

Railroads Ask for Reduction in Tax Assessment

Four of Chief Roads Asking Reductions Below 1928—Deficits Are Claimed.

Lincoln, Neb., May 7.—Reductions from the assessment valuations fixed by the state board of equalization last year, were asked today by representatives of the Burlington, Rock Island and North Western railroads, and a decrease also was petitioned for by the Union Pacific.

The Missouri Pacific indicated that it was satisfied with its valuation of last year, and would not object to the same amount for 1928.

The Omaha & Southern Interurban, a subsidiary of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, requested that its assessment be lowered from 15 thousand dollars per mile to five thousand dollars or 39 thousand dollars total valuation instead of 39 thousand dollars.

Claims Farms Undervalued. A joint showing was presented on behalf of all the disaffected carriers relative to alleged under-valuation of farm land and other property as compared with railroad holdings.

The Burlington was prepared to show separately, on its own behalf, that the average worth of its Nebraska holdings during the last five years has been only \$107,400,000 on the basis of net income capitalized at 6 per cent, and only \$97,500,000 if the value of its outstanding stock and bonds were taken as the basis.

North Western Had Deficit. The Burlington assessment in this state for the last year was approximately 119 million dollars, having been reduced about \$18,500,000 from the year before.

The North Western, which obtained a six million dollar reduction in its assessment at revaluation last year, after a long fight.

R. A. Mikler, tax agent of the railroad, filed a statement declaring the fair value of its property in Nebraska to be \$26,700,000, on a five-year capitalized income basis, at \$31,000,000 if computed on the market value of stocks and bonds. An operating deficit of 659 thousand dollars in Nebraska for 1927 was claimed.

Valuations when the state board fixed on the principal railroad properties last year were: Burlington, \$118,599,252; Union Pacific, \$99,599,312; North Western, \$32,109,998; Missouri Pacific, \$19,202,475; Rock Island, \$8,505,320; M. & O., \$6,822,555; Grand Island, \$3,315,917.

C. A. Magaw, attorney for the Union Pacific, said that the increase in his company's assessment last year was practically the only increase. He said the full value of the company's property in the state is not to exceed \$115,007,148, which he declares should be capitalized at 45 per cent and not 60 per cent. The lower rate would result in a taxable value of \$74,754,841.

QUAKE VICTIMS BODIES ARE FOUND

London, May 7.—Thirty-two bodies of earthquake victims have been recovered from the ruined town in the Anatolian district of Turkey which was rocked by a series of quakes Friday, said a dispatch Sunday from Constantinople. It is believed that the casualties will amount to 25,000, as rescue parties are probing into wreckage of the 800 houses destroyed by the quakes. The greatest damage and loss of life was in the towns of Ardiddag, Gulbeher and Kolar, where few structures were left standing.

LINDBERGH AT DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., May 7.—Col Charles A. Lindbergh landed unannounced in his monoplane at Ford airport last night after a flight from Mitchell Field, New York.

Only a few mechanics were at the airport when the colonel, accompanied by Lieut. Com. V. H. Weems, U. S. N., a navigator, arrived. After proceeding to it that the plane was properly repaired, Colonel Lindbergh told attaches it need not be groomed for a flight tomorrow and indicated he may be here for several days. Officials of the Ford-Stout Airlines were non-committal regarding the purpose of the visit. In flying circles, however, there was a disposition to link Colonel Lindbergh's presence with recent reports of a proposed European flight via the northern Atlantic route thru Labrador, Greenland and Iceland.

Officials of the Ford company recently denied reports that they were to be associated with such a flight.

RAIL DECREASE INDICATED

Washington, May 4.—The bureau of railway economics, maintained here by the railroad commission, today that class No. 1 roads had a net operating income of \$90,774,159 in March of this year, as compared with \$94,602,380 in March, 1927. The announcement said that the two figures were at an annual return rate of 4.66 and 4.97 percent respectively on the property investment involved. Gross operating revenues were given at \$505,458,892 for March of this year and \$531,615,880 for March of 1927. Operating expenses in March last year were announced as \$395,737,420 for the same month of 1927.

