

News from Over the State

What Each County Must Pay.
At the rate fixed upon by the board of equalization the following is the amount of tax charged up against each county in the state:

Adams	19,137	Johnson	13,854
Antelope	11,892	Kearney	9,904
Banner	1,481	Keith	6,949
Blaine	817	Keya Paha	3,564
Boone	13,653	Kimball	2,859
Box Butte	3,492	Knox	13,201
Boyd	6,624	Lancaster	62,971
Brown	5,073	Lincoln	11,668
Buffalo	29,339	Logan	852
Burlington	18,753	Loup	667
Butler	17,484	Madison	18,349
Cass	24,477	McPherson	813
Cedar	20,821	Merrick	18,442
Cherry	9,733	Nance	8,419
Chase	1,929	Nemaha	18,101
Cheyenne	11,637	Nuckolls	14,679
Clay	18,148	Otoe	29,483
Colfax	12,607	Pawnee	16,073
Cuming	17,091	Perkins	2,332
Custer	11,369	Phelps	8,576
Dakota	9,954	Pierce	11,794
Dawes	4,222	Platte	18,681
Dawson	12,648	Polk	9,895
Deuel	5,123	Red Willow	7,581
Dixon	11,279	Richardson	25,982
Dodge	32,671	Rock	4,458
Douglas	114,263	Saline	20,553
Dundy	2,408	Sarpy	12,179
Fillmore	18,168	Saunders	26,202
Franklin	6,192	Scotts Bluff	3,677
Frontier	3,776	Seward	17,817
Furnas	12,206	Sheridan	5,353
Gage	31,719	Sherman	5,494
Garfield	1,142	Sioux	1,567
Gosper	4,693	Stanton	10,351
Grant	1,874	Thayer	15,648
Greene	5,223	Thomas	923
Hall	15,579	Thurston	3,028
Hamilton	16,954	Valley	6,203
Harlan	6,759	Washington	17,728
Hayes	1,488	Wayne	14,467
Hitchcock	6,312	Webster	9,074
Holt	18,071	Wheeler	1,211
Hooker	953	York	19,017
Howard	9,300		
Jefferson	18,300	Total	\$1,131,124

The levy will produce, on the basis of this year's assessment, \$101,267 less than face of the 1901 levy.

Youthful Burglars Caught.

Harry Veerhuc, Samuel Billings and Earl Moore, all aged 11 years, and Clint Billings, aged nine years, were taken before County Judge J. E. Douglas at Plattsmouth, charged with petit larceny. The boys forced an entrance to the general merchandise store of Zuckweiler & Lutz. Zuckweiler was informed of the plot to rob the store and caught the boys in the act. The judge gave the boys some good advice and sentenced them to a term in the reform school at Kearney, but suspended the sentence during their good behavior.

Young Boy Kills Himself.

The 14-year-old son of W. H. Redmond, living two miles north of Kenesaw, was found behind his father's barn with a bullet wound in the head and a 32-caliber revolver lying by his side. He died soon after being found. The boy was very fond of practicing with firearms and it is thought the shooting was accidental.

Operated by Home Organization.

Hastings and Adams county are to have a new telephone system operated by a home organization. It is to be known as the Adams County Telephone company and articles of incorporation have already been filed. The plan of the company is to cover the entire county as well as the city.

Wager on Horses' Strength.

A pulling match was held at Carroll for a purse of \$50 between a horse of West Shibley and one of Adolph Johnson's, which was decided by the judges in favor of the latter, but the former protested the payment of the stake money and it will probably go into the school fund.

Balance in School Fund.

The monthly statement of Auditor Weston shows that there were approximately \$263,000 of permanent school funds uninvested on the last day of June. The receipts during the month of July were \$125,000 and the investments \$202,000. The total balance of funds was \$513,684.

Made Sure of Death.

Frank Prebble, a Bohemian farmer, who resided near Odell, in Gage county, committed suicide by hanging. He provided himself with a revolver and a piece of rope and proceeded to a field. Here he shot himself in the left temple. This not proving fatal, he hung himself.

