

KNOX WANTS TAXES CUT

COUNTY IN NORTH NEBRASKA MAKES A NOVEL PLEA.

ASSESSOR BAKER GIVES CAUSE

Presents an Argument Why the Assessment Should be Reduced Ten Per Cent—The Indians are a Factor There in the Expense.

Knox county is before the state board of equalization with a plea for a ten per cent decrease in taxes with a novel argument, but one that appears to be just in many particulars. The county is represented at the equalization meeting by Assessor Baker who says that the ten per cent reduction is due the county by reason of the fact that it is compelled to pay the cost of looking after some 1,300 Indians who are residents of the county, something that other counties are not compelled to do. The assessor is armed with a written statement of the county board of supervisors signed by Chairman C. F. Shalander, which is as follows:

The county board of supervisors of Knox county respectfully request that the Knox county assessment for 1905 be reduced 10 per cent and suggest the following reasons therefor:

There is a resident Indian population in Knox county of 1,313.

There is in Knox county 100,276 acres of Indian land, non-alienable and non-taxable.

By reason of a decision of the supreme court of the United States rendered in the spring of 1905 the enforcement of these laws is estimated at \$1,000 per annum.

If these Indian lands were taxable the county taxes coming therefrom would amount to about \$1,500 annually; consequently the people of Knox county whose lands are taxable are obliged to pay about \$2,500 per annum more taxes for county purposes alone and about \$6,000 annually in county, state and municipal taxes more than taxpayers of other counties pay upon an equal amount of property.

This board believes that this is unjust and should be corrected as far as possible by the state board of equalization.

A statement by W. E. Meagley, superintendent of Indians in Knox county, showing the number of Indians and the allotment in that county is attached. The statement says:

The last census, 1904, shows a population of 1,313. Homesteads, non-alienable and non-taxable, 32,875.75 acres. Allotments, non-alienable and non-taxable, 66,110.69 acres. Reserved for government and missions, 1,290.70 acres.

As to the policy of the government, I understand that it will expect the local authorities to assume the same control as is exercised over the ordinary citizen, and that no case will be presented to the federal court which does not pertain to lands or is such as would ordinarily come within its jurisdiction among whites.

Battle Creek.

Ralph Simmons went to Omaha Tuesday.

Prof. M. G. Doering was a Norfolk visitor on Friday.

J. W. Kovalek was a business visitor to Norfolk Tuesday.

A. D. Wilberger of Anoka was visiting relatives here Sunday.

Since the reunion a lot of our boys call Meadow Grove "Bonesteel."

Henry Halsey is here from Tilden visiting with relatives this week.

J. E. Sanders, our merchant miller, shipped a car load of flour west Tuesday.

Sunday, July 30, Holy communion services will be held at the Lutheran church.

Fred Miller, sr., is building a new barn on his residence lot in East Battle Creek.

County Commissioner J. H. Harding of Meadow Grove was here Sunday visiting relatives.

Arthur Pratt has taken a position in Frank Ruzick's meat market. The place was vacated by Jake Schlack.

Wm. Volk is having a brick sidewalk laid along his property on Third street, which is occupied by Chas. Ulrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koester and daughter, Miss Clara, were visiting Sunday at the Stoltenberg home at Blakely.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKnight of Meadow Grove were here Tuesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Pratt.

After repairing and remodeling the house he recently bought of John Jost, Chas. Hansen and family have moved into it.

During the absence of F. E. Martin Guy Green, an experienced compositor and newspaper man, is assisting in the Enterprise office.

This hot weather is rushing the hogs to market. Since Monday eighteen car loads have been shipped from Battle Creek to Omaha.

Rev. Mr. Ulmann and family of Westgate, Iowa, arrived here Tuesday for a visit with Rev. and Mrs. J. Hoffman, Mrs. Ulmann's parents.

Fred Fuerst drove to Madison Saturday and was accompanied home by his son, Otto Fuerst, who is engaged as operator for the telephone company at that place.

About thirty-five chickens were stolen Tuesday night from John Jost in east Battle Creek, and other people of town claim to have been shy of fowls Wednesday morning.

The voting members of the German Lutheran church held their quarterly business meeting Sunday afternoon. There was nothing of importance to act on. John Claassen and Julius Henseleit were admitted to membership.

Czar Johnson, a student of the Creighton Medical university at Omaha, spends his vacation here at home and has been staying until now at the Morris drug store, but the balance of the time he will remain with Dr. E. Tanner.

A number of Battle Creek citizens are spending a summer vacation at Hot Springs, S. D., at present. They are as follows: O. H. Maas, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hans and Son Ernie, Chas. T. Haman, Editor F. E. Martin, W. E. Hoover, John Osborn and family, John A. Wright and family, Troy Osborn and Mrs. D. Osborn and daughter, Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Risk departed for that place.

WEATHER IS DRY AND HOT

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CROPS.

CORN CROP IS NEARLY NORMAL

Backwardness of the Early Season is Rapidly Being Overcome—Small Grain and Hay Situation in Nebraska is Excellent.

Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—The United States Department of Agriculture, climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Nebraska section, shows great improvement in conditions over preceding reports. A summary of the report for the week ending with July 17, is as follows:

"The past week has been dry with a slight excess in temperature. The mean daily temperature averaged for the week 2 degrees above normal in western counties, and just normal in eastern.

"The rainfall was confined to showers in extreme eastern counties. The amount was generally less than one-half an inch, but exceeded one inch in parts of Nemaha county and was nearly three inches in parts of Richardson county.

"Harvesting has progressed rapidly the past week and winter wheat is about all cut. Threshing has commenced quite generally and indicates an excellent crop, better than was expected, both as to yield and quality. Early oats are generally cut in central and southern counties and late oats are ripening rapidly. Oats are improving rapidly and as a whole will be a better crop than seemed probable a few weeks ago. Haying progressed rapidly. The second crop of alfalfa is good and is being secured in good condition in southern counties. The high temperature the last part of the week was very favorable for the growth of corn and it advanced rapidly toward normal condition. A few fields of early corn are beginning to show tassels. Much corn was cultivated the past week after the wheat was cut."

Temperance Entertainment.

Notwithstanding the oppressive heat and an unusually busy day on account of the funeral of H. L. Spaulding, a fair-sized audience greeted the W. C. T. U. entertainment at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, conducted by the president of the society. The affair was a success in every way. The little people performed their parts well. The temperance arrows had steel points. The reading of the "Murderer's Plea" by Miss White was perfect in rendition and convincing in argument. Miss Shippee's recitation was fine. The music in all its details contributed not a little to the pleasure of the evening. A collection amounting to \$4.60 was taken to supply fresh papers for the W. C. T. U. wall pockets at the barber shops and depots.

New Town.

J. S. Kemp, who superintends the construction of the Blenkiron elevators, passed through town on the Great Northern Tuesday morning. He informed us that he would begin the building of the elevator between Brunswick and Plainview the latter part of this week. In speaking about the new town on the G. N. Mr. Kemp remarked that in his opinion they stimulated trade in the older towns and led to improvements in many ways. He stated that he did not know what the name of the new town west of here would be. It is now called Copenhagen in a joking way because of the Dane settlement near the new town site. It is reported that the Great Northern has bought thirty acres more of the C. H. Buche land to increase the size of their town site, making forty-two acres in all.—Plainview Republican.

FATALLY SHOCKED.

While Making New Wire Connections at Superior. Superior, Neb., July 19.—W. H. Lee, manager of the electric light company, was fatally shocked while making new wire connections. All hope of saving his life has been given up.

BOYD COUNTY CROPS.

Oats Unusually Big and Corn Growing Rapidly.

Spencer, Neb., July 19.—Special to The News: The crops in this section are fine, oats particularly promising a great yield. Corn is growing rapidly.

TAXED TO ITS CAPACITY

HEAVY DRAFTS BEING MADE ON THE CITY WATER PLANT.

HOT WEATHER REQUIRES WATER

Pumps at the Station are Being Run Constantly to Maintain the Supply for Norfolk Water Consumers—Fill Pipe Frequently.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

The hot weather of the past few days has been taxing the capacity of the city water pumping station to its utmost. Such quantities of water are being used on lawns and in the homes that it is practically impossible to keep the stand pipe full of water for any length of time, except at night. On some of the recent hot days the stand pipe, which is twelve feet in diameter and 110 feet high, has been filled four or five times, to be immediately drawn through the draft that is made upon it by consumers. Yesterday the pump at the station was kept going constantly from early in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon before Engineer Graul succeeded in filling the pipe to the top. Water Commissioner Brummond insists that parties who are using water on the flat rate must not sprinkle lawns except within the hours prescribed by the ordinance, which are from 6 to 8 in the morning and from 6 to 8 in the evening. People who have meters can of course take the water when it suits them, because the meter charges them up with what they use. But even they should use water as sparingly as possible to give the pump a chance to keep up with requirements.

The constant changing of water in the stand pipe precludes the possibility of it becoming stale. The stand pipe has not been cleaned this season, but the water commissioner states that it will be as soon as the extraordinary draft upon it subsides a little. He says there is an erroneous idea of the amount of dirt found in the pipe when it is cleaned. Usually a considerable mud is found, settlements from the water, but very little else. When it is remembered that the pipe stands on top of the highest hill in the city, and is itself 110 feet tall, with no possible way of getting into it except through the water mains and over the top, it is reasonable to presume that little of an extraneous nature will find its way into it. The course of the ordinary flight of birds is considerably lower than 110 feet, though occasionally one does go over the rim. To obviate this entirely, it would be well the next time the pipe is cleaned to place a screen over the top, thus preventing the possibility of any species of animal life coming in contact with the water, and doing away with the prejudice which must necessarily exist while it is known that there is nothing over the water. It is customary now when a stand pipe is put up to screen the top, and this should be done with the Norfolk pipe. The expense would be not to exceed \$25.00, and would be worth many times that amount in the satisfaction that water consumers would get out of the knowledge that the screen was there.

