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THE FIRST WARD ASSESSMENT.

The tax-paying citizens of the First ward are said to be indignant over the action of the city council in raising the assessed valuation of property in that ward 20 per cent.

In the first place the city council cannot reconsider its action, because as a board of equalization it has adjourned. The law limits the time during which the council shall sit as a board of equalization, and having done its duty and adjourned, it cannot be legally revived.

It is alleged that the poor are going to suffer by reason of the 20 per cent. raise in the assessed valuation. This is not true at all. It is Doll's undervaluation of the property of the wealthy that has caused the council to make the raise of 20 per cent.

Two years ago Church Howe was a candidate for lieutenant-governor. Now he says that he would not take the office as a gift. What is the matter? Does Church want the earth?

MR. VALENTINE is lying very low at present. He is making out prescriptions in his West Point drug store, and there is no telling what sort of love powders he is fixing up for his delegates.

The republicans of this district will be happy to learn that the Omaha Herald supports Weaver. The democrats are very anxious for the republicans to nominate a man whom they can beat.

As between a knave and an imbecile in the executive chair, the people will prefer a knave. They can watch a knave, but they cannot protect their interests against the blunders of a feeble-minded officer.

Two years ago Jim Laird rode into the conventions and finally into congress on the B. & M. gravel train, and now a boss politician of that company is trying to switch him back to the national capital.

INDIAN Commissioner Price threatens to resign if Secretary Teller does not revoke the order moving the Indian bureau from one story of the interior department to another. If Mr. Price does not want the office, there are several men who will take it even if they have to room in the garret.

It is proposed to hold an independent American exposition in London in 1886. It is a novel scheme and is already attracting a great deal of attention in England—more so than in America.

The trouble in Omaha has been, as THE BEE has time and time again shown, that the wealthy property owners have not paid their share of the taxes, owing to the fact that we have had too many unfair and dishonest assessors.

The First ward is assessed at \$611,000. This is extremely low and unfair when compared with the other wards. In the First ward are located distilleries, breweries, packing houses, warehouses, elevators, lumber yards, coal yards, gas works, agricultural implement depots, factories and other large establishments, which are not found in the other wards.

COUNTY TREASURER RUSH is altogether too previous in rushing to the defense of Assessor Doll, of the First ward, and representing him as an honest and impartial officer. The county commissioners, who are very conservative, have overruled Mr. Doll and raised the assessment ten per cent.

Mr. Doll has gone on with his undervaluations, from year to year, under the pretense that he was saving us from state taxes, and the people were hoodwinked into that idea. But on examination they have discovered that the state board of equalization inquires into the relative standard of the valuation of each county and raises or lowers it so as to make the burden of taxes uniform.

WHATSOEVER may be the feeling against Mormonism there can be no justification of the assassination of a party of Mor-

STATE NOTICES.

Nineteen teachers are employed in the public schools of Grand Island, Neb. The board of education have received 100 applications for positions from teachers.

The Bank of Cass County, in Plattsmouth, has contracted for the erection of a new bank building to be completed in 1885.

The citizens of Plattsmouth at a mass meeting last Friday night subscribed \$15,000 for the establishment of the new soldiers' home at that place.

Work on the second track from Omaha Junction to Plattsmouth has already commenced. The contractors are busy laying the ties and putting in the ballast.

The report of Superintendent Hartley, of the Lincoln school, shows an enrollment last year of 2,767, 1,200 boys and 1,567 girls. The total cost of the school was \$312,000, making a loss of \$73,000.

Stakes have been driven and ground broken for the Nebraska stock yards at Lincoln. The plan of the yard provides for pens to accommodate 10,000 head of stock, also for the erection of a hotel and exchange building, water works, etc.

The Episcopal college building, to be erected at Sioux Falls, will be 62x125 feet on the ground and three stories and a half basement high. The water works will be commenced immediately.

The territorial supreme court is again in running order. The territory will make a big display of her products at the New Orleans exposition.

The stock growers' association has requested the railroad not to bring any more Texas cattle into the state, owing to the prevalence of the Texas fever.

The shipments of cattle from the state will be unusually large this season. The stock men are grumbling about the market prices, and are complaining about the high price of feed.

The bullion shipments from Butte for the week ending August 9, footed up \$100,320. Montana's contribution to the Washington monument has been sent east. It is a block of granite weighing 600 pounds.

The managers of the Union Pacific have stopped all new branches in the territory and discharged the workmen. The Butte & Atlantic railroad company has been incorporated. The company propose to construct a railroad from Butte to Gallatin station, on the Northern Pacific.

Grant in Literature. New York World. It is so sincerely hoped that the current item relative to General Grant's employment by the proprietors of the Century is true. Much that we find in the newspapers relative to the affairs of General Grant we know to be false, and hence we have been contracted about the paragraph referred to. It is to the effect that the general has contracted with the managers of the Century to contribute to their periodical twenty articles on the principal battles of the war, for which he is to receive the sum of \$10,000.

The Young Woman Who Got Up to Sunrise Prayer Meeting. Atlanta Constitution. I must tell you about we uns all a gwine to the Union camp around here to give to the Union what we can. We are going to be there all night long, and we are going to be there all night long.

Mr. DORNEY has carried Fremont. We told you so. Seal of North Carolina Tobacco is the best.

MR. HIGAN REPUBLICANS.

A Full State Ticket Nominated and Prohibition Rejected. Detroit, August 14.—The republican state convention adopted the following report of committee on resolutions.

The republicans of Michigan declare anew their devotion to the principles and organization of the national republican party upon questions of national policy, and pledge their most efforts for the success of its principles and candidates there follows the platform adopted by the national republican convention at Chicago.

The republican party recognizes the need of more efficient laws to protect the rights of the laboring men of the state in obtaining a just reward for labor, and it therefore proposes that it will favor the enactment of such laws and other measures as will carefully guard and protect the interests of laboring men.

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