

## RYNO

School district No. 141 voted bonds yesterday to build a school house.

Miss Mae Beckwith has engaged to teach a three month term of school at No. 141.

M. P. and C. G. Empfield are building a large frame house for Mr. Morrison in Mason Canyon.

J. P. Headly is threshing William Cammels grain, the neighbors are assisting a decided case of charity.

The school house near J. W. Conley's was struck by lightning last Thursday night cracking the chimney. Fortunately it did not take fire.

Mr. J. H. Smith has made arrangements to move his family to Broken Bow. Miss Jessie has engaged to teach and Miss Nola will go to school and Smith will run the ranch until their return at the close of the school.

## FOUND VALLEY

The Johnson boys is now busy threshing out of shocks.

Miss B. Alon is to teach the valley school the coming winter.

Henry Helgeson is the third man in the valley that has taught a land separator.

S. I. Ottum had a load of hay in the valley this week that went over 18 bushels to the acre.

Bert Francis came back from Chicago last Friday with a wife. He will not have any more now.

No man in this country ought to be able to go to school. But it is happening now where are the thrashing and stacking grain.

Al Johnson and N. Hall were to be present last Saturday for lumber to fix up the school house in the valley before school commences.

## ORTLEO

James Milne is very sick with typhoid fever.

Dr. Downing was in the valley Monday.

Mrs. Hunt returned from Omaha Friday morning.

J. A. Kellenberger and family spent Sunday at Mr. Fodges.

Miss Verda Thorpe has been hired to teach the Ortleo school.

Ortleo was quite well represented at the Dale Picnic Tuesday.

C. W. Garton and wife, from Milliam spent Sunday in the valley.

A. D. Hunt has purchased a separator from the Beatrice Creamery Co.

Miss Ashbaugh has been engaged to teach the Hicks school this winter.

No C. E. meeting was held Sunday, owing to the absence of almost all the members.

We omitted to mention last week, that Messrs. Lohr and Embee shipped a car load of hogs to Omaha.

Ethel and Harry Ashbaugh, Nellie and Albert Hill and Mattie Fodges attended church at Merna, Friday evening.

Mrs. Ashbaugh's relatives returned to their homes last week. They were much pleased with this part of Nebraska.

J. M. Fodges went to Ansley, Monday, to complete the arrangements for the Soldiers Reunion to be held at that place.



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## Remarkable Family Reunion.

On Sunday, August 17, 1902, the children of Mrs. M. C. Mauk to the number of eleven, gathered at the residence of her son-in-law, Christian Jensen, of Westerville township, Custer county, Nebraska, to hold a family reunion. There were present: Mrs. T. U. Baker, of Tacoma, Washington; Mrs. Mary Snider, of Abingdon, Iowa; Mrs. M. F. Sellwood, of Glendale, Iowa; and Mrs. P. R. Pfontz and daughter, of Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Sadie A. Moore, Mrs. R. J. Eastman, Mrs. Anna Jensen, Mr. J. W. R. E. and W. T. Hickenbottom, of Custer county, Nebraska; also nine grand-daughters, Mrs. Kate Stephenson and two daughters of Pocatello, Idaho. Besides her own children there were twelve grand-sons, eleven grand-daughters, three great grand-daughters, and two daughter-in-laws present. There were also present a son and daughter and son-in-law of her husband Jacob Mauk. The total number present was 46.

O. W. W. T.

School Board and Patrons Meeting.

Broken Bow, Nebraska, August 14, 1902. Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the convention of School Boards and Patrons held on July 22, a second convention of the school boards is hereby called to meet at the court house in Broken Bow on Saturday, August 30, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of forming a permanent organization and the transaction of such other business as may become of interest to the schools of the county.

J. J. TOOLEY, Temporary Pres. J. A. DITZ, Temporary Sec'y.

It is recommended that each school board in the county send at least one representative to this meeting. The question of compulsory attendance, uniform course of study and text book demand the united effort of all the schools of the county. The meeting will be called to order at 1 p. m. Remember the date, Saturday, August 30, 1902, at the court house.

