

Nebraska RAILROAD VALUES REMAIN THE SAME

State Board of Assessment Does Not Change Figures of Last Year for Taxation Purposes.

TAX COMMISSIONERS HAVE SAY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 18.—(Special.)—Assessments on railroad property will remain the same this year as last, the State Board of Assessment decided today after Tax Commissioner R. D. Pollard of the Burlington, and Tax Commissioner A. W. Forbier of the Union Pacific had been called to discuss intangible values as made by the last board.

A condition existing in the assessment of the railroads which in the minds of the tax commissioners is unfair to the roads. They are assessed on everything the roads own, and then on top of all are assessed on what is called an intangible valuation for the benefit of cities and villages. This intangible value is supposed to cover the rolling stock, but the assessment made in many instances covers more than the valuation placed upon all the property of the company, they say.

For instance in the town of Franklin, the home of State Treasurer Hall, a member of the board of assessors, the Commissioner Pollard says the entire valuation of the road in 1914 is placed at about \$7,000, as reported by the company. The county assessor assessed the road at the same figures, and then the state board added over \$8,000 as intangible property.

Instance from Fairmont. In the town of Fairmont the assessed valuation of the road was put in at \$14,264. The county assessor made the amount an even \$14,265, but when the matter came to the State Board of Assessment it assessed the 'intangible' property at \$15,000 in addition to the assessor's figures. In the minds of the tax commissioners this is unfair and is simply a donation of the road to the village, a there is nothing tangible to assess except the rolling stock.

What is true of the towns is true throughout the state in most of the towns, to a greater or lesser degree, they assert.

No Inflation, They Insist. Governor Morehead objected to the methods of the roads in placing inflated valuations upon their stock for the purpose of selling bonds of the company, but Commissioners Scribner and Pollard explained that the Burlington and Union Pacific did not have that condition existing in their stocks, and produced figures which, they said, showed that what might be true of some other roads, is not true of these two.

The valuations this year will be the same as last year and the total valuation will be the same except in instances where there has been an increase in mileage. The assessment last year was:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Valuation, and Assessment. Locations include Burlington, U. P., N. W., M. & O., Mo. Pac., Rock Island, St. J. & G. L., Om. B. & T., Om. B. & N., Mill & St. P., O.R. & N.W., Ill. Cent., Wabash, Santa Fe.

DISTRICT COURT SITS IN MADISON COUNTY

MADISON, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—District court convened at 1 o'clock Monday, it being the regular May term. Judge Welch presiding. After the preliminary work of assigning the docket was completed, a grand jury consisting of Ernest Hansen, Samuel J. Horrocks, Wilbur H. J. W. Harding, Sam Kent, Charles Kolgou, Joe Maas, George Marsh, G. C. Mayhew, H. J. Morris, C. A. Randall, LeRoy Munger, S. H. Raymond, A. B. Robinson, W. J. Stafford, Fred Tegeler was impaneled. C. A. Randall was appointed foreman. Twelve witnesses for the grand jury reported and six were sworn and appeared.

Sears Nelson, Gustaf Nils, Richard Pifer, William Hulle and Peter Halmes were given naturalization papers. Applications of Phillip Fruboff and Jacob Peterson were dismissed.

The case of Olin M. Mayfield against the city of Norfolk was dismissed for want of prosecution on account of failure to comply with order of the court to make petition more specific.

Home Savings bank against Nicholas Fullan et al. decree of foreclosure for \$1,200 was granted.

Corra A. Blinham was granted a divorce from her husband, Glenn A. Blinham, Burr Taft et al. against city of Norfolk, injunction in sewer district tax, judgment of dismissal was entered at plaintiff's costs. May M. Sewell was granted a divorce from Walter M. Sewell, all judgment against defendant for costs and \$75 plaintiff's attorney fees. Emma B. Foot was allowed a divorce from Joseph E. Foot, custody of the children, defendant to pay costs and \$50 attorney fees for plaintiff. Sarah M. Gano was granted a divorce from James T. Gano.

Notes from Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—A. B. Prindle, for the last two years physical director of the Beatrice Young Men's Christian association, yesterday resigned his position and will leave here for Pueblo, Colo., where he will assume charge of the association at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Schindler, pioneer residents of Beatrice, Sunday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in this city. They were married in Germany May 18, 1865.

Charles McCleary of South Beatrice broke his right arm near the wrist yesterday, while cranking his automobile.

The Bee Want Ads Are Best Business Boosters.

Nebraska Sam Howell Asks The Rail Board For His 58 Cents

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 18.—(Special.)—A controversy involving 58 cents was held before the State Railway commission this afternoon. A complaint was filed by Sam J. Howell of Papillion alleging that the Omaha-Lincoln Power and Electric company, which runs an interurban road between Omaha and Papillion, had sold him a book containing a certain number of tickets which were to be used within a certain date. As it happened the line was tied up by the snowstorms three days last February and unable to run cars. At the expiration of the month Howell had five round-trip tickets left in his book and he demanded that the company give him some more to take their place. The company offered him three round-trip tickets, the same number that had been given to other passengers who lost out on account of the snow, but he refused to accept.

