

BOARD MULTIPLIES BY FOUR

Increases the Assessment of Ten Corporations 432 Per Cent.

RAISE OF OVER A MILLION AND A HALF

Commissioners Practically Follow Lines of Tax Committee's Compromise—Assessors' Return for County Total \$22,281,702.

As a result of an action of the County Board of Equalization, Friday afternoon, the stock yards company, the five packing companies and the street railway, gas, electric light and telephone corporations will pay taxes in 1902 on a personal assessment of \$1,973,700, which is \$1,602,961 more than the same concerns paid on in 1901, when the total for the ten was \$370,729. This is an increase of 432.8 per cent and, figuring on a basis of 24.5 mills, which was the levy last year, it means an increase of \$59,272 in taxes. The board also approved an increased realty assessment of the five packers, the increase amounting to \$12,953.

Assessors' Total Valuation.

From the tax department last night came the announcement that the assessors' books for 1902 show a total assessed valuation for the entire county of \$22,281,702, including the state assessment of \$743,535.82. Last year the total, even after the board's "equalizing," was only \$21,381,702.08, including a state assessment of \$723,122.08, and the bank assessment, which was \$775,258. The board accomplished more during the day than was promised by the morning session, which was entirely consumed by a harangue from Attorney F. T. Ransom, representing the stock yards company, on the inequalities of taxation; by an argument between Attorney McIntosh and him on a question as to whether the company's agreement with the tax committee of the Real Estate exchange had a proviso that other companies must be similarly raised; and by a quiz of Robert C. Howe, general manager at South Omaha for Armour & Co.; W. L. Selby, representing the Cudahy and Omaha companies, and A. L. Sutton, representing the Hammond company.

Packers Shoot the Chutes.

At the afternoon session the board disposed of some minor matters and then went at the packers with a jump. Connolly proposed a list of assessments on their personal property. Harte seconded the motion. Mr. Selby, however, declared that the packers would not be assessed in advance as opposed to the assessment which he said he considered a great deal too low; Heffeld said that he thought the tax committee must have informed itself pretty well and could be relied upon. O'Keefe said the figures looked high enough to him—and the vote was taken. All voted aye, except Ostrom.

Stock Yards and Corporations Next.

Encouraged still more, they turned to the stock yards matter and Connolly moved that the tax committee's compromise figures of \$400,000 on personal and the assessors' return of \$12,700 on realty be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

WELL, LETS CUM UP.

"Well, lets cum up," said Harte, and in another minute the board had unanimously approved the compromise, figuring on the personal assessment of all the franchised corporations, except the water works, which will be disposed of after the realty assessments are investigated, a complaint having been filed against it by a citizen of Florence. The water company made a return to the assessor of \$476,010, which the tax committee thinks high enough. Last year its personal assessment was \$152,600. The following table shows the net results of the afternoon's work:

Table with columns: Assessment, 1901, 1902, Difference. Rows include Stock Yards, Armour & Co., Cudahy, Swift, Omaha P & G, Hammond, Street Railway, Gas company, Electric Light, Telephone Co., and Totals.

Tax Committee Amused.

When the voting was over the board adjourned for the day, the members patting themselves on the back of a modest blushing way. The members of the tax committee went out into the hall and giggled. The board had accepted the committee's figures on everything except the packers and had raised in total on these only about \$11,000, or from \$252,232 to \$273,200—and this despite the large talk that was indulged in last Monday, when the committee first presented its compromise proposals to the equalizers. The committee and the board both expect comparatively easy sailing from now on.

Bankers Appear Monday.

The next task laid out for the board is the assessing of the banks, which should have been done by the assessors. This will come up Monday at 4 p. m. Subsequently the board will have to consider the realty of the franchise corporations, which has been returned by the assessors, as follows: Street railway, \$82,050; water works, \$87,760; gas company, \$42,000; telephone company, \$42,000.

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PAVING, \$9,500; electric light company, \$14,550.

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Today is not likely to be an eventful one with the board, but next week there will be abundant business, as notices were being sent out yesterday, instructing the appearance of the Omaha Belt line, Omaha Bridge and Terminal company, the Barber Asphalt company, Hugh Murphy, Carter White Lead works, Lawrence Shot and lead company, Lininger & Metcalf, the laundries, the telegraph companies and about 200 others.

Packers Have Their Say.

The representatives of the packers were certain about the things their companies did not own, but woefully ignorant of the things they did. In substance, Mr. Howe said that the value of the Armour company's personal property in the county is \$487,000; that the plant has a capacity of 7,000 hogs and 1,200 cattle per day, but kills on an average only 2,000 of the former and 200 of the latter; that he doesn't know what insurance the company carries and couldn't easily find out, as the insurance clerk is resident in Chicago; that all cars used by the company belong to a separate company in Chicago; that he hasn't any idea of the number of cars in use by the local plant April 1, and that he had never agreed to any assessment figure, but had told the tax committee to first see if its figures were acceptable to the board.

