

THE NEBRASKA TAXES

Total Valuation for Assessment is Nearly Three Million More.

FIGURES FOR 1900 AND 1901

Starting a New Industry in Holt County—Platte County a Pioneer in Road Sprinkling—Other Nebraska Matters Here and There.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 17.—The total valuation upon which state taxes will be assessed this year against taxable property in Nebraska, will be approximately \$174,432,000, or \$2,685,000 greater than the assessed valuation last year. These figures have been computed from the official reports received from eighty-nine of the ninety counties. Wheeler, whose report has not been received, had a total assessed valuation of \$298,237.40 last year and it is believed there will be no material change in the figures this year.

Following is a comparison of the assessed valuation of property for the two years:

	1900.	1901.
Adams	2,716,592.96	2,717,152.59
Antelope	1,522,770.00	1,522,770.00
Atchison	299,340.00	299,340.00
Blaine	180,846.73	180,846.73
Boone	1,213,203.29	1,213,203.29
Box Butte	411,869.23	411,869.23
Boyd	611,294.90	611,294.90
Brown	1,096,127.81	1,096,127.81
Buffalo	2,262,932.37	2,262,932.37
Burns	2,545,490.31	2,545,490.31
Butler	4,417,158.05	4,417,158.05
Calhoun	2,407,744.00	2,407,744.00
Chase	828,428.23	828,428.23
Cherry	1,236,181.22	1,236,181.22
Cheyenne	1,291,208.43	1,291,208.43
Clay	2,412,102.90	2,412,102.90
Colfax	1,956,414.29	1,956,414.29
Collins	2,229,583.57	2,229,583.57
Cuming	2,342,283.90	2,342,283.90
Dallas	1,283,271.13	1,283,271.13
Dawson	1,768,279.52	1,768,279.52
DeWitt	1,252,926.01	1,252,926.01
Dixon	1,427,182.46	1,427,182.46
Dodge	1,828,212.92	1,828,212.92
Douglas	2,145,972.64	2,145,972.64
Dundy	644,302.35	644,302.35
Fillmore	2,255,186.87	2,255,186.87
Franklin	1,149,430.00	1,149,430.00
Fremont	1,174,208.29	1,174,208.29
Furnas	1,850,500.00	1,850,500.00
Gage	5,312,734.57	5,312,734.57
Hamilton	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Harlan	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Harrison	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Haskell	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Holt	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Hooks	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Howard	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Jackson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Jefferson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Johnson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Kearney	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Keith	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Kimball	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Knox	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Lancaster	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Laramie	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Lincoln	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Logan	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Loup	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Madison	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
McPherson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Merriam	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Morrison	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Nemaha	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Nesbitt	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Nichols	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
North	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Osage	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Pawnee	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Perkins	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Phelps	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Pierce	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Platte	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Polk	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Red Willow	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Richardson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Ross	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Saline	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Sarpy	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Scotts Bluff	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Seward	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Sherrill	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Sioux	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Stanton	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Stearns	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Thomas	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Thompson	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Valley	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Washington	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Webster	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Wheeler	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
York	1,211,203.90	1,211,203.90
Totals	\$71,747,593.41	\$74,432,000.00

Tops the Omaha Market.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 17.—The topping of the Omaha market by Paul Frauen, a local stock breeder, feeder and shipper, recalls that the Chicago market for the year has been topped twice in the past twenty-five years by Nebraska, a Tekamah man receiving the honor accompanied by the cash once, and Mr. Frauen receiving it in 1892. Mr. Frauen has just put in the nucleus for a herd of thoroughbred Shortorns and Herefords.

Porter's Case Submitted.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 17.—The suit of the state against William Porter, ex-secretary of state, and his bondsmen, was argued before District Judge Frost and submitted. The state asks for \$1,500, claimed to be due as a result of funds collected and retained by Porter without constitutional authority. It is alleged, C. J. Smyth of Omaha appeared for the defendants and Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown and his assistant, W. B. Rose, for the state.

Fatal Snake Strike.

SCRIBNER, Neb., July 17.—August Steubner, a young German employed on the farm of John Haum, south of Scribner, was overcome by heat and died from the effects thereof.

Two Nebraskans Released.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 17.—Two prisoners have just been released from the Sioux Falls penitentiary, their terms of imprisonment having expired. They are Frank Kelley and Fred K. Moore, each of whom served three years, less good time, for robbing a postoffice in Nebraska. Upon being released they departed for Oregon, where they have relatives living and where they claim they have positions awaiting them.

Starting New Industry.

O'NEILL, Neb., July 17.—A new industry has lately been started in Holt county. Omaha parties are operating a dog ranch two miles north of O'Neill and have in training about fifty hunting dogs. Young dogs are shipped in and taken to the "ranch," where with great care and Job-like patience two men start them in training. Birds are plentiful and a pee-wee is as good as a chicken for a dog tearing the "setting" press.

