

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

WORK OF STATE ASSESSORS

Figures Showing What They Have Done in the Matter of Fixing Values in Nebraska.

Fixing Values in Nebraska.
 Increase in lands, actual value, \$250,051,495.
 Increase in lots, actual value, \$26,154,695.
 Increase in lands, assessed valuation, \$50,010,299.
 Increase in lots, assessed valuation, \$5,230,939.

The above shows in a nutshell what the assessors in eighty-two counties have done in the matter of fixing the value of real estate this year. Eight counties have not yet made returns to the state board, and these will swell the total probably \$5,500,000. The counties out are Custer, Gage, Grant, Holt, Hooker, Nance, Scott's Bluff and Valley. The total assessed value of lands and lots for 1908 in the eighty-two counties has been returned at \$236,585,018, against \$181,343,780, returned for the same counties last year. Five times these amounts represent the actual value of the lands and lots, or \$1,182,929,090 for 1908, and \$906,718,900 for 1907. This makes an increase in the actual value of lands and lots of \$276,206,190.

Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific, who was in Lincoln, said he was well satisfied with the valuation of real estate.

"By comparing our record of transfers," he said, "we have found in many instances the assessor has assessed the land at its full actual value as shown in the transfers. I shall shortly withdraw my application for a mandamus to compel the state board to increase the value of real estate. We are satisfied with the valuation as placed on this class of property by the assessors."

The following table shows the assessed value of town lots for 1907 and 1908 as returned by the county assessors:

	1907.	1908.
Adams	\$82,887	\$1,142,851
Antelope	265,411	265,155
Banner	116,294	1,509
Blaine	2,913	2,100
Boone	218,859	347,909
Box Butte	196,485	
Boyd	119,473	131,626
Brown	77,110	119,337
Buffalo	740,433	820,573
Burt	353,338	425,087
Butler	378,260	404,998
Cass	589,538	620,364
Cedar	351,703	338,493
Chase	23,136	35,977
Cherry	114,582	107,888
Cheyenne	116,294	125,922
Clay	361,876	467,398
Colfax	322,558	351,076
Cumming	118,663	128,187
Dakota	118,663	128,187
Dawes	163,152	188,192
Dawson	329,592	521,486
Deuel	19,917	14,272
Dixon	263,075	257,328
Dodge	1,229,595	1,321,791
Douglas	18,567,208	20,526,315
Dundy	26,981	40,314
Fillmore	351,170	400,449
Franklin	439,962	415,499
Frontier	61,540	13,292
Furnas	223,791	369,803
Garfield	40,960	45,173
Gosper	673,695	46,603
Greeley	104,304	116,620
Hall	940,045	1,080,904
Hamilton	299,850	405,924
Harlan	158,352	270,996
Hayes	2,245	6,796
Hitchcock	63,188	89,805
Howard	120,529	160,358
Jefferson	488,512	616,182
Johnson	244,321	273,223
Keosauqua	146,793	233,785
Keith	26,904	36,257
Keya Paha	10,210	12,705
Kimball	14,294	25,515
Knox	292,696	313,111
Lancaster	5,860,999	6,439,975
Lincoln	29,443	47,412
Loup	5,629	9,761
Loup	5,246	6,863
Madison	646,899	652,997
McPherson	277	580
Merrick	206,888	245,613
Nemaha	439,820	460,771
Nuckolls	394,491	487,210
Otoe	768,987	808,571
Pawnee	253,336	271,457
Perkins	12,375	17,124
Phelps	214,059	484,513
Pierce	195,513	256,191
Platte	510,918	640,545
Polk	243,023	297,772
Red Willow	255,693	419,295
Richardson	603,830	609,891
Rock	28,595	34,169
Salline	532,620	589,791
Sarpy	231,409	255,976
Seward	374,319	371,754
Sheridan	75,505	94,583
Sherman	88,333	135,594
Sioux	6,649	49,712
Stanton	116,091	138,120
Thayer	261,440	335,405
Thurston	6,413	9,943
Thomas	108,155	149,831
Thurston	297,387	349,274
Wayne	283,252	301,422
Webster	225,332	294,492
Wheeler	5,669	8,292
York	563,713	795,764
Totals	\$45,535,834	\$50,766,773

Gage Assessment Slow.

Attorney General Thompson and Secretary Schayland of the State Board of Assessment joined forces and went after the Board of Equalization of Gage county. The abstract of the assessment of that county has not yet been returned to the state board and a letter was received from the county assessor explaining why. The county board had met, but no quorum being present nothing was done. Promise is given that something will soon be done.

STAMPING OUT TUBERCULOSIS.

Nebraska Society Organized for an Important Work.