DENTIST TAKES OWN LIFE

New Orleans, La., May 7.—Dr. C. Edmund Kells, Internationally known dentist, shot and killed himself in his office here today. Dependency over ill health was attributed as the cause by officers who declared the case suicide.

Dr. Kells had undergone twenty-seven operations and amputations in recent years to his left arm which had become infected thru his experiments with the X-ray. His sight also had become impaired. Associates said fear of losing his other arm and blindness had caused him to become dependent.

Coolidge Wins Out in His Fight Upon Flood Bill

Three Changes President Suggested Adopted by Congress

Washington, May 7.—Compromise provisions suggested by President Coolidge were accepted by senate and house conferees on the flood control bill today, and indications were that the possibility of a veto has been averted.

Under the compromise the government will be required to acquire floodage rights only on such land as is now subject to overflow.

The president and his advisers, Major General Edgar Jadwin, chief of army engineers, and Attorney General Sargent, believe that with the change proposed, the government will be required to buy floodage rights on comparatively little land.

The senate and house conferees, headed by Senator James Cox, Wash., D., and Representative Reid (Rep., Ill.), called at the White house in response to the invitation of the president. The president presented to them three suggestions for changes in the conference report already filed with the senate and the house.

He gave them to understand that if they accepted the changes were made he would sign the bill.

House to Act Today. The conferees at a meeting later in the day agreed to accept the suggestions. The conference report was recalled in both houses and an amended conference report presented. Action is scheduled in the house tomorrow.

The action of the bill relative to purchase of floodage rights for floodways and spillways was changed under the Coolidge suggestion only by the insertion of the word "additional," so that it will read that the United States shall provide floodage rights, or additional destructive floodways that will pass by natural diversions from the main channel of the Mississippi river.

Another change applies in the case of the overflow of lands on one side of the main channel of the Mississippi due to the construction of levees on the other side. This provision was amended to apply to such lands "which are not now overflowed or damaged."

Change Board Powers. The third suggestion of the president involved a change which would prevent the board of three members, which is created under the bill to adjust engineering differences between the Jadwin and Mississippi river commission plans, from continuing to exist indefinitely. Reports of army engineers on flood control projects for tributaries would be referred to the Mississippi river commission instead of to the board.

Both houses today approved a joint resolution authorizing the conferees to make this change without its being subject to a point of order.

DISTRICT LEGION CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN JUNE

The first district convention of the American Legion will be held in June this year, instead of the customary third Thursday in May. The Nebraska City post, which bid for the honor of entertaining the first district Legionnaires at the Shubert convention last year, will decide on the date of the big one-day meeting at their post business session tomorrow night, after which bulletins will be sent to post officers over the district and in turn the information passed on to the individual Legionnaires.

Nebraska City being most centrally located in the district of any town yet to entertain the convention, and accessible from all directions on gravel roads, should have a record crowd and Plattsmouth Legionnaires are looking forward to a day of real pleasure in the Otoe county metropolis.

Auburn was host to the first convention—an evening meeting only—in 1924, Falls City in 1925, Plattsmouth in 1926 and Shubert in 1927. The prior meetings all having been held on the third Thursday in May.

SUFFERS BROKEN WRIST

From Tuesday's Daily.—One of the aged ladies residing in the west of the city was the victim of a very severe and painful accident at her home on 15th and Main streets. Mrs. Kriskey was engaged yesterday afternoon in cutting some kindling and as she was chopping the kindling the head of the hatchet struck her left wrist, breaking the member in two places. Mrs. Kriskey has just recently started housekeeping in the residence at 15th and Main street and her accident makes it necessary for her to have the assistance of the friends until the injured wrist is better.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Bremen Builder Joins Three Who Hopped Atlantic

Commerce Secretary Praises Feat of Crew; Trio Are Given New Automobiles.