To this last statement Mr. Selby added that his only agreement with the tax committee was based on its figure of \$32,000 for the five, and that individual figures had not been mentioned. Chairman Ostrom called their attention to figures in an editorial in The Bee, showing that in the census report the committee's investment was given as \$15,635,418, but they attempted to explain this by saying that the figures must represent the accumulated investment of all the years the companies had been in business, while much of the machinery, for instance, represented in the total of \$1,225,869 had been worn out and discarded long ago.

Harte asked if the South Omaha figures were given by Mr. Howe and the latter replied that they were Commissioner Fitzgerald's.

Witnesses Under Oath.

Chairman Ostrom said it had been decided to swear all parties, and put Mr. Creigh under oath. The gentlemen represented this mildly because the jobs were not sworn, and Mr. Howe left. Chairman Ostrom said he would have him recalled and placed under oath. Mr. Creigh said that \$470,000 represented the value of the Cudahy plant; that its capacity was about the same as Armour's; that it has 200 cars, 150 of which are assessed elsewhere than Douglas county. The Omaha plant, he said, in generalizing, could be rated proportionately with the others.

Mr. Selby, being sworn, said that \$400,000 represented the fair value of the Swift plant; that its capacity is 4 per cent less than Armour's; that it owns no cars and that he knows nothing of its insurance. Attorney Sutton, also placed under oath, pleaded that the Hammond plant contains not a dollar's worth of personal property, all having been sent to St. Joseph. The board, however, thought the figures would be raised as really, because they are bricked into the walls. When all had testified the board adjourned, instructing them to call at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the board promised to pass on the assessments of their companies.

FIVE YOUNG WOMEN GRADUATE

Mount St. Mary's Seminary the Last of Convents to Close School Year.

The last of the convents to conclude its year's work, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, celebrated its annual commencement Friday afternoon, the bishop, the clergy and a large gathering of friends being present.

The exercises were held in the chapel which was hung with the class colors, green, lavender and gold, and decorated with ferns and cut flowers. An interesting program of music and recitations was followed by the conferring of awards, honor ribbons, laurel wreaths and medals being given.

The graduating class consisted of five young women: Misses Ella Kelley, Margaret Breslauer, Veronica O'Connor, Lottit Erick and Christine McDermott, their essays all touching upon the same subject, "Woman," which had appropriately been chosen as the graduating theme.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Board of Review Passes Finally on This Year's Assessment.

TOTAL OVER SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

Rumor that Corporations Will Contest Assessments in Court Seems to Lack Foundation—Magic City Gossip.

After twelve days' session the Board of Review concluded its session at 6 o'clock last night and the reports will be ready today to be turned over to the proper officials. The valuation as returned by the board is \$16,127,544.86. Despite the fact that ninety-four complaints were filed with the board which had to be considered and acted upon the work of the board was completed in the same time it was last year. Reductions from the returns of Tax Commissioner Fitzgerald to the amount of \$90,832.72 were made, leaving the valuation, as had been predicted, above \$16,000,000. The deductions made were \$61,310 on realty and \$29,522.72 on personal property.

City officials are of the opinion that with the valuation turned in the city will be able to get along on an 8-mill levy. There has been some talk of a contest by the corporations, but so far no one here seems to know anything about such a movement, and the city officials are in hopes that the valuations as returned by the board will not be contested. It is asserted that the event of a contest the levy would be tied up and that all city employees would have to go without pay until the courts decided the matter.

MORE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MILLER.

It was reported to the city officials yesterday that Street Foreman Miller had caused the brick sidewalk in front of the property at the northeast corner of Twenty-third and H streets to be torn up. Miller asserted that the work was below grade, that the City Engineer Beal visited the locality and made a survey and found that the sidewalk was exactly on grade, but that the street was a little high. After the work had been torn up and the brick piled in the gutter about half of the brick disappeared. The owner of the property is a non-resident, but his agent in Omaha is figuring how to get the work relaid without additional expense to the property. In all cases where permanent walks are laid the city engineer sets the lines, but these lines evidently did not suit the street foreman.

NEW HEATING APPARATUS.

Bids will be opened by the Board of Education on July 5 for the purchase of a four-horsepower boiler to be located in the Lincoln school, Twenty-sixth and F streets. A tubular boiler is desired and it is asserted that some radical changes in the heating plant of this school building will be made. As in other cases the board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. A certified check for \$50 must accompany each bid. It is understood that the board desires to let this contract as soon as possible in order that the building may be placed in first-class condition before the fall term opens.

Needs More Hoses.

