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The early termination of the sealing question which was brought about by Secretary Blaine is a credit to the administration and the sealing interests will be protected by both the United States and England.

According to the state superintendent Nebraska has 332,343 school children, and the public schools of the state are of the best grade. Nothing tends more to attract people to a state or locality than good educational facilities.

Charges were made of irregularities in the management of the insane hospital at Hastings, and the superintendent has requested a thorough investigation and Gov. Thayer and the board of public lands and buildings are going after the facts in the matter.

The Herald is about out of material for argument and occupies a good deal of space with a lot of trash, the most prominent feature of which is names applied to various persons, and the only effect that will have will be to raise the persons attacked in the estimation of the public.

Last Friday the Omaha Bee entered its twenty-first year and in the issue of that date reproduced a portion of the first issue of the Bee. It was a live-column, two-page sheet and the press-work was as "rocky" as any sheet issued in a western town. The growth of the enterprise has kept pace with the development of the state and the city of Omaha and to-day the Bee is one of the leading newspapers. During the twenty years of its existence, regardless of political or personal differences, the Bee has ever advocated the advancement of Nebraska and has done much to assist in the rapid development of the state, and no one envies it the success it has attained.

The republican state convention of Ohio last week nominated Major Wm. McKinley for governor by acclamation. All other nominations were made on the first ballot. The unanimity with which McKinley was chosen is a high compliment to that gentleman and indicates that his tariff bill which is criticized so severely by the opposition, meets with the approval of the republicans of the Buckeye state. In fact the provisions of that bill are becoming more popular as people come to understand them. No man could draft a measure of the importance considered in the tariff bill which would be acceptable to all, or in which there would be no objectionable features, and the time is rapidly approaching when the author will be conceded to be a greater statesman than some are at present willing to admit.

The Herald seems to feel bad because County Attorney Conley took the action he did in the matter of the assessment of improvements on government land and makes misstatements in reference thereto. Mr. Conley did not ask the assessors to list such property. The assessors sent for him and asked his opinion as county attorney. He gave it and they decided to go against it and Mr. Conley decided to take the matter to the court and have it decided. Judge Kinkaid ruled against him and in order to have the point settled he took it to the supreme court, at his own expense. Mr. Conley differs from some attorneys, in that he likes to have cases decided, even if the decision is against him. That paper also asks who has to pay for printing the legal opinion of Conley's which was published in THE JOURNAL on the cancelling of claims and warrants. No one has to pay for that. While it was spread upon the record of the commissioners and made a part thereof, and pay could have been collected for publishing it, it was omitted from the bill.

As to Facts.

The "facts" in the mandamus case of the Bank of Harrison are thus given in the Herald:

"H. T. Conley was paid \$25 as a retainer by the Bank of Harrison. Our authority for this is C. E. Holmes, vice-president of said bank. No service was had in said case as required by law. Our authority for this is the county clerk, who informed us that he did not know he was acknowledging service."

As usual the Herald does not state facts in the matter. Prior to becoming county attorney, Mr. Conley was at Lincoln and did some work for the Bank of Harrison with reference to their claims. The work was a supreme court matter. When Mr. Conley returned from Lincoln he was paid \$25 for what he had done and there his relation to the matter ceased. He never received a retainer in the case.

The Herald also asks why was not Seymour allowed to get his money? Record evidence is pretty good and the records show that at the February, 1891, term of the district court, a petition for a mandamus came up in the name of Seymour, by A. W. Crites and Satterlee & Walker, his attorneys. When it was called County Attorney Conley presented a demurrer which set up the following: "That said petition does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against these respondents." The order of the court in the case states that on Feb. 18, 1891, it was heard on demurrer: "Upon consideration whereof the demurrer is sustained, the relator not wishing to amend his petition, the case is hereby dismissed at the cost of the relator."

That is why Mr. Seymour did not get

a writ. The petition was like the columns of the Herald—did not state facts enough. Had the papers in the case been good it would have been heard on its merits.

As to the service, the records show that in the case of the Bank of Harrison, service was acknowledged by Don M. Weir, chairman of the board of county commissioners, the board then being in session; Conrad Lindeman, county clerk, and M. Gayhart, county treasurer, by S. H. Jones, deputy, while in the Seymour case service was only acknowledged by Charles U. Grove, chairman of the board of commissioners, at a date when the board was not in session.

The Herald pretends to have more information on the subject, but judging from the past it will be like the petition in the Seymour case—lacking in facts.

COMMISSIONER'S RECORD.

(Official.) HARRISON, NEBRASKA, June 9, 1891.

Board of commissioners convened as a board of equalization.

Present: Commissioners Knott, Green, Grove and clerk.

Board proceeded to ascertain the total valuation of property assessed, finding same to be \$696,420.50.

John Riedorf appeared before the board and made affidavit that one half the property assessed to Dant Bros. & Riedorf belonged to said Riedorf, and that his residence was not within the boundary of school district No. 15, and the board being satisfied changed said assessment accordingly.