MILEAGE OF THE COUNTIES.

Nebraska Industrial Department Figures Railroad Facts.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The department of labor and industrial statistics has completed a compilation showing the number of square miles of territory, date of permanent organization and number of miles of railroad for every county in the state. This information was obtained from various sources. The railroad statistics were compiled from the official records of the auditor's office, the figures relating to square mileage from the state survey and the dates of organization from histories, county and judicial officials and early settlers.

The dates of county organization comprise an entirely new feature of Nebraska statistical information. It was necessary for the compilers to consult every source of information to get the correct dates, and very often these sources gave conflicting accounts. In Knox county, for example, the first organization was destroyed by Indians and the next establishment became confused with the military force stationed in the county. In such instances the date of permanent organization in the report have been verified and they will soon be published by the state.

MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Court Decides that They Cannot Limit Liability of Members.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The supreme court has decided that mutual insurance companies cannot limit the liability of its members. This opinion is delivered in the case of Morgan against the Hog Raisers' Mutual Insurance company. Morgan had a contract with the company which limited his liability. An epidemic caused the claims against the company to exceed the assets by \$12,000 and the officers sought to collect this sum, notwithstanding it exceeded the total limit of liability.

The court says that members of a mutual insurance company are obligated to pay all assessments necessary to liquidate losses and expenses of management and that it is the duty of the directors to make an assessment whenever necessary, and further, that if this assessment is not paid within thirty days suit may be commenced under the law. The court holds that there is no merit in the contention of the objecting members that because the contracts are limited as to liability they cannot be held liable for the full amount of the losses.

ON THE GRAVE OF HIS WIFE.

Christopher Anderson Shoots Himself and Cannot Recover.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 15.—Christopher Anderson, an old resident of this city, who moved to Lincoln about two years ago, shot himself upon the grave of his wife in Wyuka cemetery in this city. The weapon used was a 32-caliber revolver, the muzzle of which was evidently placed in his mouth. The ball passed upward and lodged in the brain. Dr. Neal probed for the ball, but could not locate it. The physician states that the man cannot live. Anderson came to Nebraska City thirty-five years ago and lived here up to the time of the death of his wife two years ago, when he moved to Lincoln and took up his residence with his son. He was a merchant tailor. He came here to visit a son and seemed in the best of spirits, although his health had not been good lately. His family consists of two sons and a daughter.

Must Serve Life Sentence.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—After six years of legal controversy, the supreme court has settled that John W. Argabright of Nemaha county must abide by the sentence to serve a life term in the penitentiary. Argabright was convicted of the murder of William Smesler on the night of February 9, 1894. Smesler was his father-in-law, and the tragedy was the result of a family quarrel.

Wine Springs Girl Appointed.

WYOMING, Neb., July 15.—Miss Edith D. Mattson of Blue Springs has been appointed by Commissioner Vance to assist with the Nebraska exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. She started Monday to enter upon her duties.

Wheat Turning Out Well.

CERESCO, Neb., July 15.—The threshing of fall wheat is progressing rapidly and is yielding from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre and some testing as high as sixty-one pounds to the bushel.

Death to Grasshoppers.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The native grasshoppers, which have been more or less troublesome in different parts of Nebraska, will now be compelled to battle with the South African locust disease. Prof. Lawrence Bruner of the university is prepared to supply a limited lot of this disease and he hopes by the experiment to do something toward reducing the number of these pests. According to reports, grasshoppers are in spots.

Receivers Must Make Reports.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—Secretary Rose of the state banking board has mailed to all state bank receivers in the state a bulky package of blanks for their quarterly reports. Under the new law that went into effect June 23 receivers of banks are required to make a full report to the banking board quarterly. If the work of the receiver is not satisfactory to the board he must be removed at its request.

MR. BARTLEY PAROLED

Ex-State Treasurer Will Have Liberty for Sixty Days, at Least.

REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET

The Sixty-day Furlough Will Be Extended on Certain Conditions—Total Valuations of Taxable Property in Nebraska—Miscellaneous State Matters.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—Former State Treasurer Joseph Bartley, under sentence of twenty years' imprisonment for defaulting in the sum of approximately \$225,000, has been paroled for sixty days and it is intimated by Governor Savage that his freedom may be made permanent if he meets certain requirements. Governor Savage authorized the parole after a long conference with C. O. Whedon of this city, who agrees to stand as Bartley's sponsor.