The value of a round trip ticket if bought in book form is 29 cents. The round trip if paid each time is 58 cents. Among other things Howell wants the commission to make a rate for the company between Papillion and Forty-fourth and G streets, but presented no evidence. He admitted that he "didn't know nothing very much about conducting a hearing" and was informed by Commissioner Hall that it was always necessary in making a complaint to present some evidence.

There not being any evidence regarding other things, Mr. Howell wanted besides his 58 cents, Commissioner Hall decided the hearing at a close.

Omaha Sure of Next Meet of Physicians

HASTINGS, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—With close to 200 delegates in attendance the forty-seventh annual convention of the Nebraska State Medical society opened here today. President Gilligan at the business session of the home of delegates, appointed a nominating committee, which is expected to propose candidates for association officers Thursday.

Foot of Snow Out In Cheyenne County

SIDNEY, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—An unprecedented snowstorm unknown to the oldest inhabitant began here this morning, covering Cheyenne county with twelve inches during the night. This means an enormous crop of winter wheat, already being from fifteen to twenty inches high. Cattle and horses are out of danger as the farmers generally have plenty of feed.

G. A. R. Commander Addresses Students

KEARNEY, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—National Commander Palmer of the Grand Army of the Republic, addressed the students of the state normal in Kearney today, driving over from Minden, where the state encampment is in progress. Colonel Tam Majors of Peru accompanied the commander and introduced the speaker. "Patriotism" was dwelt upon at some length by the commander.

SUPERIOR COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS MEET

SUPERIOR, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The directors of the Superior Commercial club met last night and arranged committees for the coming year.

It is the intention of the club to rent a suite of rooms for club purposes. An old-fashioned celebration July 5 was decided on. John Eehr, chairman of the amusement committee of the club, is to have charge of the concessions and the amusements.

J. J. ANSELMO IS KILLED IN RUNAWAY

ANSELMO, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—James Judge Anselmo died at Whitman this morning as a result of injuries received in a runaway last night. He left here yesterday to visit a son living near Whitman, and the accident occurred on the way out. He was one of the oldest residents of Custer county, coming here in early cowboy days. He leaves a number of grown sons and daughters. The body will be brought here for burial.

News Notes of Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The lodge general store at Pickwell, this county, was robbed of a quantity of cutlery and merchandise last night. There is no clue to the robbery. Oscar Draper, charged with stealing sixteen cases of eggs from Swift and company here, and Charles Perkins, held for raising a check from \$50 to \$50.00, pleaded guilty this afternoon before Judge Pemberton and were paroled to the sheriff and probation officer.

A cold rain has been falling here all day all throughout the temperature has fallen almost to the freezing point. The moisture was badly needed and will offset damage done by the cold.

Celebrates Hundredth Birthday. ST. CLAIR, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Southwestern Nebraska claims a centenarian for on Monday Grandmother Weimer celebrated her one hundredth birthday with a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Weimer in Brownville. She was born in Ohio and married at the age of 23 years. She came to Nebraska and entered a homestead in Custer county at the age of 30 years. She is the mother of three children, two of whom are living. She has ten grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Nebraska DEMOS WOULD OUST BRIAN FROM PLACE

Candidates for Insurance Commissioner Actively Wage Contest for Job at Lincoln.

APPOINTMENT IS EXPECTED SOON

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 18.—(Special.)—The State Insurance board probably will select a successor to Insurance Commissioner Lawson G. Brian before the first of next month. It is possible Mr. Brian may succeed. Attorney General Reed will leave June 1 for Chicago on business connected with the state and the selection will be made before he leaves.

Governor Morehead, a democrat, State Auditor Smith, another democrat, and Attorney General Reed, a democrat, compose the board. Mr. Brian is a republican.

Some lively hustling for the place is going on among democrats, some of the aspirants being Harry M. Boydston of Lincoln, Ed A. Aaga of Waterloo, Frank Walsh of Omaha, E. A. Becker of Lincoln, M. G. Radcliffe of Benkelman. Some mention has been made of J. H. Bradley of Lincoln. It was reported that Mr. Brian would not object to continuing in his present position.

Headed Debris Route Company

The State Railway commission has denied the contention of objectors to the extension of a line of the Lincoln Street railway down Sixth street from M to O, holding that the extension is a switch and that the board has authority to order in switches when in the interests of convenience one is needed. The extension or switch would simply take a part of the cars off of the line by the Lindell hotel, which joins the O street line and Thirtieth and route them straight down Sixteenth by the Orpheum theater and the Victoria hotel.