Ezra R. Rohwer appeared before the board and made complaint that his stock was not assessed in proportion to other stock in the village of Harrison of same class, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

J. M. Daniels appeared before the board and made complaint that his stock was not assessed in proportion to other stock in Hat Creek precinct of the same class, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, changed the assessment of said J. M. Daniels.

J. M. Daniels, also made complaint that horses of Don M. Weir in Hat Creek precinct were not assessed in accordance with schedule of assessors for assessing stock, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, instructed clerk to notify said Don M. Weir to appear before the board not later than June 15th, 1891, to show cause why the assessment on his horses should not be raised.

The estimate of expenses for the village of Harrison for the year 1891 was taken up and on motion ordered placed on file.

On motion, board adjourned until June 10th, 1891, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

HARRISON, NEB., June 10, 1891.

Board of equalization met as per adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Knott, Grove, Green and clerk.

T. O. Williams appeared before board and made complaint that his assessment was too high and not in proportion to other property in the village of Harrison, and after due consideration the board changed same.

Geo. Walker appeared before the board as the agent of Anna Walker and made complaint that horses assessed to said Anna Walker in Bowen precinct were assessed too high and not in proportion to other horses in said precinct, and the board after consideration, being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

The board found the average assessment per acre of unimproved lands in the county to be \$1.85 and the average assessment of same per acre in the various precincts to be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Assessment. Hat Creek, \$1.50; Lower Running Water, 2.19; Montrose, 2.01; Bowen, 2.14; Cottonwood, 1.46; Andrews, 1.22; Sheep Creek, 1.30; Running Water, 1.30; Bodare, 1.27; Five Points, 1.27; Snake Creek, 1.19; Antelope, 1.39; White River, 2.26; Warbonnet, having no lands listed as improved lands, but improvements added in valuation of unimproved lands, it was considered just to not include said precinct in figuring to obtain average assessment per acre of unimproved lands and valuation as made by assessor was not changed, being considered as nearly just in proportion to other precincts as could be determined by the board.

It was found that in order to equalize the assessment on horses the following changes were necessarily made in the same in the various precincts:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Change. Hat Creek, decrease, .02 per cent; Montrose, decrease, .02 per cent; Lower Running Water, decrease, .15 per cent; Bowen, decrease, .15 per cent; Andrews, decrease, .04 per cent; White River, decrease, .18 per cent; Cottonwood, increase, .37 per cent; Sheep Creek, increase, .51 per cent; Running Water, increase, .51 per cent; Bodare, increase, .46 per cent; Five Points, increase, .61 per cent; Snake Creek, increase, .52 per cent; Antelope, increase, .31 per cent.

The board found the average assessment per head of horses to be \$21.56, and the average per head of the same in the various precincts to be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Assessment. Hat Creek, \$24.41; Montrose, 21.32; Lower Running Water, 17.75; Bowen, 22.53; Cottonwood, 21.22; Andrews, 19.52; Sheep Creek, 18.00; Running Water, 24.50; Bodare, 19.05; Five Points, 23.35; Warbonnet, 17.84; Snake Creek, 21.61; Antelope, 25.95; White River, 24.70.

It was found that in order to equalize the assessment on horses the following changes were necessarily made in the same in the respective precincts as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Change. Hat Creek, decreased, .11 per cent; Montrose, increased, .01 per cent; Lower Running Water, increased, .315 per cent; Bowen, decreased, .433 per cent; Andrews, increase .1 cent; Sheep Creek, increased, .3 per cent; Running Water, decreased, .108 per cent; Bodare, increased, .096 per cent; Five Points, decreased, .071 per cent; Warbonnet, increased, .21 per cent; Antelope, decreased, .108 per cent; White River, decreased, .124 per cent.

The difference in the average assessment per head of horses in Snake Creek and Cottonwood precincts being so small to make any material change, the same was not changed.

The board found the average assessment per head of cattle to be \$6.35 and the average assessment of same in the respective precincts to be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Assessment. Hat Creek, \$7.31; Montrose, 6.50; Lower Running Water, 7.00; Bowen, 6.15; Cottonwood, 7.28; Andrews, 6.50; Sheep Creek, 6.26; Running Water, 7.34; Bodare, 6.74; Five Points, 6.71; Warbonnet, 6.71; Snake Creek, 7.48; Antelope, 7.28; White River, 7.28.

It was found that in order to equalize the assessment on cattle the following changes were made in the same in the respective precincts as follows: Hat Creek, increased, .122 per cent; Montrose, increased, .082 per cent; Lower Running Water, increased, .023 per cent; Bowen, decreased, .4 per cent; Cottonwood, increased, .007 per cent; Andrews, decreased, .072 per cent; Sheep Creek, increased, .103 per cent; Running Water, increased, .127 per cent; Bodare, increased, .127 per cent; Five Points, decreased, .06; Warbonnet, increased, .136 per cent; Snake Creek, increased, .107 per cent; Antelope, increased, .17 per cent; White River, decreased, .102 per cent. On motion, board adjourned until June 11, 1891, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

HARRISON, NEB., June 11, 1891.