The executive order to the warden of the state penitentiary was served at 8 o'clock at night and immediately Bartley was informed by Warden Davis that he could leave the institution. Although not an entire surprise the announcement deeply affected the prisoner, but he made haste to exchange his prison garb for citizen's clothes. He was then joined by his wife and family and together the party were taken in a carriage to the Bartley residence at Seventeenth and C streets. A few minutes after he arrived at his home he called Governor Savage by telephone and thanked him for the clemency shown.

Governor Savage was asked by a reporter whether or not the parole would be made permanent. "That depends entirely upon circumstances," replied the governor. "I have given Bartley a sixty-day furlough, but whether that time will be extended remains to be seen. I have imposed some pretty hard requirements upon Bartley and I shall impose some still harder ones. If he does what I ask him to do I will let him out of the penitentiary, but if he does not then he will have to go back. I don't care to say just now what these requirements will be, but I am confident they will meet the approval of the people of the state."

NEBRASKA GAINS MILLIONS.

Official Reports from All Counties Show Assessment Increase.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—A conservative estimate, based upon official reports from nearly all counties, places the total valuation of taxable property in Nebraska at approximately \$174,000,000. In round numbers this will be \$2,000,000 greater than the valuation upon which the taxes were levied last year. The State Board of Equalization will meet July 15 to adjust the valuations and make the annual levy.

"Reports have been received from all but a few of the counties and they show a general increase in total valuation," said Deputy Auditor Anthes today. "We cannot determine the exact valuation of the state until the remaining counties are heard from, but it is very likely the valuation of last year will be exceeded by at least \$2,000,000."

Nebraska in Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Lieutenant R. B. McConnell of Superior, who has been in Washington some days looking after a commission as lieutenant in the regular army, left for his home in Nebraska, greatly encouraged. During his sojourn here McConnell has ascertained from a member of the board of examiners that he was found deficient only in grammar, but that his splendid record in the Philippines would easily offset that deficiency. He believes he will get the appointment.

Meat Drives to Sould.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 16.—John Fajman, while temporarily derailed from the heat, sent a bullet into his breast with a revolver. He was an employe of the Burlington shops. He had drawn his wages, intending to visit his parents at Lawrence, Neb.

Handsomeness New Courtroom.

VALENTINE, Neb., July 16.—The corner stone of Cherry county's new court house at this place has been laid. Music was furnished by the Ladies' Cornet band. Colonel A. L. Towle made an address. When completed the building is to cost \$20,000.

Reception for Church How.

AUBURN, Neb., July 16.—The date of the reception to Hon. Church Howe has been changed from July 25 to July 30. Great preparations are being made for the event.

Green Corn Kills Cattle.

DEWITT, Neb., July 16.—A herd of cattle belonging to Mr. James Kie, two miles east of here, got into a field of young corn. Three died as a result.

Boomers to Oklahoma.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 16.—A crowd of twenty Oklahoma "boomers" will leave for the strip in a day or two from Humboldt. Colonel E. Fraker, the first ward councilman, sold his residence property and tin shop and announces his intention of moving to Oklahoma to begin the tinware business. Mr. Fraker has been a resident of the city for several years and the leader of the temperance forces.

Celebrated Fourth Too Long.

SEWARD, Neb., July 13.—The 12-year-old son of Henry Fauman, a farmer living near Seward, is dead and his brother fatally injured as the result of a second Fourth of July celebration. The boys were playing with a couple of toy pistols upstairs. The younger snapped one near an open can of powder, causing it to explode. The younger boy was hurled to the ceiling by the force of the explosion, receiving fatal injuries.

FARM LAND IN NEBRASKA.

Valuation of the Same as Shown by Figures of Assessors.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson has just completed a compilation of the value of farm lands in Nebraska, based on the figures returned by the county assessors. This is the first time any such compilation has been undertaken. The figures are as follows:

County.	Part of 1900.	Part of 1901.	Total.
Adams	\$25,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00	\$50,000,000.00
Antelope	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Atchison	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,000,000.00
Blaine	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Boone	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Box Butte	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
Boyd	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	10,000,000.00
Brown	10,000,000.00	10,000,000.00	20,000,000.00
Buffalo	40,000,000.00	40,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
Burns	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Butler	40,000,000.00	40,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
Calhoun	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Chase	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Cherry	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Cheyenne	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Clay	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Colfax	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Cuming	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Dallas	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Dawson	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
DeWitt	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Dixon	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Dodge	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Douglas	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Dundy	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Fillmore	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Franklin	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Fremont	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Furnas	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Gage	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Hamilton	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Harlan	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Harrison	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Haskell	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Holt	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Hooks	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Howard	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Jackson	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Jefferson	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Johnson	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Kearney	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Keith	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Kimball	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Knox	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Lancaster	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Laramie	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Lincoln	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Logan	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Loup	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Madison	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
McPherson	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Merriam	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Morrison	20,000,000.00	20,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
Nemaha	20,000,		