New York, May 8.—The man who built the transatlantic plane Bremen and the three men who flew it across the north Atlantic were reunited Monday in the presence of 1,200 guests at a luncheon given by the Board of Trade for German-American Commerce.

Prof. Hugo Junkers, designer of the ship, arrived from Germany only an hour before the luncheon. Baron Von Huenefeld, Captain Koehl and Major Fitzmaurice, with Secretary of Commerce Hoover and other distinguished men were seated when he reached the banquet room of the Hotel Astor.

Wild Cheering. There was wild cheering as he took his place beside the baron, and the two friends plunged into animated conversation, punctuated frequently with handclaps as the baron related in rapid German some of the details of the flight from Dublin.

Mr. Hoover lauded the achievements of the fliers, characterizing it as new proof that the airplane, once a weapon of war, has become a harbinger of peace.

It was another big day for the Bremen crew. Before the luncheon they met Governor Fred R. Zimmerman of Wisconsin, who flew from his home state to welcome the fliers and to invite them to visit Wisconsin's capital on their American tour. Baron Von Huenefeld said he would not definitely promise that they would do so.

Given Automobiles. In the afternoon they rolled up Fifth avenue in cars provided by the mayor's reception committee to the mall in Central park. There 2,000 persons cheered as the fliers were presented new automobiles on behalf of an anonymous donor. Baron Von Huenefeld received a coupe, Captain Koehl a brougham and Major Fitzmaurice a sedan.

As a climax to the luncheon they had received from the German-American Board of Trade platinum watches.

At the mall they were called on again to recite the details of their ocean flight.—Omaha Bee-News.

New Carol Coup to Assist Cause is Nipped in Bud

British Government Halts Plan to Scatter Pamphlets Over Rumania by Airplane.

London, May 8.—Prince Carol's long awaited coup to return to Rumania and the throne he renounced, has been launched and temporarily blocked by the British government.

The Daily Express declares in an article Monday morning revealing a sensational plan to bombard his country with pamphlets and manifestoes dropped from airplanes.

The plans were frustrated when the British government refused to let two airplanes which Prince Carol had chartered, leave the country for the flight over Rumania. Carol, the Daily Express adds, was not balked by this interference, but has sent an agent to the continent, presumably to make arrangements to hire planes to drop propaganda upon the disturbed country.

Were to Drop Pamphlets. The planes which Carol had engaged here were to fly over Bucharest and other Rumanian cities, dropping pamphlets which announced to the country the exiled prince's willingness to take the throne.

The time chosen is propitious, the Daily Express pointed out, as Premier Bratianu, Carol's chief opponent, finds his government tottering under the fiery attacks of the peasant party, which held a monster mass meeting Sunday at Alba Julia and called upon Bratianu to resign.

Carol came to London from Paris last week with Madame Lupescu, who has been his companion in exile, and who was held responsible for his renouncing the throne. Only recently, when asked if he would return to Rumania, if it meant parting company with his beautiful companion, Carol intimated that he would let no woman stand between him and the throne.—Omaha Bee-News.

TEXAS READY VOTE AGAIN

Houston, Tex., May 7.—Delegates to the state party conventions in Texas will be chosen at county conventions in Texas tomorrow with indications that the faction of "hard money" democrats headed by Gov. Dan Moody, will have the upper hand in a contest with other democrats who insist on instructions against any presidential candidate not known to be "bone dry."

Governor Moody and his followers demand a strong prohibition plank in the Democratic national platform, but take the stand that the Texas delegation to the Houston convention should not carry instructions that would prevent the state's forty votes being cast for any candidate who is pledged to strict law enforcement.

The extremists are outspoken in demanding instructions against candidates whose attitude on prohibition has been under fire, including Gov. Smith of New York and Senator James A. Reed of Missouri.

