

Custer Co. Republican

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Secretary Royle of the state banking board has called for a statement of the condition of Nebraska Building and Loan Association at the close of business June 30th.

The increased assessed valuation of Custer county over last year is \$1,253,489 or 46 per cent. This includes the assessed value of the railroads, which was increased 69 per cent over last year.

The republican members of the last legislature should have no trouble to be re-elected, where renominated on account of the revenue law, since the people have been able to see its practical workings.

Gov. Mickey and Peter Mortensen have fully justified the expectations of their friends in their work as members of the equalization board and are entitled to the hearty support of the voters for re-election. The charge, by the World-Herald and some of the smaller fries, that flock with the Herald, that the board was controlled by the corporations, has been proven false.

The republican national convention having formerly settled the question of the standard bearer for the republican party all eyes will be turned toward the St. Louis convention, booked for July 6th. From present indications it is pretty hard to say who the democratic nominee will be. Judge Parker has 216 pledged delegates and Mr. Hearst 199. Both aspirants claim more than the number accredited to them.

The proud old commonwealth of Massachusetts has come to Nebraska to borrow again, and again her young western sister has decided to accommodate the applicant. At its meeting last week the state board of educational lands and funds decided to purchase \$100,000 worth of Massachusetts bonds at 3 1/2 per cent. In addition to this heavy investment it has been decided that \$400,000 worth of warrants may be purchased with entire safety.

County Assessment

The railroad assessment having been increased an average of 69 per cent in the state there is no grounds for complaint by the taxpayers of Custer county against the state board of equalization. The average increase of the valuation in Custer county only reaches 46 per cent with value of railroads included. The county board will cut the levy at the same ratio below last year's levy, which will make taxes considerable lower than last year. Many will have more taxes to pay as they have more property. A farm last year worth \$1,000, was assessed for one fourth its value or \$250 and the county levy on it was 12 mills.

This year the same farm if worth the same as last year would only be assessed for one fifth its value or \$200, and the levy should not be more than 7 mills. This would make the tax less than half the amount on the county levy. The school district and township levy should be lowered

on basis of increase of valuation which would make the taxes lower all along the line. The increased revenue will not come from an increased valuation of property but from property not before listed. That is where a farm, stock or merchandise were given as the law required and listed at one fourth its value the taxes on that property will be less than last year. But in case where only a partial value was returned, that property will pay more this year if listed at its true value as in the railroad assessment.

The new revenue law in that particular at least is a great improvement over the old law, which everybody got in the habit of evading. The more one had the greater was the evasion until the small property owners were paying the bulk of the taxes.

The Beacon Misrepresents Facts.

Falsehoods are not news. Neither is a newspaper justified in its editorials to mistake facts solely for political purposes. The Beacon last week in commenting on the work of the state board of equalization, says:

"The state board has at last fixed the assessed valuation of the various railroad lines at \$46,017,683, an increase of less than \$19,000,000 over last year. * * * We had fully expected and the G. O. P. press had led us to believe that the assessment would be about \$60,000,000, but, lo! when the net was hauled in we found we had caught only a measly little 19 million raise or about forty per cent. Great is the new revenue law!"

"Let us figure. Last year the grand assessment roll of the state was in round numbers, \$186,000,000. This year it approximates \$400,000,000. It is evident that while all kinds of property outside of railroads has been more than doubled for assessment purposes, the assessment of railroad property for the same purpose has been increased only by 40 per cent. This can mean but one thing and that is that the tax burdens of all property holders outside of railroads will be heavier and the taxes of railroads will be less."

The facts are the assessed valuation of the railroads of the state last year in round numbers was \$27,000,000. The increased per cent instead of being 40 per cent is 70 per cent in the aggregate. What the new revenue law seeks to do is to assess all property on an equal basis and at its fair cash value that no injustice be done any one.

