

Nebraska TAX SHIRKERS CONDEMNED

Radical Changes in Assessment Laws Needed, Say Boards
COUNTY OFFICERS IN SESSION
Commissioners and Supervisors Are Unit in Declaring Legislature Should Pay Particular Attention to This Matter.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Radical changes in the assessment laws, abolition of the office of road supervisor and the creation of a public highway commissioner were among the subjects discussed by the commissioners and supervisors at their sessions today. The meeting was called to order by the president, P. J. Kennedy of York, this morning after an address of welcome by Mayor Herre.

L. R. Barlow of Cheyenne county vigorously attacked the present assessment system. He declared himself in favor of a law making notes and mortgages uncollectable unless stamped with the official seal of the county assessor. The bulk of such property, he said, escaped taxation entirely. He also denounced the present bridge laws and the road supervisor system. His address started a lively discussion and it seemed to be the opinion of all taking part that the present assessment laws are weak and more stringent laws for uncovering taxable property were needed. Tax shirkers were roundly scored.

T. L. Matthews of Fremont favored enlarging the duty of county boards by abolishing county clerks, assessors and treasurers and imposing their duties on the supervisors or commissioners. He also explained the new regional bank law. E. R. Gurney also discussed the bank law.

This afternoon the bridge question was brought up. Mike Lavery of Boone county spoke on the twenty-ton bridge law. It appeared from the discussion that there will be some new laws on bridges and roads will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature and some of them will be radical.

FRONTIER COUNTY FAIR HAS BALANCE ON HAND

STOCKVILLE, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Frontier County Agricultural society was held at the court house here Saturday afternoon. The reports show that the debt which this society has carried for more than two years last past has been fully paid, together with all premiums, bills and expenses of the current year and a balance in the hands of the treasurer at this time of \$245.50.

By unanimous vote the rules and constitution were amended so that exhibits of stock and poultry and the premiums thereon are open to all comers alike. Heretofore these have been limited to the county.

The election resulted as follows: President, W. C. Wollam; vice president, Earl Riley; treasurer, M. T. Ward; secretary, L. H. Cheney; general superintendent, J. T. Bailey; speed superintendent, C. C. Crawford; marshal, D. D. Awtry; superintendent expert to state fair, W. O. Hickman; directors, A. Williams, A. B. Mahaffie, R. F. Phillips, F. B. Kearsley and J. E. Simpson; delegate to attend the annual meeting of Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, L. H. Cheney.

MADISON FAIR SOCIETY RE-ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Madison County Agricultural society was held in the office of Secretary Blackburn yesterday afternoon. The following officers were re-elected: J. L. Davis, president; S. C. Blackburn, secretary; Ed Fricke, treasurer; W. R. Martin, general superintendent; Oscar Sunderman, A. A. Gray, Fred Volk and S. M. Dowling, vice presidents; directors, William Busted, Ben Davis, J. Q. Wakeley, D. Q. Nicholson, J. O. Trin, H. C. Haskins, T. E. Halderon, E. T. McHebe and J. J. Mattison.

Fair dates for the coming fall were fixed for the week following the state fair. Considerable discussion was had relative to a night fair and Secretary Blackburn directed to investigate the plan thoroughly with a view of its probable trial.

CARSON REPORTS VIEWS OF STATE'S CONGRESSMEN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—According to a statement issued by H. F. Carson, superintendent of the Nebraska Anti-railroad League, today, all three of Nebraska's republican congressmen will vote for the submission of national prohibition when it comes up in the house next week. Stans in the Fourth, Barton in the Fifth and Kinkaid in the Sixth are the congressmen whom, he says, may be depended upon, while there is some chance that Maguire, the democratic congressman in the First, may vote the same way. Stephens in the Third, has expressed himself already as against the movement, while it is generally conceded, according to Mr. Carson, that Lobeck of the Second will be against the submission of the question.

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SIR JOHN FRENCH, British field marshal, who has taken over command of the entire allied force in the western theater of war.



