

NEBRASKA NEWS

A GENERAL RESUME OF THE HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

FINAL LAND VALUATIONS

State Board of Equalization Finishes Hard Task—Counties Protest That Work of County Boards is Better Than That of State Body.

The state board of equalization has finished its work and is now ready to definitely certify out to the county clerks of the various counties the final valuations of lands, personal property and railroad local property as made by them in the two weeks' session just closed. The task has been a large one, for after going over the whole list and making tentative changes in the valuations returned, the board listened to protests from more than twenty counties who thought the work of the county assessors and the county boards was better than any that the state board could produce. One member of the board said: "If the new revenue law is to mean anything we must see to it that valuations are kept up where they belong. The trouble with the old law whereby not money enough could be secured on a seven-mill levy to run the state, was that each county tried by keeping its valuation low to shoulder the cost of running the state off on to its neighbor. The same tendency exists now, and it is up to the board to see that it be not allowed and at the same time to guard against an injustice to any county."

HORSE WAS ELECTROCUTED.

Light Wire Fell and Caused Death in a Few Seconds.

The agonizing and hideous death shrieks of a horse, while hitched to a post near the business center of Grand Island, caused considerable excitement Friday. An electric light wire of the private lighting company in that city broke and one of the wires touched a large sorrel horse belonging to a farmer by the name of Rathburn. The animal was in agony for several minutes. Several men who rushed to its assistance took hold of the wire where it was still protected, but their rescue came too late. Others took care of the terrified horses near by and prevented further accident.

Boys Could Not Swim.

The bodies of Joy Wright and George Fogis, the young national guardsmen of Nebraska City, who were drowned in the Platte river last week, were recovered after continued search by members of the guard and were shipped to their homes. It has developed that neither of the young men could swim and while wading out in the river evidently stepped into a hole and were drawn beneath the surface by the strong under current which swept them away before other members of their company who were bathing near, could rescue them. The tragedy cast a deep gloom over the camp for several days.

In a Bad Predicament.

With all of the funds of the county running short and the annual levy not being made, the board of supervisors of Gage county is up against a serious proposition. The board of equalization has not completed its work and will not for at least a week. It will then be some time before the board will be able to make the annual levy. The general fund has 3,200 on hand with \$5,000 in claims against it, the bridge fund has only enough on hand to meet outstanding warrants and claims for emergency work cannot be allowed. Other funds are in the same predicament.

Drowned in Shallow Water.

The body of Mert Strawn, a young farmer was found at an early hour Monday morning at the bottom of the waters of a pond on the farm of Neal Marten, a few miles southeast of Humboldt. Deceased was about twenty-five years of age, and a son of Charles Strawn, an old soldier and pioneer settler of the county. The young man was subject to fainting spells and it is supposed one of these came upon him while he was at the river bank and he fell into the water and was drowned before he recovered himself.

Fell From a Stepladder.

Fred D. Wright, of Tecumseh, who is employed as lineman by the Nebraska Telephone company at Lincoln, suffered a painful injury Thursday. He was working on inside wiring in a Lincoln business house when he fell off a stepladder. He struck a door post and a gash was cut in his neck, barely missing the jugular vein. The wound bled profusely. Mr. Wright was taken to a surgeon and given prompt care, the wound requiring three stitches to close, and was later taken to his home.

RACES AT STATE FAIR.

The Harness Events Are Exciting Much Interest.

On August 10th will close the entries of races to be contested at the State Fair, Lincoln, August 31st, to September 4th. There will be fifteen harness races of which the 2:35 and 2:21 trotting and the 2:30, 2:22 and 2:14 pacing are for purses of \$1,000 each. The three-year-old trot, the three-year-old trot for Nebraska bred, the 2:30, 2:25 and 2:17 trotting and the 2:35, 2:25, 2:18 and free-for-all pacing are each for purses of \$500. A three-year-old pace and a three-year-old pace for Nebraska bred, each for a purse of \$300. There will be nine running races, one of which is a four and one-half furlongs for two-year-olds, Nebraska bred, with a purse of \$200; another is the Nebraska Derby, 1-16 miles and the remainder are from one-half to one mile.

After the Celestials.

The United States immigration authorities for the Nebraska and Kansas district with headquarters in Omaha, have again taken up the Chinese deportation question and are getting after such Celestials as cannot furnish proof of their right to be in this country. Five Chinamen have been arrested in Topeka and will be given a hearing before the United States court there on August 14. Two or three cases are also pending in Nebraska of a similar nature, and something will be doing in the Chinese deportation line in the district before the leaves begin to fall.