J. G. W. LEWIS, Co. Supt.

DIED.

Lydia T. Taskell, Borne in Jefferson county, New York, Sept. 6th, 1845. Died August 16, 1902, aged 57 years, 11 months, 10 days. Married to Benjamin S. Keys in the year of 1870. Three children were born to them, two daughters and one son. The husband and two daughters has preceded her, one son and grand-son mourn her loss. She gave her heart to Christ early in life and lived a sincere Christian until death. Her life has been worthy of imitation for others.

Harvest Home Picnic.

The eleventh annual picnic of the Douglas Grove and Lee Park Farmers Club will be held in the grove at Wescott, Thursday, August 28. The following is the program:

Address of Welcome, M. E. Vandenburg. Music, Ladies Quartette. Recitation, Dora Moon. Address, P. M. Currie. Music, Organ Solo. Recitation, Geo. Currie. Paper, W. G. Eastman. Solo, A. Moore. Address, Prof. Burnett, Lincoln. Music, Duett.

A North Loup man sowed 25 bushels of wheat, threshed from the sowing seven hundred bushels for which he received 51 cents per bushel. This is but an average of what many farmers are doing in Valley county this year. The reason for a big demand for Valley county soil can easily be explained. — Ord Quiz.

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## Another Line of Comparisons.

(Issued Under Authority of the Railroads of Nebraska.)

In our former articles we have made comparisons showing the relative assessment of railroad property with other property in the state of Nebraska. We will continue to make these comparisons. They will show that the railroads have paid proportionately more taxes than any other interest in the state, but to complete the line of comparisons, it will be necessary for us to show that the railroads of Nebraska have paid as much or more than other roads in the Trans-Mississippi states.

No matter how taxes against railroads are collected, whether by excise or direct taxation, the general average shows practically the same. With the railroads it is immaterial to them what the assessed valuation of their property should be so long as they are not required to pay an undue amount per mile to meet the requirements of taxation, and not in unfair proportion to other property.

From the Inter-State Commerce Commission report for 1900, we find that there were 83,175 miles of railroad lying west of the Mississippi river. These railroads paid \$14,361,109 for taxes, which makes an average of \$171.45 per mile. These figures include every state and territory west of the Mississippi river, excepting the Indian Territory, where the tax on railroads, being but \$10.86, is so low that we do not include the sum in our estimates. If we did it would make the foregoing amount per mile a few dollars less.

In this territory the average net earnings of all the railroads amounted to \$2,784 per mile.

In determining the value of the railroad property there are several essentials that must be considered.

First: The volume of business that can be given a railroad.

Second: The difficulties of operation.

Third: The tariffs allowed to be charged.

These three features must be taken into conjunction in any estimate that should be made regarding the value of the railroad property as an investment.

A comparison of the railroads of Nebraska with those of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland would be misleading unless these elements were taken into consideration. In these states the railroads were furnished tonnage that enabled them to handle 1,900,578 tons of freight and 202,902 passengers for each mile of railroad, while in this Trans-Mississippi country, the railroads were furnished but 378,300

tons per mile and but 49,814 passengers as reported in 1900.

A comparison of Nebraska railroads with those of Massachusetts would be senseless, because in Nebraska there are 53.31 miles of railroad to serve each 10,000 people, while in Massachusetts there are but 7.55 for the same number; or, with New Jersey, which has 29.99 miles of railroad to each 100 square miles of territory, while Nebraska has but 7.4. However, in the comparisons we will select sections of railroad in Nebraska which have a large business, and we will pick out some eastern roads that handles approximately the like character and volume of business and make the comparison with those roads, showing the taxes that they pay and the tax that is paid here. It will be found that in those instances the roads of Nebraska pay relatively higher taxes than they should be called upon to do.