The Nebraska Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is engaging in a work which has for its object the stamping out of tuberculosis in the state. Similar societies have been at work in other states for years and Nebraska is behind her sister states in this respect. A great work has been accomplished but the society is in need of funds to carry on its work. An appeal has been made to all public spirited citizens of the state in the following letter sent out by the secretary:

"Omaha, Neb., July 15, 1908.—Tuberculosis or so called consumption is the most prevalent disease of civilized life. Nebraska in 1906 had 535 deaths from tuberculosis and 439 from all other communicable diseases combined. This means 2,000 cases existing in this state, many of them in public institutions.

"We as citizens are responsible not only for the long drawn out misery and poverty, but for the great risk to ourselves and other healthy persons of becoming infected. Not every one knows that tuberculosis is communicable and therefore preventable. In order to spread this knowledge broadcast and to give instructions in preventive measures, the Nebraska Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has mapped out a publicity and educational campaign.

"That this campaign may be successfully carried out the association hereby issues a call for memberships at one dollar a year. This income is for printing and postage expenses only; no salaries and no transportation paid; all services rendered gratis.

"Will you and your associates, your church, your club, your lodge, your municipality, help to further this work of deliverance from the great white plague?"

"For further information address: R. R. T. Edholm, secretary, 408 City Hall, Omaha, Neb."

Never before in all history has there been made such a world-wide effort to overcome a great scourge upon mankind. Vaccination was the discovery of one man, Jenner. Malaria was understood after the work of a Laveran, a Manson and a Ross. To prove the life-history of yellow fever a Carroll and a Lazear gave up their lives. The life-history being known, the authorities readily control smallpox, malaria and yellow fever.

In tuberculosis as great results are possible but the co-operation of the general public must be secured, that here as elsewhere the infected man or beast may be subject to wholesome control.

Railroad Denies Charge.

In explanation of Edgar Howard's charge of \$9,000,000 more or less of untaxed property in the form of material and supplies is lying along the Union Pacific railroad in Nebraska.

Tax Commissioner A. W. Scribner of that railroad appeared before the state board of assessment and said that every bit of material and supplies had been reported for taxation. Mr. Howard was present to renew his statement. He said it was based on a speech made by General Superintendent Park of the Union Pacific before the state railway commission, that his company had \$9,000,000 in stock supplies, ties and other material in "Council Bluffs, Omaha and along the road," which the company intended to add "to this property." He said Mr. Park afterward told him he meant this property was in Nebraska with the exception of what is in Council Bluffs.

Mr. Scribner said Mr. Park told him he meant on the entire system. Mr. Scribner believed it to be best to wait until Mr. Park himself could present a statement under his own signature as to what he meant.

W. T. Thompson Files.

W. T. Thompson, attorney general, has filed his application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate on the republican ticket to succeed himself. Mr. Thompson has been so busy looking after the legal affairs of the state that he nearly forgot to put in his application.

Ryder Orator at St. Paul.

Labor Commissioner Ryder has received an invitation to be the Labor Day orator at St. Paul, Minn., the invitation being sent by the trades and labor assembly. Mr. Ryder has delivered the oration on two former Labor days in the Minnesota capital, but this time he will have to decline, as other engagements and the business of his office at that season will not permit an acceptance.

Operate Under New Law.

The Western Indemnity company, an Omaha corporation for the purpose of insuring burial expenses, was admitted into the state by Deputy Insurance Auditor Pierce. This is the first company organized under a new law, passed at the last session of the legislature.

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.

At Willemstad, Island of Curacao, a demonstration was made by the Dutch residents against the Venezuelan consul who was compelled to take refuge in the German consulate. The trouble was brought about by the action of President Castro directed against the trade of the islands.

The track and field sports of the Olympic games in London have ended. Counting five for first, three for second and one for third, the standing is: America, 114½; United Kingdom, 66 1-3; Canada, 11; South Africa and Greece, 8 each; Norway, 5; Germany, 4; Italy, 3; Hungary, 2 1-3; France, 2 1-3; Australia and Finland, 1 each.

The northwest needs 30,000 men to help harvest the wheat crop.

By a vote of 74½ to 5½ the Seventh Iowa district congressional convention nominated Judge S. F. Prouty for congress over Representative J. A. T. Hull.

William F. Walker, the absconder of New Britain, Conn., has at last been placed in jail at Hartford. He looted a savings bank of \$565,000 and embezzled \$56,000 of Baptist church funds.

In a desperate battle between Mexican troops and Papago Indians in Sonora 19 of the hostiles were killed and many wounded. Two soldiers were killed and five wounded.