Poisoned With Ice Cream.

Eight members of the families of John B. Charles and Joshua Collier of Beatrice, had a narrow escape from fatal results from ptomaine poisoning Sunday afternoon, caused by eating home-made ice cream. Two of the brothers, with their families united at the home of John B. Collier, where ice cream was made and served. There were fourteen in the party and eight of the members were taken quite sick after partaking of the cream. All were recovering from the effects of the poison at last reports.

Men Got Out of Jail.

The burglars who broke into the hardware store of Hanson Bros., of Colon, last Saturday night, were apprehended at North Bend, last Monday, and to await the arrival of one of the firm to identify the goods, such as cutlery which had been stolen, were put in the small jail. While Mr. Hanson handled goods similar to the knives, razors, etc., found in their possession he was not sufficiently sure of the goods being the ones taken from his place and the men were turned loose.

In a Dying Condition.

Mrs. Mary Shea, the aged woman who was taken from the train at the Union station, Omaha, Tuesday evening, apparently mentally unbalanced by the extreme heat, lies in the Omaha general hospital and her death is momentarily expected. It has been learned that her home is in San Francisco, where she has relatives, and that she was on her way to that city after a visit to Chicago. A brother living in Chicago is a high official of the American Express company.

District Vote on Elector.

Secretary of State Junkin has decided that candidates for presidential elector, with the exception of the electors at large, must be voted for in the districts from which they have filed. That is, the First district candidates will be voted for only in the First district, and the Second district candidates in the Second district and so on. The candidates for electors at large will be voted for over the entire state.

Personal Rights League.

To fight the prohibition forces another personal rights and liberty league has been formed in Omaha which includes in its membership many prominent politicians of both republican and democratic camps. An agreement stating that they are opposed to any change in the present Slocumb law has been drawn up and about fifty men have appended their names as endorsers of the anti-prohibition movement.

Saloon License Revoked.

The saloon license granted by the village board of Benedict to John W. Marcia was cancelled and revoked by Judge Corcoran on the grounds of a defect in the village ordinance, the publication notice and that the freeholders were not sufficient. This closed the second attempt to open a saloon in that village and the revoking of the license leaves one saloon in the county and that is at Henderson.

Man From Mitchell Killed.

James Fleming, whose home is believed to be in Mitchell, Neb., and who was formerly in the government service in Nebraska was struck by a train at Benton Harbor, Mich., Thursday evening and instantly killed. A letter was found on his person written by O. P. Burrows, special agent of the government at Mitchell, Neb., established his identity.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Miscellaneous.

Bogus postoffice money orders are being circulated in St. Louis by thieves who stole the blank orders in Kansas City and filled them out to suit themselves.

The Chicago Northwestern Railway company is preparing to build a \$20,000,000 station in Chicago.

Kansas City architects are preparing plans for a \$30,000 Y. M. C. A. building to be erected in Carthage, Mo. Gov. Folk has offered a reward of \$300 for every conviction for election frauds committed in St. Louis or Kansas City at the recent state primary.

The Independence party is planning to put a full state ticket in the field in Kansas by means of a petition containing the names of 2,500 voters.

The American fleet of battleships, under the command of Rear Admiral Sperry, has arrived at Auckland, New Zealand.

One hundred workmen were buried in the ruins of a large factory in Szegedin, Hungary, which collapsed during a hurricane.

Three men were killed and 11 injured at Blocton, Ala., when striking miners fired on a train bearing non-union men. Every window in the cars was riddled with bullets.

The Santa Fe Railroad company, by its counsel, pleaded guilty to rebating in the federal court at Chicago and was assessed a fine of \$7,000 by Judge Bethea. The case grew out of a bonus paid the Garden City Sugar and Land company of Garden City, Kan.

Capt. Baldwin made a successful flight of nearly five miles with his military balloon at Fort Meyer, near Washington. Army officers present were enthusiastic over the results of the trial.

The Oklahoma Central railroad has been ordered into the hands of receivers by Federal Judge Campbell at Muskogee.

A report has gained circulation that the Chicago Great Western railroad has been sold to a syndicate of English capitalists.

The National Anti-Asiatic Immigration league has been organized in Washington, D. C.

Asiatic cholera is epidemic in the eastern and southeastern districts of European Russia.

The International Apple Shippers' association has decided to ask congress to enact a law providing for the uniform grading of apples.

William H. Taft addressed the Virginia Bar association at its recent annual meeting at Hot Springs.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad company is displacing some of the striking shopten with Japanese.