A request has been made by Chief Etter of the fire department for the purchase of more hose. The chief says that at the present time the department has 1,200 feet of rubber hose in good condition and 400 feet in fair condition. His recommendation is made that 1,000 feet of hose be purchased as soon as possible. At the present time the city has three hose wagons in operation and in order to fully equip these companies the chief wants more hose.

MAGIC CITY GOSSIP.

Wallace D. Godfrey returned yesterday from a week's fishing trip. Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Clark have returned from an extended western trip. No preparations have been made so far for a celebration of any kind on July 4. J. J. Burt is feeding 1,700 head of sheep at his farm at Forty-fourth and D streets. The heavy rain yesterday morning did very little damage to the crops. W. B. Wyman has sold out his business and is now employed at the local Burlington freight depot. The city prisoners are now at work cutting weeds on the streets and alleys, instead of breaking up the city. Shippers coming to this market say that there will be an early movement of cattle and hogs, and that the market will be active. The Modern Brotherhood of America will give a box social on the evening of July 4 at the hall in the South Omaha National bank building. The funeral of Helena Meila will be held this afternoon at the family residence, Fort and W streets. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery. Lieutenant Bruce McCulloch of the South Omaha cavalry troop is in the gold hat cord. He requests that the finder return the same to him as soon as possible. Several workmen are now engaged in cleaning up the machinery at the Hammond plant and it is expected that the plant will soon be reopened.

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CORNISH IN THE SIXTH WARD

Talks About Candidate Who Leans to Hereditary Form of Government. E. J. Cornish was the principal speaker at Friday's meeting of the Sixth Ward Republican club. The attendance was as large as usual, but the hall was comfortably filled. Mr. Cornish devoted his time to talking of his candidacy for congress. He said, in part: "Ten years ago we went around town carrying cards bearing the words 'Give the boys a chance. Vote for Dave Mercer.' It was a good argument then, and now the other boys want a chance. If a man has been in congress for ten years he should avail himself of his opportunities. When he has been there for ten years he has had ten years to do many little favors which cost him nothing. In ten years he should be versed in all political questions. If he has traveled twice around the world in government transport at government expense he ought to have by observation learned enough to warrant his being called into party consultation—to be called by other public officers to decide grave ques-

STRANGE MANNER OF SUICIDE

Jean Fiset Built Fire and Placed Gun in Flames, Causing Explosion and Death. ST. BAZILE, Quebec, June 28.—A strange manner of suicide took place here today. Jean Fiset, 27 years of age, loaded an old rusty musket, put the muzzle to his head and pulled the trigger with his toe. When it did not explode he built a fire, placed the gun in the flames, with the muzzle against his breast, and waited until it exploded.

Dillon and Davitt Meeting.

DUBLIN, June 28.—A meeting of the directors of the United Irish league was held this afternoon. John Redmond, chairman of the league; John Dillon and Michael Davitt were nominated to represent the home organization at the convention of the American branches of the American league to be held in Boston next October. Considerable discussion took place at the meeting in the formation of branches and an address was adopted denouncing the land bill and urging open defiance of the coercion courts.

tions of state. I do not know of an argument you could make in favor of the ten years' plan that would not be better in the case of twenty years. If a man is to hold his position for life what is more natural than to take the son who has grown up under that father's care to succeed him. This child is best equipped, and from the first term he gets a tenth or a twentieth term, and in turn hands the office to his son—then you have a government by heredity. But this is opposed to the American idea. We claim that it is the duty of every man to study public questions. Out of all of our people there are many men who can represent the people. We believe the officer should keep in touch with his constituents and that it is their thoughts and not his which are to be incorporated into laws.

"If there is one man only who can represent your ideas he should be honored highly, but in making that test I would have you place your standard high—along with men like Blaine, Edmunds or McKinley—anything less than this lowers the standard of American statesmen.

"To come back to the point: When you come to decide upon the man who is of such extraordinary ability that he can keep from the contest your wardman, Mr. Pratt, you must show what he has done for the laboring man, for the cause of freedom, for the republican party, and not advance the argument that he got a public building at Blaine's expense.

Mr. Cornish was followed by W. B. Christie, who made a speech calling for good judgment on the part of the party in selecting its candidates for offices.

MORE PAY FOR PARK WORKMEN

Foremen and Laborers All to Receive Better Wages After July First.

Beginning with July, all employees of the park board will receive an increase in wages. This was decided upon at the regular monthly meeting of the board Friday afternoon. A month ago the pay of Superintendent Adams was advanced from \$100 to \$125 per month, and that of Charles Fricke, foreman at Riverview park, from \$85 to \$100 per month. This caused general demand among park employees for more money. The foremen at other parks contended that they were just as much entitled to a raise as Fricke, and the board at its meeting Friday seemed to share in this view. The result is that J. J. Lowrie, John J. Frisvold, Charles H. Craig, Samuel Waterman and C. Olson have been advanced from \$45 to \$50 per month, and the pay of fourteen day laborers has been increased from \$1.60 per day to \$1.75 for eight hours' work.

