

## DEPUTY COUNTY ASSESSORS MEET

### And Discuss Plans of Work, Valuations of Property, Both Real and Personal, and Other Matters of Interest that Comes Before Them

The deputy assessors of the county were all in the city Friday and in consultation with County Assessors H. M. Soennichsen, as to what should constitute the valuations of property, when they should go to work. The question of land valuation took up a good deal of the time and elicited a number of good ideas from the different members of the assessor's force. Deputy Clerk D. C. Morgan explained to them that a recent decision had placed the value on a piece of land what it had sold for recently if such sale had been made, unless that consideration had been put lower than the surrounding land was valued at. All agreed that land values had appreciated during the past four years, and were willing that the assessment should be raised. Should the assessment remain the same, the board of equalization at Lincoln would raise it. After a good deal of discussion, the matter was left to the assessor from each precinct, and he was to be guided by the prevailing price of land, as per the exchanges made in his precinct in recent years, and the prices which the land would bring upon the real estate market. The average value of land in the county, according to the assessor's books for the past four years was \$60.20, and the amount assessed was \$12.04. It was the opinion that the valuation should be materially raised.

In the consideration of the valuation of personal property, they were to be guided, as a rule, something near what the property is worth, and in the matter of cattle, the assessed valuation was thought to average about \$5.00 which would place all cattle over or near one year old at \$25.00, per head; but even with these guides the deputy assessor was to be governed by what the true value of the property really is as told by their best judgement. In the matters of elevators, they were assess the amount of grain on hand at the first of April, and the amount handled, the capital stock in the business. Farmers'

elevators were to come under the same mode of ascertaining their true worth. In the matter of stocks of banks, the number of shares which each individual held, and in all cases the assessor was to copy the last bank statement and send in the copy. County Assessor Soennichsen instructed the deputies to send in the schedules when they had accumulated five or ten, so that the county clerk could be working upon them.

The deputy assessors were instructed to be sure and get the number of the school districts and the road districts correct, as an error in the schedules would go through the books until it came to the treasurer's office, where the taxpayer would make a kick upon it and cause the matter to be looked up and corrected through the whole set of books, causing much more work. Mr. Soennichsen also cautioned them about getting the road tax and the poll taxes right. The meeting as it was held will be a great benefit, especially to the ones who have not did any of this kind of work before.

Among the deputies present were the following:

- Tipton—Henry Snoko.
- Greenwood—L. E. Appleman.
- Salt Creek—W. E. Pailing.
- Stove Creek—W. C. Bartlett.
- Elmwood—W. O. Schewe.
- South Bend—C. T. Richards.
- Center—J. M. Carper.
- Louisville—John Groop.
- Avoca—Jos. Zimmerer.
- Mt. Pleasant—Will Puls.
- Eight Mile Grove—G. P. Meisinger.
- Nehawka—John Wunderlich.
- Liberty—Jas. J. Reynolds.
- Rock Bluffs—Geo. S. Smith.
- Plattsmouth Precinct—William Rummel.
- Weeping Water City—J. I. Corley.
- Weeping Water Precinct—Dietrich Koester.
- Plattsmouth City—First and Fourth ward, James Rebal; Second, P. E. Ruffner; Third and Fifth, A. D. Despain.

### Make the Roads Better.

E. J. Mougey and J. A. Doughty, two of the Journal's staunch friends from near Union, were in the county seat looking after some business matters today, and of course paid this office a brief but very pleasant call. They drove in and are not slow in expressing their opinion in regard to the rough roads as they came nearer to Plattsmouth. They say the farmers in their locality join each spring as soon as the frost leaves the ground and drag or float the highways and in a few days travel they are perfectly level. They suggest this sort of a plan as a great advantage near the county seat. Mr. Mougey's daughter who is attending school here returned home with him to spend Sunday.

### A Delightful Affair

Thursday, at the home of Miss Jennie Batten, occurred another jolly meeting of the Griggs. The usual merriment reigned. The guests were entertained by vocal selections by Misses Elizabeth Kerr and Bertha Jackson, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. In a contested flower game, Miss Ina Hatt won the prize and Miss Lillian Thompson was consoled for her lack of imagination by a long stick of candy. After enjoying the delicious buffet luncheon, and listening to an interesting reading by Miss Lillian Thompson, the guests departed, having spent a most delightful evening.

