Crop Acreage.

LINCOLN—Labor Commissioner Bush has issued a detailed statement of Nebraska crops. The acreage of all crops has increased 308,877 since last year. Corn, winter wheat and oats have increased acreage, while spring wheat, barley and rye have fallen below the acreage of last year.

A Good Opening for Young Men.

WANTED—Students to learn dentistry. One thousand to eighteen hundred a year as soon as competent. Cannot supply the demand. For particulars address Dr. Clyde Davis, Lincoln, Neb.

May Test State Law.

PLATTSMOUTH—If the plans of Dr. A. P. Barnes of this city materialize an effort will be made to have the new veterinary law repealed at the next session of the legislature. Mr. Barnes, who is an old veterinary practitioner, was recently prohibited from using the title of "Dr." before his name by the state veterinary board on the ground that he had failed to pass the required examination. Dr. Barnes is securing the addresses of all the old practitioners in the state who are affected.

W. J. Bryan is expected to be a big drawing card for the state fair. Colonel Maher a year ago expected to have Judge Alton B. Parker to visit him during fair week, but for some reason this plan has been abandoned and the colonel will go to New York to meet Bryan. The reception to Mr. Bryan will occur during the state fair and as the railroads are going to sell tickets for one rate plus 50 cents, which includes the fair ticket, it is expected that thousands of those who come to the Bryan reception will also visit the fair and turn in the coupon.

Game Warden Assaulted.

NORTH PLATTE—Sunday morning when a deputy state game warden from Grand Island went to the North Side livery stable of this city he was assaulted by ruffians and would probably have been killed but for the interference of bystanders. As it was he was severely hurt and his face is bruised almost beyond recognition. The game warden has been gathering evidence and causing the arrest of parties violating the game laws and it seems some of the parties or their friends were implicated.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Sterling is arranging for a carnival August 24, '25 and 26.

A terrific hailstorm in Knox county did much damage to crops.

The Commercial club of York has got into its new and elegant quarters.

Mrs. Nancy Brown of Wellfleet is accused of selling liquor contrary to law.

Engineer Anderson of the Northwestern road dropped dead at Fremont.

The firemen's tournament at Humboldt will be held August 30, 31, and September 1.

Beatrice will send a fire team to the Humboldt tournament the latter part of the month.

Corn that in some portions of the state needed rain, got it good and plenty last week.

Joseph King, accused of stealing a horse, has been taken from Plattsmouth to Seneca, Kan.

During July in Platte county farm mortgages were filed amounting to \$74,505; released, \$25,232.50.

Two divorces were obtained in Johnson county last week. In both instances desertion was the charge.

At a mass meeting it was unanimously decided to hold a three days' carnival in Sterling August 23, 24 and 25.

The report of vital statistics for Columbus and Platte county for the month of July shows nine births and ten deaths.

J. S. Koch, who resides two miles from Lawrence, has finished threshing a sixty-acre field of winter wheat which yielded 56 bushels per acre.

Cuming county proclaims itself as the possessor of splendid crops. That seems to be the story coming from all counties in Nebraska this year.

From fourteen acres of oats J. D. Carpenter, a farmer living seven miles southeast of Beatrice, received a yield of 863 bushels, or 62 bushels to the acre.

A daughter of S. C. Sunday, a girl 16 years of age, living south of Seward, accidentally cut her foot and nearly bled to death before medical assistance arrived.

At a special election in Ravenna, called for the purpose of bonding the village in the sum of \$4,250 for a gas lighting and heating plant the proposition carried by an overwhelming majority.

H. H. Boone of Logan township, Cuming county, threshed six acres of oats which yielded 420 bushels, machine measure. This means a yield of 70 bushels per acre from the machine, and about 80 bushels by weight. The oats are of the early Kherstan variety.

The number of applications for space for county exhibits at the state fair has already exceeded the number of exhibits of last year and now the secretary of the board of managers is wondering if he will have enough space to accommodate all the counties that apply.

Lee Fugate, a young man who has been working ten miles southwest of Bertrand, attempted to cross Turkey creek after the hard rain and drove into a deep hole. The stream being swift carried his buggy and horse into the brush, where both man and horse were drowned.