The St. Louis grand jury is to investigate the conduct of the recent primary election in that city.

The Western Passenger association has refused to grant a special rate for the Bryan notification at Lincoln.

Telephone service has superseded the telegraph on the Rock Island road between stations in Kansas.

The Missouri Pacific railroad has doubled the force in its shops at Sedalia.

The DuBois and anti-DuBois Democrats of Idaho have split and organized separate conventions.

Eight hundred employes in the Canadian Pacific shops at Winnipeg, Man., have gone out on a strike.

New York is preparing to welcome the Olympic athletes upon their arrival on August 29. Every member of the American team will be given a gold medal.

The epoch-making flight of Count Zeppelin's dirigible balloon came to a sudden end in Stuttgart, Germany, when the airship took fire, exploded and disappeared after breaking all records for controlled flights.

The Illinois primary has apparently resulted in the nomination by the Republicans of Charles S. Deneen for governor and Albert J. Hopkins for senator. The Democrats chose Adlai E. Stevenson for governor and Lawrence B. Stringer for senator.

Oil has been struck on the Charles Davis farm on the edge of Phelps and Maries counties in southwest Missouri at a depth of 1,000 feet. The strike has caused much excitement in the neighborhood and land in the vicinity is being rapidly leased.

Democratic national headquarters have been opened in the Auditorium annex in Chicago.

A forest fire of alarming proportions is raging in the Coeur d'Alene national forest in Idaho.

The contract for building the Puget Sound drydock has been given to C. J. Erickson of Seattle, Wash., by the navy department at his bid of \$1,625,000.

Six persons, five children and an aged man, were burned to death in a recent New York tenement fire. Many persons were injured by jumping.

Chicago has a population of 2,425,000 according to the 1908 city directory just issued.

The French press are loud in their praise of the Wright brothers, who made a successful flight with their airship at Lemans, France.

The call for the nineteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress to meet in San Francisco October 6-10 has been issued by President Case of Abilene, Kan.

The Western Passenger association has refused Chairman Mack's request for reduced rates to the Bryan notification.

A theatrical merger which includes almost every theater in the United States is reported in New York. Property representing \$500,000,000 will be involved.

Late figures on the Kansas primary give Joseph L. Bristow a majority of 15 in the legislature over Senator Long. In the house Bristow has 70 votes to Long's 55. The senate is equally divided.

For fear her daughter was going to elope, Mrs. Annie Hinemann of St. Louis committed suicide.

The Atlantic battleship fleet experienced the roughest weather of the entire trip thus far off the coast of New Zealand recently.

The supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias closed its twenty-fifth convention at Boston with the election of officers, Henry P. Brown of Cleburne, Texas, was chosen supreme chancellor.

The Suffragette movement under the leadership of an English woman invaded Oyster Bay recently to hold a meeting. They met with no encouragement and returned to New York.

A series of explosions in the Auto Gas company's plant at Albany, N. Y., completely wrecked the plant, killed two employes and fatally injured the manager, John B. Harrison of Milwaukee.

Late returns make it certain that Joseph L. Bristow has defeated Chester I. Long for the United States senatorship from Kansas. Morton Albaugh, campaign manager for Senator Long concedes the nomination of Bristow. Later returns also confirm the first announcement that W. R. Stubbs had defeated Cyrus Leland for governor of the state.

At Asheville, N. C., Judge Pardee has granted an appeal and superseas in the rate case recently decided by Judge Speer, which allows the increased rates to go into effect.

Roy C. Woods, candidate for the Republican nomination for public administrator of St. Louis county, shot Alexander Steube at Wellston, a suburb of St. Louis, and shortly afterwards was himself shot and fatally wounded by a party unknown. The shootings were the result of the recent bitter political campaign.

Missouri primary results as indicated in the first reports were that W. S. Cowherd had been nominated for governor over his three competitors. The three large cities of the state gave heavy majorities for Cowherd. David Ball was his nearest competitor.

Personal

The fifth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius was celebrated at the Vatican recently.

The report from London that Gen. William Booth of the Salvation Army is suffering from cataract on both eyes has been confirmed.

Mrs. Jane Trumbull, wife of an Englishman who came to this country several years ago to teach golf, is dead in New York from the bite of a pet cat.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stewart, the noted temperance advocate, known all over the country as "Mother Stewart," is dead at her home in Hicksville, O.

Cardinal Gibbons is rapidly recovering from his severe illness in Rome.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the federal court at Pittsburg, Pa., by attorneys representing Harry K. Thaw. The assets are given as \$128,912.38, and the liabilities at \$453,140.13. Roger O'Mara, the Pittsburg detective, was appointed receiver with bond at \$200,000.