Many Want Statutes

Orders for copies of the statutes are already coming in to the secretary of the state, an order from the county clerk of Franklin for thirteen copies of the money for the money for the same and also for twenty-five copies of the session laws being received this morning. No new statutes will be printed this year, about 1,500 of the old remaining.

Thomas to Deliver Addresses

County Superintendent Thomas will deliver the commencement address to the Cedar Bluffs high school Wednesday evening and on Thursday evening will go to Emerson for a similar address. On Friday evening he will deliver the commencement address at Bruning. His time will be fully occupied for the rest of the month in commencement addresses for Nebraska high schools.

Phone Rate Rate Dented

The application of the Surplus Telephone company, which includes nine exchanges, to raise rates from \$1 to \$1.50 and apply a county service in Butler county was denied by the Railway commission today.

Barrett May Be Candidate

Representative John C. Barrett of Omaha was called at the state houses this morning. He said he was here on legal business. It has been intimated, though denied, that Mr. Barrett might run for some state office, possibly that of lieutenant governor.

Omaha Men Seek Contract

William Kennedy, representing the Missouri Valley Market, has this company at Omaha, with T. J. Dougherty and Ed J. O'Neill, were callers on the Board of Control this morning to secure a chance to put in interior marble in some of the state buildings now being put up by the board. They were introduced to the board by Representative John Barrett of Omaha.

Marriage License to Omahan

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon at the county court house to Charles B. Johnston of Minneapolis, Minn., age 35, and Josephine E. Pardee of Omaha, age 25.

Express Companies Must Pay

Express companies will be required to pay the state occupation tax under the Smith occupation tax law according to an opinion of Attorney General Reed this afternoon. The Smith law called for a state tax of 1 per cent upon the earnings of the express companies.

Avoca Man Dies in Germany

AVOCA, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Word has been received here of the death of Oswald Baier, whose death occurred about thirty days ago in Germany. Mr. Baier was an old resident of this vicinity, having resided near this city for a number of years. He left for Germany last summer. Several children survive him.

By reason of the extensive improvement work which has recently been completed, resulting in a better, smoother track, the Frisco announces schedules as follows, effective Sunday, May 2nd.

MERCURY HOVERS AT FREEZING MARK

(Continued from Page One.) finger at a spot on his map marked "high" and located in the north Mississippi valley, extending up as far as Winnipeg.

"That is the cause of this cold snap," he said. "Monday that high was in nearly the same position and we figured on it moving off. But instead of doing so it stayed there and piled up higher."

Snow that began falling early this morning at Ellsworth had at 10 a. m. covered the ground and with a high northeast wind has assumed blizzard conditions. With a freezing temperature the storm extends from Whitman to the western boundary of the state.

Snow in State. Along the Union Pacific during the night and morning it snowed about all the way from Grand Island through to LaSalle, Wyo. In most places the snow melted as fast as it fell, but in others it covered the ground to a depth of an inch, with a temperature ranging from 12 to 40 above.

Along the Northwestern there was snow and sleet most of the way from Valentine west across Nebraska and into Wyoming as far as Casper. In many places the snow was one-half inch deep and with the strong wind blowing from the northwest conditions were very blizzardy.

The Burlington reported an early all the way from Broken Bow to Sheridan, Wyo., with from one-half to an inch over a large portion of the county tributary to Lincoln. At Lincoln, Alliance, Bridgeport, Broken Bow, Curtis, Madrid, St. Paul, Loup City, Pauline, Grand Island, Aurora, Palmer, Greeley Center and Erickson reported temperatures of freezing and below.

Gardens Frozen. Market gardeners in the city from the bottoms around and above Florence, all reported a damaging frost, most of them asserting that it was a hard freeze, completely destroying plants and vegetables that were up and in the open. Early corn that was up was frozen solid to the ground, and this was true with reference to tomato, cabbage and other tender plants.

The gardeners coming from Council Bluffs asserted that in the hills on the lower side of the river, ice formed to a thickness of one-fourth of an inch. Many of them are of the opinion that the freeze has destroyed about everything in the fruit line, with the possible exception of cherries, currants and strawberries. These fruits are so far along that it is the opinion that the freeze will not injure them materially.

Rain and Snow in Michigan. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 18.—Rain and light snow during the early morning hours is believed to have saved western Michigan's fruit belt from serious damage by frost last night. Snow fell in Muskegon, Jackson, this city and several other points. It soon changed to rain, however, and hope was expressed today that the growing crops in most districts would survive.

News Notes of Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—Attorneys Palmer, Taylor and Palmer have filed a petition in the Cass county district court asking judgment for Nils John Carlson in the sum of \$250 against the Missouri Pacific Railway company for injuries received while working for the company as a carpenter in the terminal round house.