The critics who make a comparison of the tax per mile charged in the District of Columbia, with that charged on western railroads, evidently intend to deceive, from the fact that the city of Washington has outgrown the District of Columbia, and the 52 miles of railroad which are reported in that district are practically all city property. A comparison of a Nebraska railroad with the New York Central, a four-track railroad with \$57,000,000 worth of equipment alone, would not be fair, but we will give the people of Nebraska the details of taxation in these other states, for the purpose of letting them make their own conclusions and judge whether the railroads in Nebraska are paying their just share of tax, when compared with other railroads.

There are but a few states in the Union in which the railroads pay 15.4 per cent of the taxes paid while in the territory west of the Mississippi the railroads in Nebraska pay more per mile than sixteen of the other states. Three mining states oblige the railroads to pay more than they do in Nebraska, but it is a well known fact that tax levies in mining counties are much higher than in any other localities in the United States.

Our statement will show what the railroads pay to each county the average rate per mile, and from these you will be able to judge whether the people are being treated fairly in this matter.

There is no necessity to conceal anything on the part of the railroads, as they have borne and bear their just share of the taxes.

## In the Year 1900

Average Tax per mile on Railroads West of Mississippi River, \$171.45.

Tax per mile Paid in Nebraska, \$198.86.

Average Net Earnings Railroads West of Mississippi River, \$2,784.

Average Net Earnings Nebraska Railroads, \$1,883.

## Church Reunion.

The Christian Church will hold an all day's reunion services in Munk's Grove on Sunday, August 31, 1902. The following will have parts on the program:

Chancellor J. W. Hilton and M. C. Ryerson of Lincoln; Elder and Mrs. T. B. McDonald of Cozad, Elder and Mrs. Eubank, J. C. Moore, C. W. Beal, Mrs. Geo. Dewey, Mrs. W. W. Bishop, C. V. Allison of Broken Bow. The Paragon (male) and Memorial (female) Quartettes will furnish special music in addition to solos by J. W. Hilton with the excellence of which the public is acquainted. A cordial invitation is extended to the churches of the county and general public. Basket dinner at noon.

WANTED—College students to board, and rooms to rent.

8-11 Mrs. EVA MARTIN.

Market Report for Today.

Wheat	.....	48
Barley	.....	25
Oats	.....	20
Corn	.....	35 @ 37
Rye	.....	30
Butter	.....	15
Eggs	.....	12
Potatoes, per bushel	.....	25
Onions, per bushel	.....	40
Chicken, per pound	.....	1.00
Hogs	.....	6.00
Cows	.....	\$2.75 @ 3.00
Sheep	.....	\$5.00 @ 6.00
Turkeys, per pound	.....	1.00
Straw, per cwt.	.....	1.10
Hay, New, per ton	.....	5.00
Sugar, per cwt.	.....	5.50

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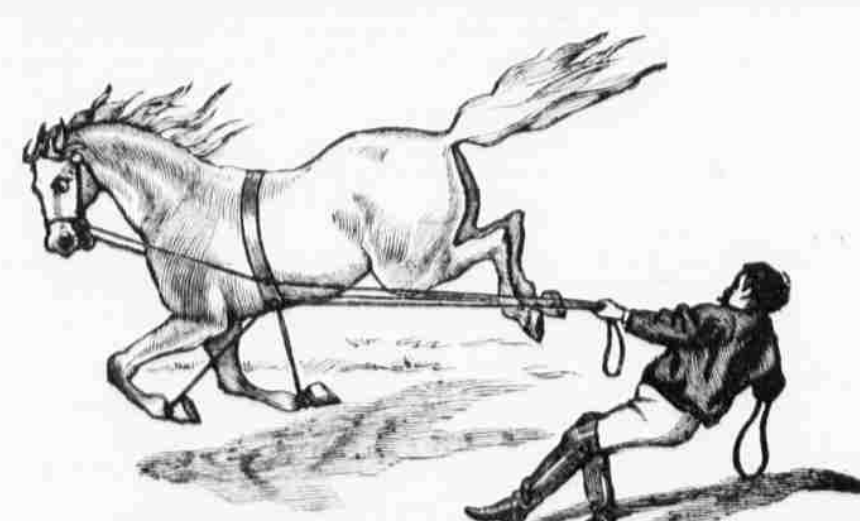
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