Mr. Lininger called attention to the fact that the park board had been paying lower wages than any other department of the city government, that many of the park caretakers had been in the employ of the board for ten years or more; that they were skillful and careful in their work, and deserved more pay. The vote for the raise was unanimous.

A resolution was adopted signifying the willingness of the board to co-operate with the county commissioners in the paving of Thirtieth street, from Fort street north to the city limits, providing that the county furnish the funds and that the park board get not less than \$17,000 this year as its share of the county tax. It was stipulated that the street should be paved with macadam, with a driveway eighteen feet wide.

The contract for the paving of Eleventh street with asphalt, from Mason to William street, was let to the Grant Paving company for \$1.67 per square yard, which is said to be 20 cents cheaper than any former contract for asphalt paving ever let in the city.

A petition signed by Bishop Scannell and twenty-eight others, calling attention to abuses practiced in Bemis park, was received and placed on file. The petition said that women cannot go to the park in the evening without being insulted, and that it is frequented by drunkards and thugs. Additional police protection was wanted. It said also that the park was in an unsightly condition, and not well kept, and that the present force of one caretaker should be increased to two. It suggested furthermore, that two large flower beds be added to the present floral display, and that one be placed at each end of the park.

TALK OF PROPOSED CATHEDRAL

Bishop and Priests Discuss Subject, but Make No Definite Plans. The annual retreat of the Roman clergymen of the diocese of Omaha came to a close Friday evening. Yesterday morning at Creighton college there was held a synod of the diocese at which the priest of the jurisdiction were present, including secular and regular. Matters relative to the rules of the diocese were discussed, but nothing done of interest to the laity.

The proposed cathedral was discussed at the retreat by Bishop Scannell and the clergymen. It is understood that the building will certainly be constructed, although the bishop is not ready to make any positive announcement as to the time it will be started.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF NEWSBOYS

Committee Appointed to Make Arrangements for Outing at Krug Park. Preparations have begun for the annual picnic of the newsboys of Omaha, South Omaha and Fremont. The boys held a meeting Friday night and selected a committee on arrangements. It was decided that the fun should occur at Krug park, on July 24. The newspapers will again be asked to contribute the necessary cash expenses, the mothers and friends good things to eat and the merchants the prizes to be contested for. A committee of the veterans of the street corner will canvass among the business men shortly, but will accept no money from them.

EMPLOYEES OF UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION TO RECEIVE TEN PER CENT ADVANCE.

Decision, Which Has Just Been Reached, Means the Addition of \$4,000,000 to the Annual Pay Roll. PITTSBURG, June 28.—The largest voluntary increase ever known in the wages of 100,000 men has been decided upon by the United States Steel corporation. They will receive an advance of 10 per cent, which will increase the annual payroll of the steel corporation by \$4,000,000. The advance applies to union as well as non-union men. Strictly speaking, the advance applies to non-union men of every constituent company of the corporation. This decision has just been reached by the executive committee of the United States Steel corporation after numerous conferences with the highest officials of the underlying concerns. The first men here to profit by the increase were those of the Carnegie company, which will receive the advance on a private scale. The next advance will come to the employees of the American Steel and Wire plants. The advance has already gone into effect in the Chicago and Joliet, Ill., plants.

WABASH GETS TO TIDEWATER

BUYS INTEREST OF CITY OF BALTIMORE IN WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD. BALTIMORE, June 28.—Baltimore city's holdings in the Western Maryland Railroad company were formally transferred to the Fuller syndicate, representing the Wabash railway system, today. The check in payment for the securities was for \$5,517,370. Various Baltimore banks and financial institutions had arranged to borrow this money at about 3 per cent and it was immediately turned over to them. In addition to the purchase price the Fuller syndicate deposited \$500,000 in furtherance of the agreement requiring a deposit of \$500,000 that the

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BOY PRISONERS START HOME.

ISLAND OF ST. HELENA, June 28.—The first consignment of Boer prisoners, numbering 478 men sailed from here yesterday for South Africa. After taking the oath of allegiance to Great Britain the prisoners marched to the boats singing the national anthem.



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"Nebraska Teachers" Special Train TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Saturday, July 5th, at 8.30 p. m. Via ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD. This train is for the special accommodation of the Nebraska Teachers and their friends who will attend the N. E. A. CONVENTION. The equipment of this train will consist of Free Reclining Chair Cars, Tourist and Standard Sleeping Cars. Low round trip tickets, sleeping car reservations and particulars at Illinois Central City Ticket Office, 1402 Farnam Street, or write W. H. BRILL, Dist. Pass. Agt. Ill. Cent. R. R., Omaha, Neb.,

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