The stock men of Lincoln county feel that they have a serious grievance against the State Board of Equalization because they raised the assessed value of cattle and horses in Lincoln county 20 per cent. Cattle of all ages were listed at an actual value of \$14 per head.

Mrs. Ida Blair has returned to Grand Island from Aurora after a fruitless search for her two children, abducted from her home by their father while the mother was absent. It is believed he has taken the children out of the state, out of the jurisdiction of the courts.

While completing the erection of a new windmill at the Rogers home in Danbury, J. L. Sargent fell from near the top of the tower, a distance of about forty feet. He had an armful of tools and was unable to catch himself or protect himself in falling. He was severely bruised and shaken.

Nebraska assessors have succeeded this year in uncovering \$1,120,000 more cash than they found in 1905. The footing for "money on hand and on deposit" in the ninety counties of the state shows the aggregate assessment under this head to be \$4,486,895 for the current year, as compared with \$3,666,485 last year. This is on a basis of one-fifth the actual value.

The university officials intend to bring a mandamus suit against Auditor Searle to compel him to issue a warrant for \$9,000 appropriated by the government and held by the state treasurer. When the demand was made for the warrant it was refused by the auditor on the grounds that the money had not been appropriated by the legislature. The university officials hold, under an old statute, all money for the use of the experimental station donated by the government need not be specifically appropriated by the legislature. Consequently suit will be brought.

John Harper, a farm hand employed by Clarence Shively near Glenview, was arraigned before County Judge Palmer on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape on the person of Mrs. Shively.

Food Commissioner Redfern is busy getting up a pure food bill to be presented to the next legislature along the lines of the national law. Under the present Nebraska law the food commissioner has no authority to punish merchants for selling adulterated foods and practically has no authority to even make investigations.

James Melick, a 15-year-old boy who has been working around Milford, is in jail on the charge of stealing. His mother is dead, and his father has been in the penitentiary three times for theft.

Miss Rachel Engel, stepdaughter and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kent of Grand Island, lies at death's door as the result of an attempt upon her life by John Hamilton, aged 35 or 40, the motive being jealousy, or the rage of unrequited affection. The young woman, though well developed for her age, is but 15 years old.

WHAT WOULD NOT THE CZAR GIVE TO HAVE A NIGHT'S REST LIKE THIS?



BOARD CUTS GRAIN TARIFF

IMPORTANT RULING BY WISCONSIN RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Cut of Practically One Cent a Bushel Affects Every Railroad Doing Business in the State.

MADISON, Wis.—Grain rates for the state of Wisconsin will be reduced practically one cent per bushel by an opinion of the railway commission, handed down Thursday.

This is the most important decision that has ever been rendered by the Wisconsin commission. The order will affect all of the railroads operating in the state of Wisconsin.

The matter was started by a complaint made by O. G. Kingy against the Wisconsin Central and later by a complaint of W. L. Houser, against the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Minneapolis & Omaha and the Chicago & Northwestern.

The matter was conducted as an investigation of grain rates between stations in Wisconsin and Milwaukee by the railroad commission acting on its own motion. The two complaints involved grain rates from Colfax and Hondo to Milwaukee only.

The commission notified the railroad companies that a complete investigation would be made on their own initiative of the whole question and the railroad companies appeared at a formal hearing, July 10, when sworn testimony was received at that time on the matter.

The hearings in the matter of passenger rates have contributed much to an exact solution of the question.

PRAISE BY INTERSTATE BOARD.

Credit Given for Success in Rebate Cases.

WASHINGTON—In a statement issued Thursday by the interstate commerce commission regarding the conviction of the Archibson, Topka & Santa Fe Railway company for violating the law with respect to the giving of rebates, the commission says "the avowed purpose of the practice tends to support the view that there was no criminal intent on the part of Paul Morton, former secretary of the navy and former head of the traffic department of the Santa Fe, and the other railroad officials involved."

The statement calls attention to the fact that with the imposition of the \$15,000 fine on the railroad "the history of the famous Santa Fe rebate case is practically closed" and praises President Roosevelt and Attorney General Moody for carrying out with success the administration's declared purpose to enforce the statute in all such cases.

Veal for Potted Chicken.

COLUMBUS, O.—Reports of the analysis of about 50 samples of potted ham, potted chicken, hamburger steak, luncheon sausage and similar preparations sold by meat packers submitted to State Dairy and Food Commissioner Aukensy show the presence of preservatives and in some cases traces of tin and zinc poison. The latter are attributed to the use of a poor quality of containers. One sample labeled "Potted Chicken" was found to be veal.