The funeral of Bishop Potter took place in the historic Christ church at Cooperstown, N. Y., where J. Fennimore Cooper worshipped during his lifetime. The body was shipped to New York, where the official funeral will take place.

A bomb was exploded in the National hotel in Chicago, startling the guests, but no one was injured.

A "wild man" is said to be prowling in the woods in Macon county, Missouri.

The federal grand jury at Chicago has returned indictments against 29 mail order houses, whose alleged illegal profits are between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 for using the mails to defraud.

During a severe electrical storm at Gettysburg, where the Pennsylvania national guard were encamped, three of the soldiers were killed and many others seriously injured by the lightning. The tents were blown down and many of the soldiers were compelled to swim to safety.

The commander of the gunboat Marietta reports all quiet in Honduras.

Since the United States has taken charge of the Panama canal 40,938,575 cubic yards of material have been removed, 65 per cent of the work being done during the past year.

By the unanimous opinion of the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago the famous case of the government against the Standard Oil company of Indiana, in which the latter was fined \$29,240,000 by Judge Landis in the district court, was reversed and remanded for a new trial.

While on the way from Oyster Bay to Newport with the presidential party on board the president's yacht Mayflower ran down and sank a lumber-laden schooner during a dense fog. The schooner's crew was saved.

A rate of one and a half fares has been announced by the railroads for state fairs in the western states this fall.

It is reported that the Danish and Swedish governments have agreed upon a defensive and offensive military alliance.

Four men and a boy were injured, two of them probably fatally, in a St. Louis boarding house fire.

Eleven persons were shot, three of them fatally, in Jamaica Plain, a suburb of Boston, by two desperadoes who ran for two miles through a thickly populated section firing madly right and left. One of the fatally injured is a woman.

To the surprise of her friends and parents Miss Evelyn Walsh, daughter of the Colorado millionaire, was quietly married in Denver to Edward McLean, managing editor of the Washington Post and son of John R. McLean.

July 28, the date of the Taft notification ceremonies, has been officially declared a public holiday in Cincinnati.

Texas fever in violent form has been discovered among the cattle of Vernon county, Missouri.

Immigration to the United States from all countries, particularly Russia and Japan, shows a marked falling off for the month of June.

The plant of the Stanton-Lindborg Packing company of Pittsburg, Kan., has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$75,000.

Three persons were killed and three others seriously injured in a wreck on the Frisco railroad near Fort Smith, Ark.

After trailing him through various western cities the United States secret service men arrested Charles Savage, a negro, in Kansas City. He is charged with stealing \$50,000 in currency from a registered mail pouch at Kansas City several weeks ago. The money was not recovered.

President Roosevelt has approved the dismissal of the military academy at West Point of eight cadets who were charged with hazing.

The Democratic national committee has chosen the following officers: Norman E. Mack, Buffalo, N. Y., chairman; L. P. Mall, Nebraska, vice chairman; Gov. Haskell, Oklahoma, treasurer; John I. Martin, St. Louis, sergeant-at-arms, and Urey Woodson, Kentucky, secretary.

Oklahoma has organized a state geological survey with Prof. C. N. Gould of the state university as its head.

It is announced as practically certain that the American car in the New York-to-Paris race will be declared the winner of the event, the German car having failed to comply with all the conditions.

The American Catholic Press association was recently organized at Cincinnati.

Edward Bockemuhle, formerly president of the Bank of Ellinwood, Kan., which failed several months ago, has been convicted at Great Bend of receiving deposits when knowing the bank was insolvent.

Practically everything to sustain life has been swept away in the Red river flooded district in Louisiana and some of the people are facing starvation.

Fire in the Abington building, a six-story office building in Portland, Ore., caused a loss of \$300,000.

One of the two desperadoes who shot up a Boston suburb was killed by the police after a long chase. The man's body bore the marks of more than 100 bullets.

A bomb was exploded in a tent in Chicago while Gov. Deneen was addressing a political meeting. No one was seriously injured, although a panic followed the explosion.

The Atlantic battleship fleet has left Honolulu for Auckland, New Zealand. Sunday theaters are illegal in Kansas under a recent decision of the supreme court.

A cable dispatch from Panama says that war between Nicaragua and Honduras was almost certain.

Federal Judge Thompson of Cincinnati has enjoined the internal revenue officers from enforcing the new rule regarding the marking and branding of distillery products.

After a prolonged investigation Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the government bureau of chemistry, declares that the use of benzoic acid and benzoate of soda as preservatives in foods is injurious to the human system and should be discontinued.

For the reason that he expects to make his speech of acceptance his most important utterance of the campaign Judge Taft has decided to submit it to the judgment of President Roosevelt in advance of its delivery at Cincinnati.

