

COMPARISON OF TAXES IN CUSTER AND ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Below is a statement of taxes on lands in the border sections on all four sides of Custer county, as compared with taxes on lands just across the line in the county adjoining. By referring to the Custer county map above, which gives one row of sections in the counties adjoining Custer you can readily locate the section, township and range of any land described and see at a glance that the comparisons are made in sections which join each other. For instance, the first comparison mentioned, Thomas Todd, 320 acres in 1-16-17, taxes \$10.01 in Custer county as compared with J. B. Wourey, 160 acres in 6-16-16, in Sherman county, anyone can readily locate by referring to the map that 1-16-17 in Custer county lies just across the road from 6-16-16 in Sherman county.

It is not claimed that Custer county taxes show up less in every case, nor that the character of the land is the same in every case, but it is clearly demonstrated that out of nearly 200 comparisons, the Custer county taxes are less in a vast majority of cases and that in many cases they are not more than one-third as much as in the adjoining county. Is not this positive argument, that taxes are vastly higher in the smaller county?

SECTIONAL MAP OF CUSTER COUNTY.

Showing lines of Proposed Division, and One Row of Sections in Each Adjoining County.

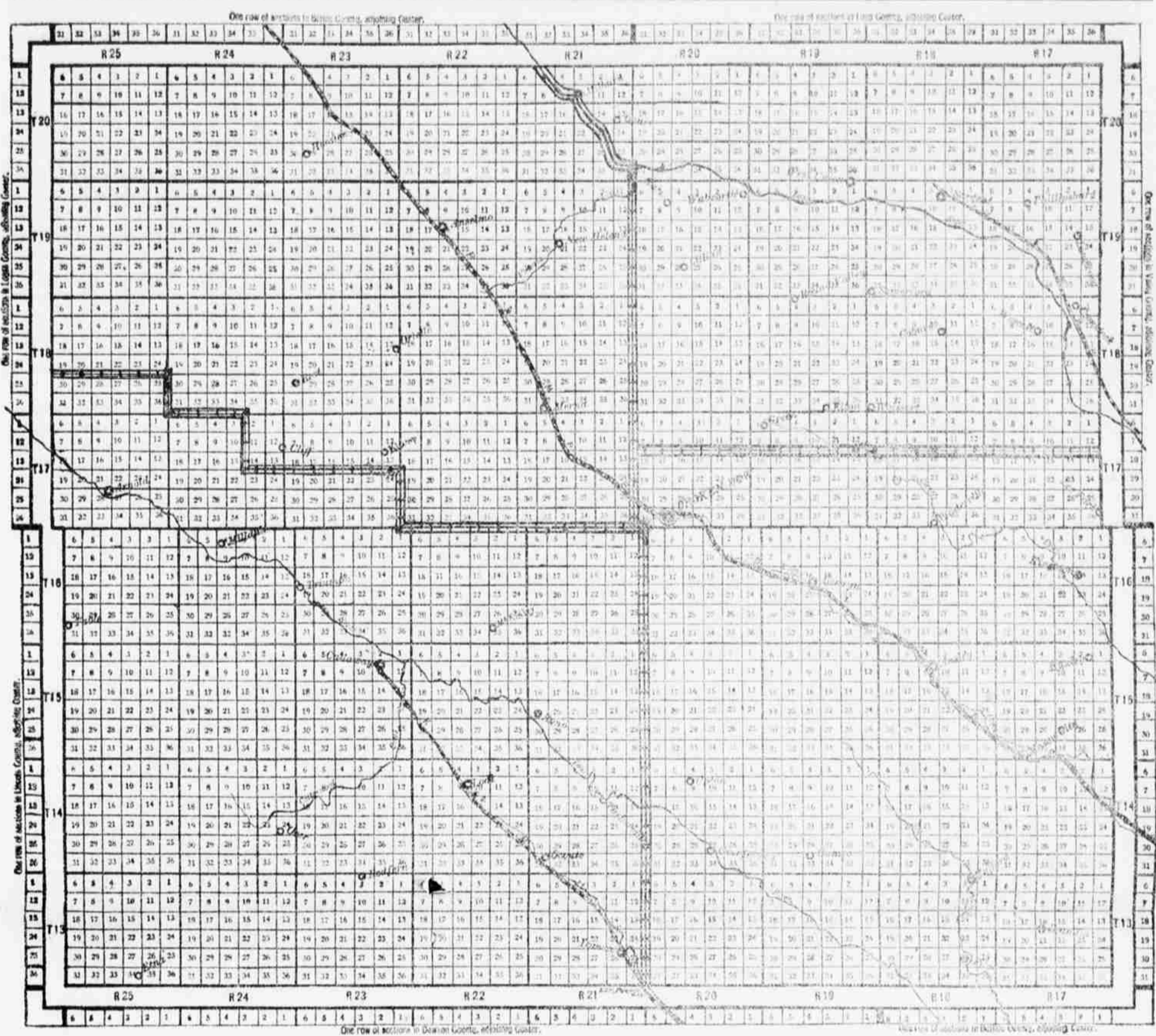


Table comparing taxes in Custer County and Loup County. Columns include owner name, acreage, and tax amount.

W. B. Poor, Deputy Treasurer of Custer County, Neb., do hereby certify that the above and foregoing statement of taxes levied upon the above described lands for the year 1899 is true and correct, as shown by the records of my office. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of October, 1900.

Custer county (adjoining Loup) average tax per 160 acres.....\$ 7 75 Loup county (adjoining Custer) average tax per 160 acres..... 18 41 Loup county 137 per cent higher.

Table comparing taxes in Custer County and Buffalo County. Columns include owner name, acreage, and tax amount.

Custer county (adjoining Buffalo) average tax per 160 acres..... \$ 7 37 Buffalo county (adjoining Custer) average tax per 160 acres..... 11 49 Buffalo county 55 per cent higher.

Table comparing taxes in Custer County and Dawson County. Columns include owner name, acreage, and tax amount.

Custer county (adjoining Dawson) average tax per 160 acres.....\$ 8 55 Dawson county (adjoining Custer) average tax per 160 acres..... 10 07 Dawson county 16 per cent higher.

SUMMARY OF TAXES.

- Dawson county taxes 16 percent higher than Custer.
Valley county taxes 25 percent higher than Custer.
Logan county taxes 40 percent higher than Custer.
Buffalo county taxes 55 percent higher than Custer.
Sherman county taxes 61 percent higher than Custer.
Blaine county taxes 71 percent higher than Custer.
Loup county taxes 137 percent higher than Custer.

Voters figure it out for yourselves and you will find these figures are right according to the sworn certificates of taxes on this page.

A word to the Taxpayers of Custer County. Dunning, Neb., 10-4-1900. DEAR SIRS:—I have paid tax in Custer, Blaine and Thomas counties for the past eight years, and as the books of each county will show, my Custer county tax has been less than one half as much per quarter section of land as in either of the others. I consider my land in Custer the most valuable to me. Anyone who thinks he would like to live in a small, poor county ought to try it a while. You think they can only levy so much. That looks all right on the face of it, but then comes the Board of Equalization, and says your valuation isn't high enough. Of course you buck and pitch around a while until some smooth man of the party comes around and says: "Why, man, we can't repudiate; we must pay the interest on those bonds, beside our running expenses. We have already trans-

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