WOODMEN'S MEET IN JUNE

Drill teams, bands and members of the Modern Woodman of America from all parts of Nebraska and adjoining states will gather in Lincoln June 17 to 22 to celebrate the silver anniversary of A. R. Talbot's administration as head consul.

Capitol beach, the scene of the celebration encampment, is expected to resemble a military parade ground. Drill exhibitions, band concerts and athletic events will be held daily. Tents and seats will be furnished free to all participants in these events, and will be rented at a low cost to those who desire to camp.

More than fifty forester drill teams from Nebraska Modern Woodmen camps will attend the encampment. The arrangements committee reports, 75-85-piece boys' bands from Sedalia, Mo., foresters from Kansas City, Mo., Green River, Wyo., and the entire staff of executives of the Modern Woodmen of America will also attend.

Head Consul Talbot is the only surviving member of the official staff elected at an organization meeting held in Springfield, Ill., in 1899. He was elected a director at that time and held the office until 1923, when he was chosen head consul. He has served in the latter capacity since.

Ship Absolved from Blame in Crash of S-4

Coast Guard Board's Report Approved By Secretary Mellon; Paulding Commander Is Lauded.

Washington, May 7.—Disagreeing with the original findings of a naval court of inquiry in a report made public Sunday by Secretary Mellon absolved the destroyed Paulding of blame in connection with the submarine S-4 disaster last December.

The board's report approved by Mr. Mellon and Rear Admiral Billard, commandant of the Coast Guard exonerated Lieut. Com. J. S. Baylis, commander of the Paulding, and the S-4 occurred off Provincetown, Mass., and resulted in the sinking of the submarine.

The secretary and Billard recommended that no further action be taken in the matter and that Baylis and the other members of the destroyer's crew should be officially acquitted with no responsibility was attached to them for the disaster.

18 Knots an Hour. Previously a naval board of inquiry had attached "serious blame" to the Paulding's commander for failing to sight the submarine, but Secretary Willbur of the Navy department ordered the matter of Paulding's responsibility referred to the Treasury department which has supervision over the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard inquiry board reported that the Paulding was not proceeding at a high rate of speed—18 knots an hour—along the Massachusetts coast at the time she rammed the submarine and that the failure of the destroyer's lookout and bridge officer to observe the two periscopes of the submarine as she was rising to the surface was not negligence.

Lauds Commander. The report added that the Paulding endeavored by "immediate and correct maneuvers" to avoid the collision once the submarine had been sighted but concluded that the catastrophe was inevitable.

Lieutenant Commander Baylis was praised in the report for his conduct following the collision. Although "not knowing whether his own vessel was in a sinking condition," the report said, "he neglected no precautions for rescuing possible survivors of the S-4."

The Coast Guard board of inquiry consisted of Capt. Auren L. Gamble, Capt. William Wheeler, Engineer-in-chief Robert B. Adams, Com. Charles S. Root and Com. Russell R. Waesche, all of the Coast Guard.—Omaha Bee-News.

CLUMB THE FLAG POLE

From Tuesday's Daily.—The rope in the 90-foot flag pole in Garfield park, after five years of service, broke during the winter, making necessary the installation of a new one in time for the proper display of Old Glory on Decoration day. For this job, Jack Brittain, the local steeplejack, who has installed ropes in the pulley at the top before, was hired by the park board.

On the arrival of the new rope last week, Jack made ready for the task, bidding his time for a still day, as the wind velocity atop a 90 foot pole on Garfield park hill is nothing to be toyed with. When Jack got atop the pole, he found the rope too large to fit the pulley and another trip had to be made with the rope and a larger pulley, on Sunday evening, before the job was completed.