### Turning Classes Doing Nicely

Frank Slatsky of Omaha was a visitor in the city Thursday, coming down to give the regular lesson to the classes which he has at the Sokol Turner's hall. These classes are making good progress, and numbers about 24 in the young ladies' class, which are exceptionally fine in the kind of work they are doing. The young men's class is one that will compare in work with any in the state.

### Get the Wrong Train

Miss Florence Davis of Union was a visitor in the city for the past few days, a guest of her friend, Miss May Larson, and departed this morning for Omaha, where she will visit with friends for a short time before returning home.

At the Burlington station this morning, Miss Florence, mistook the Chicago train for the one going to Omaha and was carried up well toward the elevator, before she noticed the mistake, and when the train was stopped had to run back in order to catch the train for Omaha.

### Depart For South Dakota

On the afternoon train Frank Boyd departed for Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he is engaged with the Milwaukee railway, and will also take a home-leave. His neighbor N. E. White will also go. Mr. White has been in the employ of the Milwaukee at Manilla, Iowa, for some time past as foreman of a construction gang and will do the same business for the railway in Dakota.

### Mrs. Roy Dodge Some Better

P. E. Ruffner came down from Omaha Friday morning and is looking after some business in the city. He reports that his daughter, Mrs. Roy Dodge, is greatly improved, and is able to be out again for short walks, which in pleasant news to her many friends in Plattsmouth. It is hoped that she may be entirely well in a short time.

### Looking After Internal Revenue

E. S. Critchfield, of Omaha, deputy internal revenue collector for the district of Nebraska was a visitor in the city last evening looking after some business matters in regard to the internal revenue. While here he was making inquiry regarding the condition of the schools, as to how the supply of teachers was as to the demand.

## MANY JOIN THE FIGHT

### At Louisville Yesterday, The Quiet Was Broken, and Some Heads as Well, Now Mended

Yesterday the quiet little city of Louisville was disturbed by the clash of resounding arms and breaking of a few heads, as an incident to a jug of fire water being brought from Cedar Creek. J. H. Burnes, conducts a restaurant, and a temperance pool hall, and endeavors to keep the place in the best of shape, but some outside influence and bad booze, worked havoc to the reputation of the place and the city as well yesterday afternoon. It being Sunday all were supposed to keep within the paths of rectitude, but the jug of booze which came some way from the city down the track, got things going the wrong way. In the disturbance which followed the deep draughts of the fire water, Geo. Shoeman jr., was struck over the head with a chair in the hands of one Sailing, which layed the Scalp open for some distance along the left crest of the skull in the repairing of the broken head it required seven stitches of the medicine man to close. The young man is feeling far from the best this morning. The affair in the city did not rest well on the mind of Mr. George Dalezne, the mother-in-law of the wounded man and she paid a visit to the place of Mr. Burnes and with a blow straight from the shoulder, sent the proprietor "to grass" at the first blow, he was then under the doctors care, and has been in bed since. Many of those engaged in the affair would be glad had the occurrence not have happened. The legal issues are being tried today.

### Mayor Brown For Governor

A number of Mayor Brown's friends are urging him to come out as a democratic candidate for governor and it will not be at all surprising if he should do so. Mr. Brown has made Lincoln a most excellent mayor, he is a practical man in every sense and would make a good governor for this great state.—Lincoln Herald.

We can say this much for Mayor Brown, that he has served the people of Lincoln most efficiently and faithfully as their chief executive, and we have confidence in him that he will do the same for the people of Nebraska if elected governor. No better man in the state for the position.

### Purchased Some Fine Cattle

At the sale of fine stock yesterday at Glenwood, Iowa, the boys who went from this place made purchases, and among them was the purchase of three head by Elbert and Glen Wiles, consisting of a short horn bull a cow and calf. John Wehrlein made almost a like purchase, while Chas Peacock bought a bull and two cows. They were shipped in this morning and are a fine lot of cattle. The farmers all over the country are becoming convinced that it pays to keep the best breeds and give them the best care, for they eat no more grain nor require no more housing than a lot of scrubby stock from which no one can expect any results.

### Goes to Portland, Oregon.

Thomas Jefferson O'Day, the genial editor of the Nehawka Register, departed Thursday for a trip to Portland, Oregon, and Central Washington. In his absence, the Register will be in the hands of his son, Ray O'Day and Dr. J. A. Pollard, the latter doing the editorial work. In this respect Bro. O'Day can be content on his trip that his paper is in excellent hands. While Ray is a very bright young man, and will see that it is kept fully up to the standard, Dr. Pollard will furnish the news and do the editorial work. We wish Bro. O'Day a pleasant trip and a safe return.