Cardinal Gibbons, head of the Roman Catholic church in America, has been taken dangerously ill in Rome with intestinal trouble, and has been obliged to take to his bed.

Assistant Secretary of State Bacon has left Washington for Porto Rico on government business.

Frederick W. Thompson, well known as a railroad builder in the middle west, is dead at Muskogee, Mich.

Gen. Fred Funston was tendered a reception and luncheon by the commercial bodies of San Francisco previous to his departure for Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Rev. Luther Freeman of Chattanooga, Tenn., has accepted the pastorate of the Independence Avenue M. E. church at Kansas City.

WANT FEW HARVEST HANDS.

Thousand Will Supply the Demand in North Dakota.

Following a visit to North Dakota, Labor Commissioner Williams of Minnesota says that 1,000 men will be lucky if they can find employment in the harvest fields.

"This thing of railroads asking for 15,000 and 20,000 men each year for harvest work in North Dakota and Minnesota is a snare and a delusion. It is flooding the country with a lot of hoboes. I rode from Fargo to Bismarck, and the wheat is burned almost to the roots. There are positions in the state for probably 1,000 farm hands, men who would stay, but that there is no demand whatever for harvest hands. Those now in the state, he said, were a drug on the market and the state would be compelled to ship many of them back home."

CARS IN BAD CRASH.

Three Persons Are Killed in Traction Collision.

Three persons were killed and probably twenty-five injured in a collision between two limited traction cars on the Western Ohio traction line, nine miles north of Piqua, Ohio, Monday night. All of those hurt have broken bones and many were badly cut by splinters of the demolished cars.

Mistake in orders caused the wreck. It is said, which is the worst that has occurred in that section of Ohio in many years. Both cars were running at a high rate of speed. While rounding a slight curve each motorman caught sight of the approaching car. The two cars came together with terrific force, the impact completely telescoping the southbound car, in which the majority of those killed and injured were passengers.

BOLD FORGERY AT STERLING.

Four \$25 Checks Cashed for Small Payments.

A bold forgery caused much excitement in Sterling, Neb., Monday. Robert Caton succeeded in passing four forged checks in the amount of \$25 each at various mercantile establishments and the fraud was not detected until after he had escaped on a horse stolen from his employers, Callihan Bros. Caton had been at work for the Callihans for six weeks on a farm five miles north of Sterling. He went to town on a mare belonging to his employers and with a legitimate check for \$5. During his stay in town four checks for \$25 each were offered and accepted for payment of small purchases. When last seen he had purchased a lariat and considerable canned goods.

OLD GLORY IS SHOT DOWN.

Destruction of United States Flag at Tabriz Probably Accidental.

The flag of the United States consulate at Tabriz, Persia, has been shot down by loyalists, according to a dispatch received at the state department from American Consul Doty at that place. The consul also reports that a man standing near the door of the consular office was wounded. The shooting is supposed to have been an incident of the disturbances which have been going on at Tabriz for some time and in both cases to have been accidental.

Dakota Lands Reclaimed.

Sanborn county, South Dakota, is spending large sums of money in trying to reclaim lands that have been under water in low places for a number of years. During the summer several small contracts were let for small ditches from one to two miles in length, but the largest ditch has been contracted for and will be four miles in length, starting in Logan township and emptying into the James river. Many thousands of acres of land will be restored to the farmers along the territory of the ditch, which have been increased in number this year by reason of the excessive rainfall. When completed the ditch will be twenty-six feet wide at the top, twelve feet wide at the bottom and five feet deep.

Drowned in the Missouri.

Jay Webster, aged eighteen, a son of Al Webster, a farmer living about fifteen miles north of Tekamah, along the river, was drowned in the Missouri about five o'clock Sunday afternoon. Young Webster, who has lived on the bank of the river all his life, was an expert swimmer; he went swimming with his clothes on near the old ferry landing at a point where the main current hits the bank with terrific force. As soon as he jumped in the current struck him and he went down and was never seen again.

Fire Threatens Big Trees.

A forest fire is raging in the vicinity of the great grove of big trees in Calaveras county, California, some twenty miles north of Sonora. Although the flames have reached the south grove, wherein are some of the gigantic trees, it is not believed the big trees are in danger, as they stand in low, marshy ground, where the fire could scarcely find dry material to feed upon. Back firing is being resorted to to stay the progress of the fire, which also extends over the line into Tuolumne county.