Found His Body in a Pond.

Joseph W. Smith, a young and prosperous farmer of Shelton, was found drowned in his fish pond near his house. He had disrobed and gone into the water, apparently to bathe, and was found by a neighbor a couple of hours after having been last seen.

Storm Causes Fire at Omaha.

During a severe electrical storm at Omaha Saturday night lightning struck the flag pole on the roof of the Omaha Milling company, ran down through the roof and set the building on fire, entailing a loss of about \$20,000.

Improving Its Telephone System.

The Farmers' Home Telephone company, of Shelton, has purchased a switchboard to accommodate 100 telephones, 100 feet of cable and 50 new telephones.

G. A. R. Reunion at Hastings.

The department officials of the Grand Army of the Republic are busily engaged preparing for the next annual reunion, which will be held in Hastings from September 8 to 13, inclusive, the week following the state fair. Among the men expected to take part in the speaking programme are: Gov. Cummins and Department Commander John Lindt, of Iowa; Chaplain Jesse Cole, Marshalltown, Ia.; E. R. Hutchins, Des Moines; John M. January, Dell Rapids, S. D.; Gov. Savage, J. H. Mickey, all members of the Nebraska congressional delegation. One day will be named in honor of the governors and gubernatorial candidates, for both Gov. Cummins and Gov. Savage, with the republican candidates in Nebraska and Kansas, Mickey and Bailey, will be present on the same day. There will also be a congressional day, on which the prominent places on the programme will be filled by senators and congressmen. One of the most notable men on the programme is John W. January, who has the distinction of having amputated both his feet while confined in Andersonville prison. He did this to check a disease contracted while held as a prisoner.

Delegates to St. Paul Congress.

Mayor Winnett, of Lincoln, has appointed the following delegates to the Transmississippi commercial congress, to be held at St. Paul August 19: M. Weil, C. H. Cornell, H. M. Bushnell, William Lawlor and John Dorgan. Gov. Savage has selected the following to represent the state: Joseph Larbach, Fairbury; N. D. Jackson, Neligh; S. J. Alexander, Lincoln; P. H. Schwab, Sutton; J. H. Arends, Syracuse; H. M. Bushnell, Lincoln; H. T. Shumway, Wakefield; Joseph Hayden, Omaha; Mel Uhl, Omaha; W. J. Broach, Omaha; A. T. Cully, Loup City; C. Nicholas, Sargent.

Pay Dearly for Railroads.

The city of Lincoln has paid approximately \$90,000 more in interest on railroad aid bonds than it has received in taxes from the railroads. Last year the city paid \$9,380 in interest on these bonds, while the railroads paid only \$987.55 in taxes. There are now \$170,000 of railroad bonds outstanding, which draw five per cent interest. Of this amount \$50,000 was voted for the Elkhorn, \$50,000 for the Rock Island and \$70,000 for the Elkhorn. Besides these there are upward of \$60,000 railroad refunding bonds.

Beatrice Mechanics Enjoy Outing.

The Dempster employes at Beatrice held their annual picnic on the chautauqua grounds. At ten o'clock a parade passed through the principal streets, in which appeared a large number of fine floats, including windmills, gasoline engines and different kinds of machinery manufactured by this concern. A basket picnic was served on the grounds from 12 until 2 and the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to field sports.

Pamphlet to Boom Nebraska.

The manuscript of the Home-seekers' Bulletin, prepared under the direction of the Department of Labor and Industrial Statistics, has been given to the printer and the books are expected to be ready for delivery a month later. The volume will consist of about 200 pages and will treat a wide range of subjects, all touching upon the resources and advantages of the state.

Dodge County Mortgage Record.

The following is the mortgage record of Dodge county for the month of July: Chattel mortgages filed, 66, amount, \$15,498.38; released, 22, amount, \$12,543.44; farm mortgages recorded, 16; amount, \$62,646.61; released, 26, amount, \$64,881.81; town and city mortgages recorded, 30; amount \$16,376.70; released, 13; amount, \$13,455.00.