## EXCURSIONS WEST ANY DAY OF WEEK

### Good Farm Lands in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming

Good farm lands in any size farms, both improved and unimproved, and on terms to suit purchaser. We run excursions west on any day of the week, and the Texas Panhandle country on the first and third Tuesday of each month. One and one-third fare for the round trip. If you want a good home in the Sunny South, and wish to learn more of the particulars, see FRANK STANLEY, Plattsmouth.

### A Slight Correction.

In the report of the Oldham birthday anniversary, published in Thursday's Journal, the types made us say that Mr. Oldham was born in 1945 and that he was married to Miss Story Dull. We have positive proof that the types are infernal prevaricators—that is they lied. What we did say is that Mr. Oldham was born in 1845 and married Miss Sarah M. Storey, the accomplished and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Storey who were among the earliest settlers of Cass county, and formerly owned the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. W. E. Dull, near Murray.

## GIVE AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM

### At Murray Thursday the Aeolian Quartet Greeted By Large Audience

For the benefit of the Christian church at Murray, the Aeolian Mixed quartet of this place, gave a concert at Murray to a crowd which was well pleased with the performance, as well as the committee who had the matter in charge, by the good receipts which go to aid the rebuilding of the church building. From the first, the overture, "Rustle of Spring," by Miss Verna Cole, to the last, "Good Night," by the entire club, the interest was intense, and the demonstrations of delight pronounced to a marked extent. The fourth number "I'd Like to Go Down Souf, Once Mo." by the entire quartet and the eighth "Twilight," by Mrs. Gamble, were the ones, if possible of distinction that elicited the greatest amount of applause and gave greatest degree of satisfaction. The whole entertainment was well received and the people particularly well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

### Another Citizen For Plattsmouth

Joy of more than the ordinary kind has reigned in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker in the northwest portion of the city since Thursday morning, caused by the appearing of a young American, who bids fair to take his portion of the work of making the America of the next generation, on which the people of today will be glad to say, is conducted by our children. Both the parents and this young man are getting along in fine shape, and are receiving the congratulations very becomingly.

## MUST PAY OR GET NO MEAT

### The Meat Dealers Organized Last Evening and the Man Who Does Not Pay Will Not Get Credit

Thursday for the protection of themselves and for the people who do pay the cash, the meat dealers of this city formed an organization for the purpose of working nearer and towards a cash business. It has been the experience of the dealers that in the credit business there is more or less loss in all credit sales and to eliminate the bad accounts and the one who makes them is the prime object of the organization, the proceedings of which meeting appears elsewhere. It is a fact that in a credit business the man who pays for what he purchases pays for the losses sustained by reason the one who does not pay. The paying customer pays, and the dealers has to pay as well, and why should not the one who seeks to beat his bill pay as well or go without? It is true that some are not in position to pay, but it is not expected the dealers has to keep such in meat. He pays his tax as well as anyone, and if it is the duty of anyone to furnish the meat it is possibly the county's.

### "Bert" Is Doing Well.

Albert Fickler, who left Cass county a few years ago to take up his future home in northern Nebraska, arrived here Thursday on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fickler, south of town, and the many friends in this city and surrounding country. "Bert" as he is known to every one, is now located near, Stanton, and is in every way meeting with abundant prosperity. On this trip he came to South Omaha with two cars of fat cattle, and we are pleased to mention by the way that he met with one of the best markets of the season. He will remain here only a day or two.

## NEBRASKA TEACHERS IN THE EAST

### The Report of Superintendent Gamble of the Trip of the Teachers to Washington, and Observation on the Eastern School Systems, as Compared With Ours

Relative to the experiences, incidents, and observations, which were coupled with the trip made by the Nebraska superintendents, of which J. W. Gamble of our city was member, he has spoken in his report to the board of education as well as in an address to the teachers of the city, and as many other as could come to the High school on last Tuesday afternoon. In substance he has said in his report, that on the trip, the Nebraska delegation was fortunate in that it had a private car from Omaha to Washington. They being all Nebraskans, and of the same occupation, the fact made them all akin, and the journey was one of pleasure and put them all in a proper spirit to do the work which was for them to do on their arrival. At Washington at the convention which they had traveled so far to attend, the opening exercises, were begun by a prayer by Bishop Cranston of the Methodist church of which Mr. Gamble spoke very highly, and was followed by an address of welcome by "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who said, that in all the conventions which would be held in the city of Washington, and of which he expected a good many, none would be of more importance than the one which it was his pleasure to then be addressing. For, said he, making of the generation, which is to follow, and the perpetuity of our institutions, the stability of our government, are in the keeping of the teachers of our public schools. He congratulated the assemblage on being so large, and the representatives so intelligent looking, and welcomed them to the city in the name of the government of the United States. Henry McFarland, president of the commission of education spoke on the same line as the Speaker Cannon, and was responded to by Superintendent Soldan, of the St. Louis schools, who, in a very neat and eloquent talk, thanked the speakers for the city of Washington and the nation for the welcome extended.