Inquiries Into Meat Supply.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has become interested in the reports of had meat supplied the New York and Norfolk navy yards and has written to Secretary Bonaparte to inquire about it.

To Attend Irrigation Congress.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—D. H. Anderson, of Chicago, was Tuesday appointed by Gov. Deneen delegate to the fourteenth international irrigation congress, which meets September 3 in Boise, Idaho.

Pope Has Heart Trouble.

Rome—Shortly after his return from the ceremony attending the celebration Thursday of the third anniversary of his coronation, the pope had a severe attack of heart weakness. He was attended by Dr. Lapponi.

Alfonso's Mother Stoned.

MADRID—The queen mother, Maria Christina, while on an automobile tour, coming from France, was stoned by countrymen near San Sebastian. Many stones were thrown at the automobile, but no one was injured.

BANK CASHIER SURRENDERS

Official of Closed Chicago Institution Found by Reporters.

CHICAGO—Henry W. Hering, the missing cashier of the bankrupt Milwaukee Avenue State bank, gave himself up to the Chicago police Thursday afternoon. He declared that he had been in Chicago since Monday morning.

Hering was found, not by the police, but by newspaper reporters, to whom he made a statement Wednesday night and promised to surrender to the police Thursday.

Although a number of persons knew the whereabouts of Hering, the police made no demand on them to produce him.

An amazing story of loose and criminal banking methods will be revealed by Hering, the police and Bank Examiner C. C. Jones believe. More specific information about Stensland's operations, it is thought, will make him out a man whose greatest asset was the ability he had to win the friendship and confidence of the people who gave him their money. Each business deal made his straits more desperate.

CHICAGO—Conclusive evidence has been unearthed by State Bank Examiner C. C. Jones that Paul O. Stensland, the fugitive president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank, has been guilty of highly criminal acts in conducting the business of the institution of which he is the head. This was officially announced by Mr. Jones Wednesday. At the same time culpability for the crimes which have brought the far-reaching disaster on the northwest side is narrowing more and more to Stensland. Henry W. Hering, the missing cashier, who was declared to be an embezzler of large sums of money, is being in a measure exonerated because of the lack of direct proof against him. Mr. Jones confirms statements that the frauds amounted to over \$1,000,000.

CHICAGO—Frank Kowalski, paying teller of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue bank, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head Friday night.

Since the bank failed, Monday, Kowalski had been stopped on the street many times and accused by depositors of having known their money was in peril. He had been in the service of the bank 13 years, handled all of its business among the Poles, and, until the crash came, was as highly regarded by them as were Paul O. Stensland and Henry W. Hering.

IOWA DEMOCRATS MEET.

Claude R. Porter Is Nominated for Governor.

Waterloo, Ia.—The Democratic state convention Tuesday nominated a full state ticket, headed by Claude R. Porter, of Appanoose county, for governor, adopted a platform and adjourned sine die.

Platform Favors a Tariff for Revenue Only.

The platform favors a tariff for revenue only, the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and demands the enactment of such legislation as will effectually destroy all trusts.

The platform expresses sympathy with the purposes of national labor organizations, as set forth in recent addresses by Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and others calling on labor to assert its political rights at the ballot box.

Students Capture Thief.

Berkeley, Cal.—Alfred Johnson, of New York, attempted to steal the cash drawer from a local jewelry store. He was captured after an exciting chase, in which several hundred college students joined.

Chance for Convicted Man.

FREDONIA, N. Y.—Justice Hooker granted a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of John W. Neff, former auditor of Erie county, in connection with the alleged cemetery scandal at Buffalo.

Divorce Court Bars Artists.

LONDON—The president of the divorce court Thursday announced that the court had decided that hereafter a newspaper artist shall not be allowed to make sketches in court, since the practice was embarrassing.

Heavy Rainfall at Madison.

MADISON, Wis.—Wednesday night's rainfall was the greatest ever recorded at Madison in a single day. In two hours 4.36 inches fell, raising Lake Monono five inches. The storm did great damage, flooding cellars.

TO PURCHASE SILVER

UNITED STATES CALLS FOR BIDS TO SUPPLY BULLION.