Fusionists Nominate Ticket.

The democratic and populist county conventions were held at the courthouse in Blair, and fused on a county ticket. L. K. Davis, populist, was nominated for clerk of district court; Fred Ehtencamp, democrat, was nominated for representative; Victor Hogan, democrat, was nominated for county attorney.

State Fair Will Be a "Big One."

Reports from Lincoln and over the state are that the coming fair will be a "big one" in all respects. Space in all departments is now at a premium. The great livestock sales on the grounds bid fair to be without precedence, either in number or quality.

Omaha Man for Treasurer.

A. L. Sheetz, of Omaha, was elected treasurer of the International Federation of Commercial Travelers' organization in convention at Ottawa Beach, Mich.

A HEART-TO-HEART TALK.

Three Railroad Presidents Listen to Farmers in the Big Bend Country and Make Many Explanations.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 5.—Three railway presidents, in response to a petition from the leading farmers of the Big Bend country, assembled at the county seat of Lincoln county to hear their case, plead their own interests and render argument. They were James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern and the Northern Securities company; President C. S. Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, and President A. L. Mohler, of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation lines of the Harriman system. With them were a group of lesser railroad notables. Public addresses were delivered by the three presidents. Then adjournment was taken to the armory, where an old-fashioned country dinner was served to the railway guests and visitors from the surrounding country.

All this was preliminary to the real conference of the day. Various counties and districts had sent delegates to the convention and after dinner these delegates reassembled in the convention hall and through their spokesmen laid their wishes before the railroad presidents.

Mr. Hill was the only president speaking at this conference. He answered many questions from time to time, offered numerous voluntary explanations of matters that seemed all wrong to the farmers and repeatedly asked the farmers to speak out their beliefs and convictions.

Grain rates will be reduced from all points in eastern Washington and the reduction will take place in time to benefit the farmers on this year's crop.

CONVICTED AN INNOCENT MAN

A Dying Man Confesses to Killing His Son—Another Man in the Penitentiary for the Deed.

Denver, Col., Aug. 5.—On his death bed William Thompson, of Vilas, Baca county, has confessed that he killed his son, Benjamin, aged 13, and that Zeb Nicholson, who was convicted of having murdered the boy and is serving a sentence of ten to 20 years in the penitentiary, is entirely innocent. A petition for Nicholson's pardon was filed with the state board of pardons yesterday. From documents accompanying the petition it appears that Nicholson got into a fight on the range in February, 1901, and that while they were engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle a gun in Thompson's hands was discharged. Nicholson was accused of murder and his conviction, it is said, was secured on perjured testimony. It is alleged that Thompson wanted to put Nicholson out of the way because he had knowledge of two murders said to have been committed by Thompson in Kansas. Thompson has already served about a year of his term.

IT IS NON-PARTISAN.

Under Recent Ruling of Supreme Court Gov. Savage, of Nebraska, Appoints New Police Board for Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 5.—Gov. Savage late yesterday afternoon appointed a new police board for the city of Omaha. The appointments are made under a recent ruling of the supreme court, declaring that the appointive power is vested in the governor. Those appointed are: William J. Broatch and Joseph W. Thomas, republicans, and Carl C. Wright and L. W. Spratlan, democrats. All are representative citizens. Broatch was twice mayor of the city, Thomas is a bank cashier, Wright is a prominent member of the Douglas county bar and Spratlan was until recently a bank cashier. The board is made non-partisan under the law, which requires that the members be equally divided between both parties.

A Double Suicide.

Arkansas City, Kan., Aug. 5.—Burden, a settlement in the northeast part of Cowley county, is excited over a double suicide. The bodies of John W. Kirby and wife were found in bed at home, three miles north of Burden, by neighbors. Both had bullet holes through their head, while a revolver with two empty chambers was found lying on the breast of Kirby.

Cadet's Dismissal for Hazing Indorsed.