This was the ruling principle by which the state board was actuated in its efforts to find the true value of the various railroads of the state. That they did their duty truly and honestly is shown by the results. The equalization board has increased the railroad assessment 70 per cent. We have not heard of a county that has been increased so high. In Custer county the assessed valuation last year was only \$2,717,391. This year under the new revenue law it is \$3,394,315, exclusive of railroad property. This is an increase of only \$676,924, which only gives an increase of about 25 per cent on the personal and real estate of Custer county. The increase of the assessed valuation of the railroads in Custer county is greater than the average for the state. The B. & M. line running through Custer county was assessed last year at \$3,700 a mile. This year it is assessed at \$6,500 per mile or nearly 77 per cent increase. The Kearney & Black Hills line last

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute it will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Lee Bros., druggists.

year was valued at \$3,000, and this year at \$4,770, an increase of 59 per cent. The Sargent branch was valued last year at \$3,200, this year at \$6,500, or 102 per cent. When compared with the assessed valuation of the personal and real estate of Custer county, does it appear that the burden of taxation has been placed on all property owners outside of railroads and "the taxes of railroads will be less?"

As a matter of fact the increased valuation does not come from the farmer and stockmen or the poorer class. "Neither has all property outside of railroads been more than doubled for assessment purposes." The increase in Custer county comes from the banks, merchants, mills, railroads and other corporations. Of all classes of people that are especially favored by the new revenue law, it is the farmers and others who have heretofore been assessed for all they had. The new law only takes one-fifth of their valuation for assessment purposes. This will make the taxes, nine times out of ten, less on the farmers than last year. Not only is he taxed for a less amount but the levy will be nearly cut in two. For all this the republican legislature and the republican board which is in control in Custer county is entitled to great credit as well as the "G. O. P. press," which has lent its influence to bring this better condition of affairs about. With the Beacon we are constrained to say, "Great is the new revenue law," and still greater is the republican party which is never found wanting in the discharge of its full duty toward the people.

Letter List.

The following is the dead letter list for the week ending June 21, 1904:

Jno. Ellis, Carl Scavich.
 Parties calling for the above will please say advertised.
 L. H. JEWETT, P. M.

The Loup Valley Railroad.

John Finch, C. T. Holliday and Jacob Miller of Arnold, were among the friendly callers at this office yesterday. These gentlemen are interested in the organization of a company to build an electric line of railroad from Broken Bow by way of Arnold to North Platte.

A meeting of the citizens of Arnold and vicinity was held at Arnold last Saturday to hear reports of committees that had been appointed at a previous meeting. At this meeting articles of incorporation were adopted. It is proposed to incorporate for one million dollars.

This is a project that we have maintained for sometime is practical and will prove a paying investment. Our theory is that once the road put in operation that branches can be extended to New Helena, Walworth, West Union, Sargent, Dry Valley, Westerville, Lee Pary, Mason City, Ansley, Pleasanton and up the Loup to Georgetown and back to Broken Bow with profit.

In fact every important community can be reached in the course of time. Broken Bow citizens are anxious for the project to materialize and will join our neighbors at Arnold in their efforts to make the enterprise a success.

The New Town, Doris.

It was our privilege last week on a return trip from Sargent to stop at Doris. But recently R. G. Carr has had a post office established at his town on the Middle Loup by the name of Doris. This is one of the most interesting business marts of the county. Mr. Carr has a flouring mill with 50 barrrel capacity, which is kept busy supplying the demand for his flour and feed.

He is doing a general merchandise business. He not only has a large stock of goods to supply his customers, but has a lumber yard well stocked to meet local demands.

He has a tank factory and machine shop with which the machinery is run by water power supplied from the mill. All kinds of produce is bought and the best prices paid. Mr. Carr has stock yards and not only raises a large number of hogs every year that he feeds for the market but buys all the fat hogs that he can get.