DELIVERY AT THE MINTS

Provides Against Disturbance of Market by Securing Contracts for Future Delivery, So as Not to Disturb Quotations.

WASHINGTON—For the first time in 13 years the government announced Thursday its purpose to purchase silver for coinage purposes. Tenders are invited at the office of the director of the mint in this city in Wednesday, the 15th instant, up to one o'clock p. m. and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice. These tenders are to be for delivery at the Philadelphia, New Orleans or Denver mints, settlements to be on the New York basis of bullion guaranteed 999 fine. The treasury reserves the right to reject all tenders or accept such part of any tender as may suit its convenience.

It is understood that, anticipating that its reappearance as a purchaser might temporarily disturb the market unduly, the treasury has obtained control of considerable amounts for future delivery, so that it is in position to drop out of the market for several months if desirable.

The average requirements of the treasury throughout the year will probably not exceed 100,000 ounces per week, and it will be the policy of the department, while keeping a reasonable amount in hand, to so distribute its purchases throughout the year that its demands will be uniform and not an element of uncertainty in the market.

For the resumption of specie payments in 1873 down to the year 1900 the constant increase in the stock of subsidiary coin required by the growing population and trade of the country was supplied by the recoinage of old and uncurrent subsidiary coins which accumulated in the treasury under the resumption act. In 1900, as this stock was running low, authority was granted in the monetary act of March 14 to the secretary of the treasury to divert bullion, purchased under the act of July 14, 1890, for the coinage of silver dollars to the coinage of subsidiary pieces. Under this authority about \$33,000,000 has been coined since 1900.

The stock of bullion in the treasury was exhausted more than a year ago.

LARGE YIELD OF WINTER WHEAT

Illinois Board Reports Increase of Nearly Five Million Bushels.

Springfield, Ill.—The state board of agriculture issued a bulletin Thursday afternoon stating that reports from its correspondents in Illinois show that the yield of winter wheat in Illinois this year is 27,365,522 bushels, an average of 20 bushels per acre, an increase of 4,906,232 bushels over 1905.

Quality of wheat this year is reported as excellent and free from cheat and dirt. Yield of spring wheat in state is 1,692,123 bushels. Area of oats harvested is 3,018,295 acres, giving a total yield of 90,971,381 bushels, or 33,532,943 fewer bushels than last year.

The condition of corn on August 1 is 81 per cent. of the seasonable average, which is a decrease of eight points since June 20, and 15 points below August 1, 1905, and four points below the ten years' average. There was great damage done by a drought of 60 days' duration.

NORTH DAKOTA MAYOR GUILTY

Jury Sustains Allegation That He Was Member of Horse Thief Band.

WILLISTON, N. D.—W. M. Denny, mayor of Williston, and a prominent banker, was found guilty on a charge of receiving stolen property. It was charged by the authorities of Valley county, Montana, that Denny was the head of a band of horse and cattle "rustlers," and that he disposed of the booty. An attempt was made to extradite Denny and take him to Montana for trial, but failed. He was brought to trial here on a charge of having received and disposed of six horses stolen in Montana.

Pulajanes Slay Americans.

Manila—First Lieut. John F. James and two privates of the Eighth infantry, with Contract Surgeon Calvin Snyder and Internal Revenue Collector Williams, of Illinois, were killed Thursday afternoon in a hand-to-hand fight with a force of Pulajanes at Julita, island of Leyte.

The detachment, which consisted of ten men, was greatly outnumbered, but made a gallant fight. The Pulajanes captured three pistols, four Krag-Jorgensen rifles and 300 rounds of ammunition.

Death of Mrs. C. E. Smith.

PHILADELPHIA—Word was received here Thursday of the death at Block Island, R. I., of Mrs. Ella Smith, wife of former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith. Mrs. Smith had been ill but a short time.

Saloons to Pay for Roads.

STEWARTSVILLE, Mo.—Gov. Folk will ask the next general assembly to pass a law by which the retail liquor interests will be taxed for the benefit of the public highways, each dramshop to pay the state \$200 a year.

Shoots in Family Quarrel.

MILWAUKEE—Alfred Munkiewicz, during a family quarrel Wednesday shot his wife in the breast and another woman in the arm, then turned the pistol on himself, inflicting what is said to be a fatal wound.