Washington, Aug. 5.—President Roosevelt yesterday returned the papers in the case of Alexander G. Pendleton, Jr., to the war department with an indorsement confirming the sentence of dismissal. Pendleton was a first class cadet at West Point and was found guilty of hazing. He was appointed from Arizona.

Made Chief Rabbi of the United States.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—Bernard L. Levinthal, for 11 years chief rabbi of the orthodox Jews of Philadelphia, has been appointed to succeed Chief Rabbi Jacob Joseph, of New York, as the head of orthodox Jews in the United States. The position was made vacant by Rabbi Joseph's recent death.

CARRIED ON A STRETCHER.

Mr. Steyn, Former President of Orange Free State, Arrived at Southampton Saturday in an Enfeebled Condition.

London, Aug. 4.—Former President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, arrived at Southampton Saturday, with his family, on the steamer Carisbrook Castle. He was met by Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Des Bruyn, the former Boer delegates. He will go to The Hague, where Former President Kruger will go from Utrecht to meet him to-day.

Mr. Steyn was too ill to bear the journey to London although a special saloon carriage had been attached to the regular boat train for him. His physicians would not allow him to be interviewed by the press, but Mr. Steyn sent word that he wished to express his thanks for the kindness extended to him by the British authorities since the surrender and for the care given him during the voyage. The former president was removed on a stretcher to the Dutch steamer Batavier III, which was moored close to the Carisbrook Castle. He will be landed at the Hook of Holland and conveyed in an ambulance to the cottage reserved for him near The Hague.

GEN. JACOB SMITH SPEAKS.

He Touches on His Forced Retirement and Says He Did What He Thought Was Right.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Gen. Jacob H. Smith, who recently returned from Manila, in speaking of his forced retirement from the army, said: "It was an unwelcome surprise to me. I naturally supposed that I would receive a reprimand as a result of the verdict of the court-martial, but nothing more. I have always tried to do my duty in a conscientious manner. I am a soldier and take what is coming to me. It is not for me to say whether I deserve it or not. I have done what I thought was right and am ready to settle down in quiet."

SEVERE STORM IN IOWA.

Crops Damaged Considerably in Pottawattamie and Cass Counties—An Elevator Destroyed by Lightning.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Aug. 4.—A severe storm which passed over southwestern Iowa at an early hour yesterday morning did considerable damage to crops in the eastern part of Pottawattamie and western Cass county. A strip of country several miles wide was visited by hail and the corn crop was entirely ruined. At Avoca lightning struck an elevator belonging to the Des Moines Elevator company and it was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000 on the building and the grain that it contained.

PACKING COMBINATION.

Leaders Decide It Has Gone So Far That It Is Useless to Disassemble Any Further.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The announcement of the packing combine is likely to be made during the present month. The leaders have decided that the combination has gone so far that it is useless to further disassemble and now admit that there is something doing. The gauntlet has been thrown down by the packers to the Kansas City Stock Yards company. It is said here that the combine has secured options on a tract of land on the north side of the Missouri river, and, unless the Kansas City Stock Yards company sells out to the merged company there, new yards will be built there.

Republican Campaign Text-Book Out.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The republican text-book for the campaign of 1902 has been issued by the republican congressional committee. The book, which is in pamphlet form, containing 350 pages, makes liberal quotations from the speeches of both McKinley and Roosevelt and also extracts from their messages to congress in support of the republican doctrine. The book reviews the record of the republican party from its beginning to the present time.

Negroes Deprived of Representation.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 4.—At a meeting of the state republican executive committee Saturday a resolution was adopted which, it is claimed, will practically deprive the negroes of representation in the party. The effect of this will be to make the republican party in Alabama a white man's party, as under the new constitution of Alabama the negroes are practically all disfranchised.

Baillie P. Waggener Nominated.

Atchison, Kan., Aug. 4.—In the democratic and populist county convention here Saturday Baillie P. Waggener was nominated for representative by acclamation. When his name was presented there was great applause from the 250 delegates and the spectators.

VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Town of Los Alamos, Cal., Wrecked—Every Brick Building in the Place Destroyed or Badly Damaged.

Los Alamos, Cal., Aug. 1.—The most severe earthquake in the history of this place occurred at 1:20 Thursday morning. It is not possible yet to estimate the damage, but it is very heavy. No lives are known to be lost, though there were many narrow escapes. Every brick building in the town was destroyed or badly wrecked. In nearly every house windows were broken. The Presbyterian church, a large brick structure, was razed to the ground as was the general store of W. S. Wickenben, also a brick building. The shock seemed to have a spiral motion. Goods were hurled from the shelves of stores and piled in the middle of the rooms. Even such heavy articles as desks were thrown about. Not a chimney is left standing in the town. All brick walls are badly damaged, but frame structures generally escaped serious injury. In the drugstore not a single bottle escaped, and Kohn's saloon was flooded with liquor from broken bottles.

The whole town was aroused and people fled from their homes to the streets in a panic. There have been several light shocks since July 27 when the first heavy shock occurred. But that of this morning exceeded in violence anything yet experienced. It lasted 30 seconds and threw people from their beds. Los Alamos is a town of about 600 inhabitants in Santa Barbara county.

The latest advices received at noon state that the earth continues to tremble at intervals of about an hour and a half. The shocks are followed by loud reports as from cannon. The Careaga country for miles around Los Alamos suffered, but the shocks were not as heavy as at the latter place.

TRACEY BOBS UP AGAIN.

The Fugitive Desperado Now in Eastern Washington, Well-Armed and in Good Health.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 2.—Harry Tracey, the fugitive desperado, is now in eastern Washington, unwounded, in good health, armed with four guns and 200 rounds of ammunition, provisioned for five days and equipped with two horses. Tracey crossed the Columbia river at five o'clock Thursday morning and is now supposed to be headed toward the Idaho line. Tracey declared that he wants to hold up a bank or rob an express car. He says that he has promised to give the sum of \$5,000 within one year to the parties who helped him escape from the Oregon penitentiary. He is making his way to the "Hole in the Wall" country in Wyoming. When there he declares he will be a thief among thieves, and thinks he will be safe. Tracey spent Wednesday at a ranch of W. A. Sanders, six miles below Wenatchee, on the Columbia river. He crossed the Columbia at a ferry 18 miles below Wenatchee.

The outlaw denied that he had been wounded and declared he had gained 15 or 20 pounds since escaping from the penitentiary. Two or three small posses are reported to have started out from Big Bend towns to seek Tracey.

A Final Certificate Ordered for Mrs. Wood.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 2.—Information from Washington to the government land office at Lawton orders the authorities to issue a final certificate to Mrs. James R. Wood, the widow of the winner of the famous No. 1 claim when the Kiowa and Comanche country was opened to settlement. Her contests for the possession of this famous homestead is now closed forever in her favor. She has demanded \$20,000 damages for the 'Frisco crossing her claim.

Miss Alice Hay Soon to Be Married.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The marriage of Miss Alice Hay to James W. Wadsworth, Jr., will take place on September 30 at The Falls, Newbury, N. H., the country home of the secretary of state and Mrs. Hay. Only the family and a few intimate friends will be present. After a short wedding journey the young people will go to Genesee, N. Y., for the rest of the autumn.

A Young Farmer's Double Crime.

Junction City, Kan., Aug. 2.—A double tragedy occurred at Wakefield, a small town 24 miles north of this city, yesterday morning. A wealthy young farmer named De Young shot his wife and then himself. There is hope that the woman will recover, but De Young will die. No cause for the tragedy is given.

Swam for Thirteen Hours.

Dover, Aug. 2.—Holbein, who started at six o'clock Thursday night from Cape Gris-Nez, France, to swim across the English channel to Dover, was obliged, after a plucky effort, in sight of his goal, to abandon the attempt owing to unfavorable conditions. He was subsequently landed here. Holbein was in the water 13 hours and was beaten by the strong tide.