Nebraska Family Split Comes Up in Court Hearing

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—A jury is deliberating tonight doing his wife and children here and going to Horton, Kan., and while there paying attention to a young unmarried woman, Miss Bertha Fisher. The prosecution alleged that Olds, a Rock Island brakeman, shipped his household goods to Horton and deserted his wife, Olds, on the other hand, asserted that he was still supporting his wife, and parents of the young Horton woman were in court to uphold him in the position that he was not paying court to their daughter.

GAGE COUNTY ORGANIZES BELGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Beatrice and Gage county will participate in the relief work for the people of Belgium. A decision to organize for that purpose was taken at the meeting held at the Commercial club rooms Tuesday evening. The following committee was named to have charge of the work: C. R. Dempster, chairman; Peter Janczyk, D. S. Bailey, J. E. C. Fisher, J. W. Mayer, E. M. Marvin, A. H. Kidd, Miss Gertrude Miller, Mrs. W. H. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. E. J. Shinn.

The committee plans to have a carload of flour ready for shipment to Belgium by December 20. The committee will hold an early meeting and organize the work of raising and expending the relief fund.

News Notes of Geneva.

GENEVA, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Business Men's association of Geneva was entertained at dinner last evening by the Signal management at the Jameston hotel.

Mr. Youngers went to Kansas City yesterday to attend the National Agricultural meeting being held there.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Thirty-Six Cases of Cholera Last Month in Germany

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 9.—(Via London.)—The Berlin board of health, according to information reaching Rotterdam, reported thirty-six cases of cholera in Germany during the month of November.

In Austria, especially in Galicia, cholera is spreading rapidly. Eight hundred and four cases were reported during the first week of November, in which period there were 23 deaths. There were ninety deaths in Vienna. In Hungary during the same week there were 423 cases of cholera.

MUSCOVITES WIN FIGHT AT CRACOW

Official Report Says German Right Wing Was Turned and Many Guns Disabled.

OTHER ENGAGEMENTS ARE ON Battle Near East Prussian Border Has Not Terminated and Russians Are Only Partly Successful at Piotrkow.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 9.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—An official communication, given out by the general staff tonight, says: "Engagements which have developed in the region of Przasnysz and Ciechanow, east of the East Prussian border and Mlawka, have not terminated."

"In the fighting which took place in the region of Piotrkow we were only partially successful."

"The battle, which commenced December 5, southeast of Cracow, in the region of Wieliczka, on the Derutyn river, has developed in our favor. After having courageously forced the passage of the Dounaeva river, in the vicinity of Nowy Saneck, our reinforcements pursued the offensive and inflicted a serious defeat on the German troops, which had formed in the valley of Loosynia. The German right wing, which was pursued, was turned."

"The twenty-fourth German corps,

Kaiser Again Says Heaven is on the Side of Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(Via London.)—There is published here today a speech made on December 3 by Emperor William at one of the army camps, composed of Germans and Austrians, which he visited on his recent trip to the eastern front.

"You are fighting for a just cause, for liberty, for the right to exist as a nation and for a future of prolonged peace," said the emperor. "Even though the war should last for a long time, we shall not allow the enemy to have a moment's quiet."

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Pies	Handkerchiefs	Napkin Cases
Preserves	Children's Muffs	Table Mats
Dressed Dolls	Hand Painted China	Infants' Wear

EVERY DAY THIS WEEK IS A
Bargain Day at the 1914
Christmas Fair

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Mahner was in the lobby of the Lincoln hotel when arrested.

**FRED S. HASSLER, EDITOR
OF PAWNEE PAPER, DIES**

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Fred S. Hassler, one of the pioneer newspaper men of the state, died at his home in this city yesterday morning at 5:23. Funeral arrangements await information from his two sons, W. H. and W. N. Hassler, who live in Washington and Montana.

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The Sled will be given free to the boy that sends us the most pictures before 4 P. M. Saturday, December 19.