Welcome a Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Marquardt have welcomed a new daughter to their home in this city.

Sioux City Fair.

Secretary F. L. Wirick of the Interstate Live Stock fair, which will be held at Sioux City September 11-16, announces that more money will be spent in securing free attractions, premiums and good races than at either of the two preceding fairs. In 1904 the attendance was 40 per cent larger than in 1903, and it is expected a similar increase will be shown this year.

All the profits of last year's fair have been used in improving the grounds and in adding to the purses and premiums, making the total of purses for races \$12,000 and the total of premiums offered for displays \$20,000. Six free attractions, of a quality unsurpassed by any circus, will be seen daily in front of the grandstand. The fair has been admitted to the grand circuit, insuring races fully the equal of those at any state fair in the United States.

The railroads have recognized the high standing of the fair by granting a round trip of one fare for the entire week.

Pierce is Up to aDte.

Much credit is due to L. R. Hertzert along with those who so generously contributed toward the improvement of the city park. Under his supervision this spring this property has been transformed into a delightful place. In the center of the park a cement basin has been erected and the fountain placed in same. Graveled walks lead to this point from four sides of the park. Settees have been placed in different parts for the convenience of the public and a neat fence has been put around the entire park. An electric light near the fountain makes a pretty effect at night.—Pierce Call.

CHIEF'S LAST ADDRESS.

Red Cloud Makes Talk to Braves at Chadron.

A special to the State Journal from Chadron says there is a street fair going on in that town. One of the inter-

esting features of the program yesterday was a great Omaha war dance. About 150 of the Sioux braves took part. They were dressed, or rather undressed, and painted and plumed, according to the regular fashion of the tribe. The chief attraction was a speech by the famous chief Red Cloud. He is the chief of the whole Ogallala nation. He is eighty-seven years old and is totally blind. He has been partially blind for five years and entirely so for about a year. During the course of his address he said he had never ceded the Nebraska land to the United States; but had merely leased it for seven generations. He said he was to receive pay for the lease; but payment had not been made. He also said the Sioux used to receive rations from the government by the annual; but now only by the handful. Here the old man made very forceful gestures to enforce his statement. He is very feeble and it is thought this likely will be his last address to the people of this part of the country.

GOOD ROADS IMPORTANT

SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN.

MEANS MUCH TO FARM AND TOWN

Cooperation of National and State Governments Should be Worked for to the End That the Country Have Better Roads.

That excellent publication, the National Home Trade Journal of Omaha, prints the following editorial on the road question, which is timely and worth heeding:

Organize good road clubs. Get every association of business men, farmers, every newspaper to push along the good roads movement. There are few other things more important to the people of agricultural communities and rural cities and towns than the good roads proposition. It is something that every good citizen should be interested in. It is a question of the greatest elements of economy. Good roads throughout the farming districts of the country means millions upon millions of dollars yearly saved to the farmers. It means millions more in benefits to the rural towns. Every citizen should appoint himself a committee of one to work for the end to be attained by the co-operation of the national with state governments in the road improvement matter. Don't be afraid to write to your member of congress, individually and collectively, and urge his support of the proposed measure for governmental appropriation for the needed improvement. Talk good roads to your neighbor, join the people of your town in booming local improvement, and urge your representative in the state legislature to give support to any legislation that has for its aim better roads for the farming districts.

Cleared of Assault.

The county court was engaged in trying the case of A. J. Richardson vs. Fritz Freer Tuesday afternoon. The information charged Freer with making an assault in a menacing and threatening manner. The testimony showed that Freer went to Richardson's home on June 27 and in a controversy drew a gun and flourished it menacingly and threateningly toward plaintiff. A jury of six heard the testimony and after being out a little over two hours brought in a verdict of not guilty.—Pierce Call.

ENCAMPMENT AT KEARNEY

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD.

HELD FROM AUGUST 8 TO 16

Announcement by Adjutant General Culver—Kearney Offers Inducements of Grounds and Conveniences That Bring the Encampment.

Lincoln, July 19.—The Nebraska National Guard encampment will be held at Kearney from August 8 to the 16th. Announcement to this effect was made last evening by Adjutant General Culver. Kearney has made good inducements to the soldier boys to camp in that town, offering every facility that is needed in the way of an attractive spot for the tents, good parade grounds, etc.

Think Girl Tramps Crazy.

Z. T. French was in town first of the week gathering up the belongings of his two daughters who left here a few weeks ago. The sheriff at York telephoned him that he had the young ladies in charge. When found they were dressed in male attire and it is supposed they tramped all the way to York. The strange actions of the girls convinced their father that they were mentally unbalanced. Up to the time of their departure from Plainview they had committed no wrong so far as can be learned and were well treated where they lived. That either one or both are insane there can be no doubt. Mr. French has the sympathy of all in this sad case. It is hoped that by proper treatment these young ladies will be restored to good health and strength both mentally and physically.—Plainview Republican.

CUT THIS OUT.

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