John Richardson, ferryman at the Burlington bridge, yesterday received a telephone message asking him to go to an island eight miles south and get two

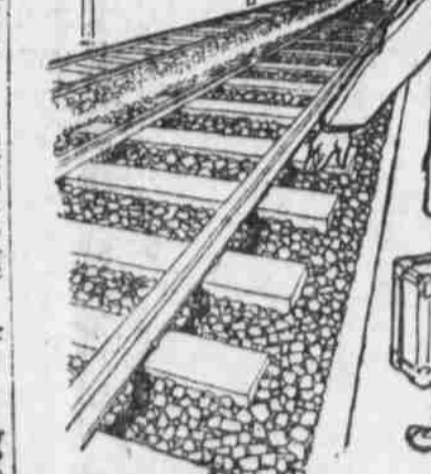
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men marooned there, who said they started down the Missouri river from Omaha in a motorboat last Friday and were unable to get it back into the river. It was found that the boat belonged to John Iversen of this city and had been stolen.

News Notes of Harvard.

HARVARD, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward H. Fifield fell from a windmill at his home in Elkhorn Saturday afternoon, sustaining a fracture of the right arm at the wrist. Gangrene appeared and in spite of several operations the patient may not survive.

Cold weather has prevailed for three days. Yesterday morning there was heavy frost. Today much snow fell.

Stephen V. Phelps, a former resident of Harvard and an old settler in Clay county, with his home near Trumbull, died at a Hastings sanitarium Monday morning, following an operation for gall stones, aged 64 years.

News Notes of Edgar.

EDGAR, Neb., May 18.—(Special.)—The P. E. O. entertained the others of Edgar yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. A. Voorhees.

Pete Wise has bought the barber shop of Ray Foy.

M. E. Lowrey has leased the Hochritter brick block and will put in a large stock of goods.

Rain fell last night and early this morning, there was a little sleet. Insect pests have been numerous and farmers and gardeners are making a strong effort to overcome them. A good rain is needed.

Two Accused of Burglary.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—In county court, Charles Waner and Charles Moulton were bound over to district court under \$500 bonds by County Judge Patricia Heaton on charge of breaking in the home of John Stiles, Union Pacific bridge watchman, two miles southeast of Central City, and stealing numerous articles. On an attempt to make their escape they were caught near Northville. District court will convene next Monday, May 24.

Jardine's Watchman Finds Man to Watch for Tom M'Govern

Over at the court house keeping their eagle eyes peeled on the vault, in which are stored the precious ballots of the last election are two watchmen employed by Walter Jardine and Tom M'Govern. Mr. M'Govern was just a few votes behind Mr. Jardine in the count and he has asked a recount. Thus are the watchmen on the job to see that no miscreant shall disturb the ballots before Harley Moorhead's crew of more or less expert accountants hop to the job.

But Monday night Mr. Jardine's watchman discovered something amiss with Mr. M'Govern's watchman. All was not right. Mr. M'Govern's watchman was not alive to his duties.

So Mr. Jardine's watchman called Mr. Jardine and told him of the shortcomings of his opponent's watchman. Mr. Jardine immediately called Mr. M'Govern.

Mr. Jardine came down to the court house on the run. So did Mr. M'Govern. Then Mr. Jardine and Mr. M'Govern assayed the roles of watchmen while Mr. Jardine's watchman hustled out to get another watchman for Mr. M'Govern, one who would attend strictly to his duties and not flirt with the little god Bacchus at such a crucial time.

With a new watchman on the scene Mr. Jardine and Mr. M'Govern retired to their homes, while a bystander remarked, "What a difference between this country and Europe."

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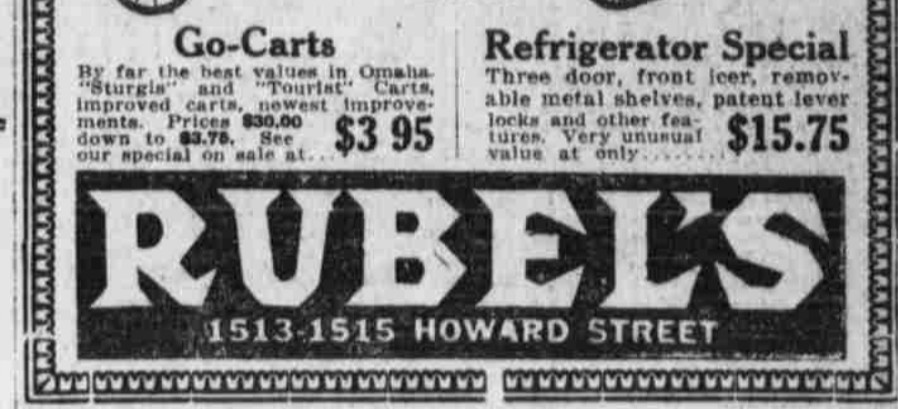


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