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INFORMATION WANTED.

Now that the State Board of Equalization has completed its work of assessment of the property of the railroads of Nebraska, the people are entitled to know upon what the board has based its findings.

To come to the point, the people of Nebraska would like to know whether the board appraised the right-of-way of each road according to its dimension and location, or whether it appraised the right-of-way in a lump regardless of its length or breadth, or actual market value.

Did the board assess the sidetracks in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings and Beatrice at the same price per mile as it did the sidetracks adjacent to little hamlets and water tank stations?

Did it classify the sidetracks according to first, second and third classes, according to size and power, or did they adopt one price for all classes of engines—passenger, freight, new, old, mammoth, or pony engines?

Did it classify the passenger coaches and fix a price upon each according to its dimensions and standard, or were all passenger coaches, whether they were palatial passenger coaches or worn-out emigrant cars, entered under one head?

Did the board endeavor to ascertain and assess the value of depot grounds according to their respective locality, or did it pool all of the depot grounds on each road and assess them at acre sand-hill land prices?

These questions are very pertinent because they go to the very bedrock of the whole mode of assessing the tangible railroad property. A suspicion is abroad that the board has absolutely ignored the various elements in the tangible property of the railroads and simply copied the assessments of last year with a few variations, adding a bagatelle to the general valuation in order to make it appear that it was an entirely new assessment.

According to the testimony of an expert in valuations of railroad property who testified on behalf of the Union Pacific in the maximum rate case, the terminal facilities of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha and South Omaha, exclusive of the bridge, were worth anywhere from \$6,000,000 to \$10,000,000 five years ago.

Mr. Bryan will help to inaugurate the president of the Cuban republic, but it is doubtful whether the president of the Cuban republic will be able to reciprocate.

Kind Edward need now have no scruples about letting his coronation festivities proceed. Our old friend, Richard Harding Davis, is to be there to tell us all about it.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL STRIKE.

The strike of the anthracite coal miners is formidable in its present proportions, but there is danger that it will not be confined to the men now out. There is a proposition to involve the miners of bituminous coal in the contest and it is not impossible that this will be done.

The operators, so far as appears, are entirely satisfied with the situation. Indeed, some of them practically declared a lockout before the strike was formally ordered and none of them has at any time since the controversy begun shown any disposition or desire to treat with the miners.

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Minneapolis Journal: Governor Taft's mission to the Vatican is sensible and proper in every way, and it is humiliating that the administration should feel it necessary to explain the errand in apologetic terms.

Chicago Chronicle: Another somewhat well known clergyman who has ceased to believe or to teach the tenets of the creed to which he is a nominal subscriber is reported to put his church to the test of an heresy trial instead of acting like an honest man and severing his connection voluntarily.

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BLASTS FROM HAN'S HORN.

Purity opens the way to a world of gladness. Memory makes many payments for a good deed. The farm and the garden are the best gold diggers.

Learn to be contented, and you will know how to be rich. Loving deeds are the best seeds; they bear in all soils.

Care is the stumbling-block in the pathway of happiness. The merry-hearted have a fortune that thieves cannot steal.

The weakest saint on his knees is too strong for the devil. Do your best today and you will be able to do better tomorrow.

The happiest people in this world are those who are at rest from themselves and at work for others.

The devil is not worrying over the preacher who puts more rhetoric than Christianity into his sermons.

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CAPITALIZING THE FUTURE.

People Who Pay the Freight Also Pay for the Water. Philadelphia North American. It is admitted by "financial authorities" that the \$37,500,000 of stock retained by Mr. Morgan for promoting the new Ocean trust is nothing but water, since it approximately represents the difference between the nominal capitalization of the ship combine and the actual value of the \$120,000,000 worth of stock.

A similar announcement was made when Mr. Morgan organized his Anthracite Coal trust a year ago. At that time much was said about the economies to be effected by consolidation. These economies, it has already been demonstrated, have not served to make coal cheaper to the consumer or wages higher to the miner.

The same and is obviously aimed at by Mr. Morgan in the promotion of his ocean trust. The economies of administration and increase in business will not be sufficient for years to come to justify dividends on the immensely inflated capitalization of the combine, so that no matter how prosperous the conditions may be in the ocean carrying business the trust will always have a plausible pretext for keeping up rates.

The world may expect to be fed on the crusts of the bread and in pitiful slavery lives. Ah, pity the man who, with fear in his breast, goes tolling and never complaining; they will add to his burden and grant him no rest.

The world may approve of the timid who move complacently on, but it picks for its favorite the man who exacts all he can. Oh, the winner's the fellow who kicks.

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