Board of equalization met as per adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Knott, Grove, Green and clerk.

Board proceeded to equalize assessments as provided by law.

A. Orton appeared before the board and made complaint that he was assessed for some property in Bodare and Hat Creek precincts, that his home was in Hat Creek precinct. The board thereupon assessed same in Hat Creek precinct and erased assessment of same in assessor's book of Bodare precinct.

On motion, board adjourned until Friday, June 12, 1891.

HARRISON, NEB., June 12, 1891.

Board of equalization convened as per adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Grove, Green, Knott and clerk.

Board continued to equalize assessment as provided by law.

S. C. D. Bassett appeared before the board and made complaint that her property in village of Harrison and Bowen precinct was assessed higher in proportion to other property of the same description in said village and precinct, and the board after due investigation, being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

On motion, board adjourned until 9 o'clock, a. m., Saturday, June 13, 1891.

HARRISON, NEB., June 13, 1891.

Board of equalization convened as per adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Grove, Green, Knott and clerk.

Board proceeded to equalize assessment as provided by law.

Don M. Weir appeared before the board and after due explanation and consideration by board, assessment on horses of said Don M. Weir in Hat Creek precinct was raised.

B. F. Johnson appeared before the board and made complaint that his real estate in village of Harrison was assessed too high in proportion to other real estate in said village, and the board after due consideration, being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

Chas. C. Jameson and D. H. Griswold appeared before the board and made complaint that assessment of Commercial Bank in the village of Harrison was too high in proportion to other property assessed in said village, and after discussing the matter it was decided that said parties appear before the board on Monday, June 15th and make proper showing.

D. H. Griswold also made complaint that his personal property in village of Harrison and real estate in Bowen precinct was assessed too high in proportion to other property in said localities, and after due consideration it was decided that he appear before the board on Monday, June 15, 1891.

On board adjourned until Monday, June 15th, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

HARRISON, NEB., June 15, 1891.

Board of equalization convened as per adjournment.

Present: Commissioners Green, Knott, Grove and clerk.

Charles Smith appeared before the board and made complaint that his stock was assessed in the village of Harrison, and that same was not kept there, after due consideration of which, and the board being satisfied that same ought not to be assessed in village of Harrison, same was changed.

Bartlett Richards, vice-president and manager of the Moorcroft Ranch Company, appeared before the board and made complaint that property assessed to the Moorcroft Ranch Company in Lower Running Water precinct was assessed too high in proportion to other property and not correct in number of horses, and the board being satisfied and said Richards making affidavit to substantiate statement made, the same was changed.

Chas. C. Jameson, on behalf of the Commercial Bank of Harrison, appeared before the board and made complaint that the property and stock of said bank was assessed too high in proportion to other property in the village of Harrison, and after due consideration, the board being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

Wm. A. Bigelow appeared before the board, as manager for Seymour Bros. & Co., and made complaint that the property of said firm in Bowen precinct was assessed too high in proportion to other property in said precinct, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

Leonard Dant appeared before the board and made complaint that the property assessed to Dant Bros. should be assessed to John Dant, that he did not own any of said property assessed to said Dant Bros.; that said property was not within the boundary of school district No. 15, in Sioux county; that he is employed by John Dant to look after and care for said property. Upon making affidavit substantiating facts stated the board changed same.

W. R. Smith appeared before the board and made complaint that a portion of his property assessed to him in village of Harrison was not held in village of Harrison, and after due consideration and the board being satisfied that such was the case, the proper transfer was made.

D. H. Griswold appeared before the board and made complaint that his property in the village of Harrison was assessed too high in proportion to other property in said village, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, changed same.

Charles S. Scott appeared before the board and made complaint that certain property assessed to him in Andrews precinct was in his possession as manager but that he did not own same; that the same belongs to Henry Armstrong, and the board being satisfied that such was the case, transferred same.

Ed. D. Satterlee appeared before the board and made complaint that the property of the Pioneer Townsite Company and the Nebraska Land and Investment Company in the village of Harrison was assessed too low, and, on motion, the clerk be and he is here by instructed to notify said townsite company and land and investment company to appear before the board not later than Wednesday at 1 o'clock, p. m., and show why said property should not be assessed higher.

On motion, board adjourned until Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

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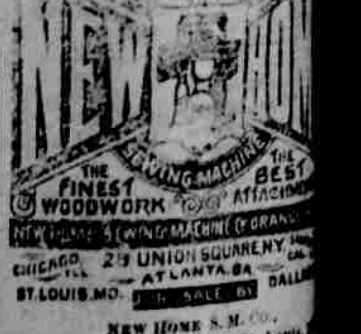
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