Not to Be Dictator.

ST. PETERSBURG—The official Telegraph agency declared the statement that the emperor intends to place Grand Duke Nicholas in immediate command of the whole army to be devoid of all foundation.

STANDARD OIL INDICTED

CHARGED WITH RECEIVING REBATES FROM RAILROAD.

Latter in Form of Exemption from Storage Charges—May Be Fined Sum of \$380,000.

CHICAGO—The first victory in the fight against the Standard Oil company for violations of the Elkins law was won by the government Wednesday when the federal grand jury returned an indictment of 19 counts against the oil trust on the charges of receiving rebates in the form of nonpayment of storage charges from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company. While the railroad company itself was not indicted for granting the rebates, the clerical with which the jury took hold of the case and handled the evidence presented by the government attorneys led District Attorney Morrison to make the prediction that the transportation company will also be indicted. Immediately after the return of the indictment Judge Betha fixed the oil company's bonds at \$25,000.

Under the 19 counts fines of \$380,000 may be levied, should the government prosecutors be successful in securing conviction.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—The federal grand jury for the western district of New York Friday returned indictments against the Standard Oil company, of New York; the Pennsylvania Railroad company; and the Vacuum Oil company, of Rochester, for violations of the interstate commerce law.

There are 24 counts in each indictment of the Standard Oil company and of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and a smaller number against the Vacuum Oil company.

The evidence presented to the grand jury in the oil cases having indicated that shipments of oil were made from Rochester to Rutland, Vt., over the New York Central railroad, Boston & Maine, and Rutland railroad lines; United States Attorney Brown asked that he be given time in which to prepare for an investigation into the connections of these three great roads with the shipments of the Standard Oil company's products at the alleged discriminative rates alleged to have been given by the Pennsylvania railroad.

MOB LEADER IS CONVICTED.

North Carolina Lyncher Given 12 Years in Jail.

SALISBURY, N. C.—What is said to be the first instance of the conviction of a lyncher in the history of the state was furnished here Friday night when George Hall, a white convict of Montgomery county, North Carolina, who was one of the party that Monday night lynched three negroes in jail here for the murder of the Lyerly family, was found guilty of conspiracy in connection with the crime and was sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Hall's trial ended Friday evening at seven o'clock. The jury was out but 35 minutes and returned then with a verdict of guilty, after several witnesses had been heard. Judge B. F. Long sentenced Hall to the maximum term provided by law—15 years at hard labor in the penitentiary. The evidence against Hall was overwhelming. He was remanded to jail. His counsel has appealed on the ground that Gov. Glenn was in Atlantic City when the special term at which Hall was tried was ordered and that being out of the state's bounds he had no jurisdiction.

ADMIRAL ASSISTS MUTINEERS

Condemned Sailors Will Be Given New Trials in October.

ST. PETERSBURG—The sentences passed upon the Sevastopol mutineers probably will be mitigated. It will be recalled that the papers in the cases of these men disappeared mysteriously after the arrival at Sevastopol of Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black sea fleet. Before he left Sevastopol the admiral intimated that he considered the condemnation of the mutineers prearranged and unjust and he thought the officers had been more to blame than sailors. There is more than a suspicion that the "seizure by revolutionists" of the papers in those cases was staged by Admiral Skrydloff himself. On the recommendation of the admiral, Minister of Marine Biriéff, instead of confirming the sentences has ordered a complete rehearing of the cases at the end of two months.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a total of 2,120,904, against 2,255,292 last week. Of this the total of American cotton is 1,995,904, against 1,135,292 last week.

Mrs. Corey Leaves Reno.

RENO, Nev.—Mrs. William Ellis Corey, who recently secured a divorce from her husband, left Friday for Pacific coast points, where she will spend several weeks. She was accompanied by her son, Allan.

Newspaper Man Dead.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Thomas Newcomb, for over 20 years appointment clerk in the office of the governor, died Wednesday. In early life he was prominent in newspaper circles in San Francisco.

Morphine for Former Liquor Agent.

ST. LOUIS—After writing a note stating that he took his life rather than again earn his living by selling liquor, Ernest Steinhardt, 57 years of age, committed suicide by drinking morphine.

WILL NOT ACCEPT

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS TURNS DOWN AN OFFER.