Personal.

Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois is said to be slated as chairman of the Republican congressional committee.

Adlai E. Stevenson, one time vice president of the United States, has announced his candidacy for governor of Illinois on the Democratic ticket.

Louis E. Snow, one of the most prominent insurance men of the middle west, is dead at his home in St. Louis.

Senator Long of Kansas has accepted a challenge from J. L. Bristow for a debate to be held in Topeka August 1.

The St. Louis council has passed a public utilities commission ordinance.

Francis King, one of the oldest residents of Nebraska, is dead in Beatrice, aged 96 years. He was born in England and came to America 84 years ago.

Gov. Hughes of New York has announced that he will accept a renomination if tendered by the Republicans of his state.

Harry K. Thaw is reported ill with stomach trouble in the jail at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Bryan has retired from active work on the Commoner during the present campaign. Charles M. Bryan will be the publisher and Richard L. Metcalf the editor.

President Roosevelt delivered a half hour's address to the conference of naval officers at Newport in which he pleaded for a "first-class fighting navy," one that could "seek out an enemy and hammer him into quits." The president took a leading part in the discussion which followed his address.

The prince of Wales was given a warm welcome when he landed at Quebec to take part in the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

AMERICANS BEST

WIN HONORS IN WORLD'S OLYMPIC GAMES.

FIELD AND TRACK CHAMPIONS

Victory is Considered Very Great Because Won With the Judges Prejudiced and the Treatment Unfair.

The Olympic games were brought to a conclusion at London Saturday afternoon so far as the sports held at the stadium were concerned, when Queen Alexandra presented the gold medals and trophies to the successful competitors and the dowager duchess of Westminster, the duchess of Rutland and Lady Desborough handed the silver and bronze medals, the diplomas and the commemorative medals to those entitled to them.

A big crowd attended the function and chered the athletes as they came up to receive their prizes. The Italian, Dorando, was honored with the greatest ovation, the sympathies of the spectators going out to the man who had missed the prize of the Marathon race when it was just within his grasp. Before the ceremony of prize giving began, America captured two events, the 110 meter hurdles and the 1,600 meter relay, the latter being the last event on the program. The stars and stripes was the last flag to fly from the mast head.

In the athletic section of the games, the American representatives won the championship in field and track athletics. The American won fifteen out of a possible twenty-seven firsts, scoring more firsts than the athletes of the entire world. On the basis of five points for firsts, three for second and one for third, the American score is 114½; that of Great Britain and Ireland being 66 1-3.

Doubts are being expressed in some of the most influential quarters as to whether the Olympian games serve good purpose, whereas, theoretically, they are supposed to foster international friendship. The result of the present meeting has been to create dissensions and kindly animosities. The relations between the English and the American officials have become so strained that it will be exceedingly difficult for representatives of the two nations to arrange any competitions in the future or carry them out without unpleasant incidents.

RELATIONS AT CRISIS.

Venezuela and Curacao on Verge of a War.

The relations between Venezuela and the island of Curacao are strained to the breaking point. Following a long series of what the residents of Curacao regard as antagonistic actions on the part of President Castro directed against themselves and the Dutch government mobs gathered at Willemstad and expressed their resentment in an attack on the home of a Venezuelan who had published statements derogatory to the residents of the island. They surrounded the German consulate, where the Venezuelan consul had taken refuge and it was contemplated the ordering out of armed troops, so that the consul might be protected from injury. The demonstration before the residence of the Venezuelan consul, Senor Lopez, occurred late Saturday night and although no actual attack was made, it is said that two shots were fired from the consul's house, no one being injured.

The measures taken by the Venezuelan government against the Dutch government and directly against the island of Curacao brought about depressed business conditions in that island, whose people asked Queen Wilhelmina of Holland to take steps to improve relations between the two countries in a permanent manner.

Curacao complained of the seizure by Venezuela of vessels plying between Aruba and Curacao, Dutch possessions, and the imprisonment of the crews, the opening of Dutch correspondence by Venezuela, the decree issued by President Castro, prohibiting the transshipment of freight at Curacao and of many other antagonistic measures.

Dying of Elephantiasis.

Anna Lynch, wife of David Lynch of State Road, McKeesport, Penn., is dying of elephantiasis, a rare disease seldom encountered in other countries than India or Africa. From a woman of 165 pounds, Mrs. Lynch's weight has increased until she now weighs 510 pounds, and each day she is becoming heavier. The calf of her left leg measures 86 inches, while her right leg measures 65 inches.

The skin all over her body is thick and tough, and lays in folds like the skin of an elephant. Physicians believe she was inoculated by some insect.