Then followed James S. McElroy, president of the consolidated car heating company, of Albany, New York, who spoke to the idea, that the High school graduate is good for nothing when he leaves school. The course of study is wrong. It is not practical. He said the schools offered nothing helpful except reading, writing and mathematics; that when he had left school he had to be taken and made over again, beginning to learn the things which he should have learned in the schools when younger. He said that coupled with the High school should be manual training, with the accent on the manual training; that the muscle should be trained as well as the mind, and from his position of an employer of men, it was evident why he thought and held as he did. On the day following they listened to Senor Chavez, secretary of the department of instruction of Mexico, which was delivered in Spanish, and of which the hearers got nothing but the gestures and facial expression. The matter of uniformity of text books was discussed, without any definite decision. The question of student government, or as called, city government, in which the schools are organized, and a mayor, chief of police, councilmen, attorney and other officers, were chosen by the students who exercised the functions of preserving order, and conducting the school like a municipality, trying and punishing offences which took that much out of the hands of the teachers, and was very successful where tried, and backed by a teacher with a good deal of executive ability, but with a teacher weak in this regard was rather worse in its effect than otherwise.

On Wednesday the Nebraska teachers were given an audience, in east room of the White House by the president, who spoke a few moments, tel-

ling them of all the bodies of people which he had received, that none occupied so important a relation to the welfare of the nation as they. He said that the schools should educate toward work, and the idea of its nobility, instead of against it. He said, "Teach the boy he is expected to earn his own livelihood, to be able to hold his own in the rough work of actual life. Teach the girl, that so far from it being her duty to avoid all labor, all effort, that it should be a matter of pride to her to be as good a housewife as her mother was before her." With this he left and was at work at his office before the teachers had gotten out of the room. We visited the schools of Washington, and found the buildings excellent in every way, and it being Longfellow's birthday, found them reading Longfellow, while the schools are good we were more favorably impressed with the manual training classes. The High school was just about what would compare with ours, we visited a colored school, where we found conditions the same as white, only they had colored teachers just as good, but the students was two years older for the same grade. We visited the schools at Baltimore, where we found the very best of accommodations as to buildings appointments and apparatus, but the class of students, mostly children of well-to-do parents, had required a habit of laziness, which had placed them as compared with the Plattsmouth students, about three years behind. That is the same grades there contained students about three years older than our average here for same grade. From here we went to New York. Being allowed to question a class in the six grade, was informed by a little girl that Nebraska was a grazing state, and had many large ranches, and raised some oats and barley, but were not so sure about corn. The work I was most interested in was that of domestic science, which is begun in the third grade and carried to the eighth grade, where the girls are taught to sew, and when they pass the eighth grade can make their own dresses. I secured some samples of the work done by the fourth grade, and it was with some difficulty that I persuaded them to let me have the samples, but when explained that it was to take away out west and that they would be furnished more material, I could have gotten enough to have gone into the wholesale business, but my means of caring for the samples would not allow me to accept but a few. At this building I addressed the little folks, who evidently thought that I was to be a western cowboy or an Indian, and were disappointed when they found only an ordinary man. There was the tenement school with the finest building in the city of New York, with baths, manual training for both boys and girls, and trained nurses, and physicians when one was sick. The best equipped school, being in that location was to overcome, if possible, the bad influence of the surrounding. Another was the detention school, where the incorrigibles and where the round-up truants were kept. In one school we found a teacher trying to teach scholars who spoke 22 different languages, which had very poor order and was worse than the tongues spoken at the attempt to build the tower of Babel. In New York City I found the best and worst schools of any visited during our entire trip, while at Philadelphia, we found the best school buildings, the boys' High school being the best in the United States. Returning, it was with a great deal of pleasure to find the schools here running as nicely and smoothly as when we took the train starting on our journey, and which I am justly proud of the cordial support and co-operation of every teacher in our city schools, who have so nobly carried on the work, without a jolt or a jolt during our absence.