HERE FROM GERMANY

Mrs. Mary Metzger, of near Cedar Creek, is enjoying a visit with a daughter, Mrs. Edmund Mayer and her husband, in Germany, who arrived a few days ago for a visit with the relatives in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer were married in Germany, in 1913. Mrs. Mayer being at that time in Germany studying, and since that time they have made their home in Uta. Some six years ago, Mrs. Mayer was home for a short visit, but this is the first time that Mr. Mayer has had the opportunity of visiting here with the relatives in Nebraska.

All kinds of business stationery printed at the Journal office.

S. T. I. ESSAY AWARDS

FROM THE W. C. T. U.

About fifty years ago the W. C. T. U. decided to use the fact that if any organization devotes to work to live and succeed, it should begin with the children, therefore they asked permission to put into the schools a special study of the effect of alcoholic beverages and tobacco upon the human body and its possibilities. The department is called Scientific Temperance Instruction and the persistence with which the plan was worked out may have had a great deal to do with the fact that our country voted prohibition, perhaps a decade before many advocates expected it. The children and young people of forty years ago are carrying the responsibility of civic life now.

Today the same work is going on in our schools and for more than fifteen years has been carried on in our local Central and Junior high grades. The teachers have ever been very responsive in adding this work to a very full program of school work. It has been highly appreciated by the W. C. T. U., although there has not been much opportunity to demonstrate that appreciation.

However, on tomorrow, Tuesday evening, in connection with the music program sponsored by the Women's club the awards for essays written this year will be made in the high school auditorium. This takes in the 4-5-6 grades of Central building, 7-8 of Junior high and 9th grade of Columbian school. There will be sixteen awards and as many personal mentions. To Mrs. Kieck, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Gamber, Miss Phillips, and Miss Hawksworth is due the credit that every child in those grades were given equal instruction in the work and we are only sorry each might not receive a personal award other than the valuable lesson gained.

In connection with this there will be a playlet given, which was one of the winning compositions of last year. Also it time permits prize essays of this year will be given. We are also to have the special privilege of having Mrs. Sylvester of Omaha, state organizer of the W. C. T. U., present to speak a few words on this line of our work. Music is to be furnished by the children of those grades. Therefore two programs were combined to save your time at a season when everybody finds there is so much to be done. We invite the parents especially that they may gain a knowledge of what the work is that the children are doing each year.

ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE

From Tuesday's Daily.—At the banquet of the Plattsmouth Women's club last evening the following committees for the year were announced by the president, Mrs. E. H. Wescott:

Membership—Mrs. Robert Troop, chairman, Mrs. A. H. Duxbury, Mrs. John P. Gorder, Mrs. R. A. Bates, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. C. A. Rawls, Mrs. Herman Reichstadt.

Civics—Mrs. F. G. Coryell, chairman, Mrs. Mathilde Soenneichsen, Mrs. Bert Coleman, Mrs. Edward Brantner, Mrs. A. C. Bach, Mrs. J. W. Bookmeyer, Mrs. Frank Walton.

Social—Mrs. E. G. Shallenberger, chairman, Mrs. S. S. Chase, Mrs. J. A. Griffin, Mrs. William Woodcock, Mrs. John Lahr.

Finance—Mrs. John P. Wolf, chairman, Mrs. E. M. Bestor, Mrs. E. C. Harris, Mrs. Thomas Walling, Mrs. Otto Keck, Mrs. R. W. Knorr, Mrs. Frank Mullen.

Courtesy—Mrs. James Mauzey, chairman, Mrs. Henry Soenneichsen, Mrs. Robert M. Walling.

Publicity—Mrs. W. L. Heinrich, Clipping Bureau—Mrs. James T. Bogley.

Service—Mrs. Fred Luegch, chairman, Mrs. James F. Doyle, Mrs. C. Cotner, Mrs. D. C. Morgan.

Year Book—Mrs. L. L. Turpin, chairman, Mrs. R. E. Bailey, Mrs. W. G. Kieck, Mrs. Edl Teppell.