It was through the courtesy of W. A. Poynter, miller and gener-

\$50,000.00
Cash Given Away to Users of
LION COFFEE

We are going to be more liberal than ever in 1904 to users of *Lion Coffee*. Not only will the Lion-Heads, cut from the packages, be good, as heretofore, for the valuable premiums we have always given our customers, but

In Addition to the Regular Free Premiums

the same Lion-Heads will entitle you to estimates in our \$50,000.00 Grand Prize Contests, which will make some of our patrons rich men and women. You can send in as many estimates as desired. There will be

TWO GREAT CONTESTS

The first contest will be on the July 4th attendance at the *St. Louis World's Fair*; the second relates to *Total Vote For President* to be cast Nov. 8, 1904. \$20,000.00 will be distributed in each of these contests, making \$40,000.00 on the two, and, to make it still more interesting, in addition to this amount, we will give a **Grand First Prize of \$5,000.00** to the one who is nearest correct on both contests, and thus your estimates have two opportunities of winning a big cash prize.

Five Lion-Heads cut from Lion Coffee Packages and a 2 cent stamp entitle you (in addition to the regular free premiums) to one vote in either contest:



Printed blanks to vote on found in every Lion Coffee Package. The 2 cent stamp covers the expense of our acknowledgment to you that your estimate is recorded.

WORLD'S FAIR CONTEST

What will be the total July 4th attendance at the St. Louis World's Fair? At Chicago, July 4, 1893, the attendance was 263,273. For nearest correct estimates received in Woolson Spice Company's office, Toledo, Ohio, on or before June 30th, 1904, we will give first prize for the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
1 Second Prize	1,000.00
2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00	1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00	1,000.00
20 Prizes—50.00	1,000.00
50 Prizes—20.00	1,000.00
250 Prizes—10.00	2,500.00
1800 Prizes—5.00	9,000.00
2139 PRIZES,	TOTAL, \$20,000.00

PRESIDENTIAL VOTE CONTEST

What will be the total Popular Vote cast for President (votes for all candidates combined) at the election November 8, 1904? In 1900 election, 13,396,833 people voted for President. For nearest correct estimates received in Woolson Spice Co.'s office, Toledo, O., on or before Nov. 5, 1904, we will give first prize for the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
1 Second Prize	1,000.00
2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00	1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00	1,000.00
20 Prizes—50.00	1,000.00
50 Prizes—20.00	1,000.00
250 Prizes—10.00	2,500.00
1800 Prizes—5.00	9,000.00
2139 PRIZES,	TOTAL, \$20,000.00

4279—PRIZES—4279

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TOLEDO, OHIO.

al manager, that we were shown through the mill and inspected the premises. Mr. Poynter informs us that they will soon put in an excursion boat on the river for the pleasure of picnickers who visit there. A body of water a mile and half long extending up the river furnishes a fine place for boat riding.

Special Train for July 4th.

F. M. Rublee visited Omaha last week and secured special train service for the celebration, July 4th, between Ravenna and Anselmo for the accommodation of those who want to celebrate at Broken Bow. As people from both east and west can reach here on the regular trains in the morning, the object of the special is to provide for them getting home that night. This has been provided for by having No. 43, on the evening of the 4th run from Ravenna to Anselmo which

will enable those going west to leave here at 11 p. m. The train on reaching Anselmo will return at 12 o'clock midnight to accommodate those who want to go east that night.

Celebration Committees.

The general committee has sub-divided the committees, who will have charge of the arrangements for the celebration as follows:

- President of organization—F. M. Rublee.
- General arrangements—S. J. Lonergan, J. C. Bowen, J. N. Peale, E. C. House, E. R. Purcell.
- Finance—D. M. Amsberry, Geo. Palmer, H. B. Drake.
- Music—E. A. Garlich, F. E. Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Adamson.
- Amusements—N. E. Armstrong, J. D. Wilson, I. A. Reneau.
- Baloon—E. R. Purcell.
- Fire works—J. C. Bowen, J. N. Peale.
- Concessions—F. M. Rublee, E. C. House.

Seats—E. R. Purcell, L. H. Jewett, G. L. Turner, J. S. Molyneux, H. T. Bruce.

Parade and decorations, D. R. Rockwell, John Reese.

Transportation—F. M. Rublee, J. J. Wilson.

Water and water supplies—P. M. Towsley, W. A. Yates, W. L. Phillips.

Speakers—F. M. Rublee, C. W. Beal, C. L. Gutterson.

Have You a Cough?

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