ADDRESSES THE ROTARY

From Tuesday's Daily.—This noon at the meeting of the local Rotary club, Mrs. E. H. Wescott, the new president of the Women's club, gave a very fine address, setting out a number of improvements that could be made in the city without a great deal of expense to the city. One of the chief matters urged was the cleaning up and beautifying of the main thoroughfares throughout the city, the general improvement of the unoccupied lots and parkings along the streets and the united effort to make the city surroundings much more attractive and which would not entail any great expense. In urging the erection of a few tourist cabins at the tourist park, Mrs. Wescott stated that these would be able to pay for themselves in a short time.

The remarks of Mrs. Wescott found a hearty response from the Rotarians and who will give their support to the drive of the ladies to make the city beautiful.

Mayor Sattler, who is now in charge of the city purse strings together with the council stated that an unnecessary expense of the city would not be considered although he was heart and soul for any improvement possible, but that the city was faced with the task of curtailing expenses and to strive to reduce the city indebtedness and to bring about a reduction of taxes as soon as possible.

RECEIVE GOOD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Sever, of this city are again happy grandparents, a fine son, the third in the family, having been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Short, of Elkhart, Indiana, on Thursday, May 3rd. Mrs. Short was formerly Miss Sophia Seiver of this city and the many friends of the family here will join in extending their well wishes to the parents for the future welfare of the young man.

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WERE MARRIED IN GLENWOOD, IOWA

One of the interesting events of the past week was the marriage of Miss Vera Colbert to Leonard Doty, Wednesday, April 24th, 1928 at Glenwood, Iowa. The young people departed from Weeping Water about one o'clock, accompanied by Willy Johnson, who witnessed the ceremony, which took place about three o'clock at the church parsonage.

Both of these young people are well and popularly known in Weeping Water. They having lived most of their lives in this community where they have a large circle of friends to wish them joy and prosperity. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Colbert and is a graduate of the Weeping Water high school. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doty and for the past two years has been employed with the Phelps Chevrolet Co. They will set up housekeeping as soon as a suitable home can be secured.

The Republic joins with their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.—Weeping Water Republican.

SERVICES SUNDAY FOR MRS. CLARENCE

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Clarence, who died in this city Friday were held Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Crumes, 421 First corso, with Rev. Loren Dunton of the Christian church in charge. Interment was at Wuyka cemetery. Six grandchildren, Henry Felthaus, Clarence Felthaus, George Crumes, Joseph Crumes, Edward Crumes and Val Crumes were pallbearers.

Mrs. Clarence who was 91 years of age, had lived in Otoe and Cass counties for the past 28 years and was well known in Nebraska City and Union. Her husband died in Nebraska City a few years ago since which time she had made her home with relatives.

Out of town relatives who attended the funeral were Mrs. W. L. Taylor and son, Almond, Omaha, and Mrs. Ralph Clarence and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McNutt, Hamburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fletcher, Mrs. True and John Clarence of Union, Mr. and Mrs. Seaman Stroemer of Wyoming, Mrs. Charles Dickman and son, Bobby, of Beatrice, Mrs. May Schauf of Thurman, Iowa.—Nebraska City News-Press.

OPENS AGENCY HERE

The newly rebuilt building on South 5th street, owned by the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association, was today leased to the Maytag Washington Machine company for the headquarters for their district distribution point. The building has been placed in the best of shape and will make a splendid location for this line of business. The new building will give ample room for the demonstration and showing of this line of machines and will be an ideal business location.

E. O. Turk, factor sales manager for this territory will be in charge of the local agency and will be able in the new location to give the residents of the county the best of service in the showing and handling of the well known Maytag machine. The residents of the city will be pleased to see this company establish their district agency here and which will give them easy access to all parts of the county.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy shown to us in our recent bereavement. In the untimely death of our father, our grandfather. For the beautiful flowers as well as the sympathy we are very grateful to the old friends and neighbors—Clara Tams and Family, Fred Tams and Family, Mrs. Anna Roberts and Family, William Tams and Family.

Phone us the news.