

NEBRASKA RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS

What They Are—What They Should Be.

The tabular statement herewith presented embodies a comparative exhibit of railroad assessments for 1902 and 1901, showing the mileage of the various railroads in each county, their relative assessment per mile, their true value based on earnings and capitalization, and their assessable value equalized at a ratio of one-sixth of their true value.

Table with columns: 1902 Assessment, 1901 Assessment, Actual Value, Value Equalized at 1-6, What Assessment Should Be. Rows list counties and railroads such as Franklin County, Frontier County, Furnas County, Gage County, Garfield County, Gosper County, Grant County, Greeley County, Hall County, Hamilton County, Harlan County, Hayes County, Hitchcock County, Holt County, Hooker County, Howard County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Kearney County, Keith County, Kimball County, Knox County, Lancaster County, Lincoln County, Madison County, Merrick County, Nemaha County, and Nemaha County.

MERCER'S FRANKING CRAFT

Nonresident Congressman is Violating the Postal Law. MAKES UNCLE SAM PAY HIS POSTAGE. Is Sending Out His Own Portrait as Part of the Congressional Record—Denounced as Coarse Work.

The unscrupulous and desperate character of the Mercer campaign is again being evidenced by the flagrant abuse of the franking privilege in which the nonresident congressman is indulging. For the last two days the mail in South Omaha has been burdened down with Mercer campaign literature, sent through the mails under the congressman's frank, without postage payment and the Omaha mail carriers are to have a load of similar documents within the next few days.

The outside of the envelopes which are being distributed at Uncle Sam's expense in South Omaha bears the inscription: "House of Representatives, U. S. part of Congressional Record, etc." and a reproduction of the signature "David H. Mercer, M. C." On the inside of the envelope the only thing that saves part of the congressional record is a small pamphlet speech on trusts by Congressman Hamilton of Michigan, which has been printed by the congressman's committee at Washington and sent broadcast for distribution in all the different congressional districts in the United States.

Mercer Portraits Under Frank. The other enclosure on which Mercer is saving postage as part of the congressional record are: First, two portraits of the nonresident congressman, one large enough and pretty enough to frame and hang in any window and the other a smaller card, which contains on the reverse side the list of appropriations which he says has made him a good investment for the people of this district and state, to say nothing of the good investment it has made for him. The second enclosure is a circular reprint of the fair labor endorsement procured down in New York City from the so-called "International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union of North America," which is designed to counteract Mercer's course in his alliance with Baldwin and the railroad corporations and reputation of union labor in all its demands. Another enclosure is a circular address to the voters of South Omaha, throwing bouquets at himself for having made the existence of South Omaha possible and holding out promises of still further favors if only allowed to continue on the payroll.

All of these documents, with the exception of the speech on trusts, bear labels that show that they were printed in Omaha and, of course, could not possibly be classed as public documents entitled to the franking privilege. The penalty provided by the United States statutes for the illegal use of franked envelopes to cover private mail matter subject to letter postage is the fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the judge, but Mercer, of course, relies on his pull with the prosecutors and his official position to exempt him from prosecution.

Resented as a Cheap Graft. "This is the naivest thing Dave has done yet," declared a South Omaha republican who had just opened the envelope addressed to him. "Why all the money at his command, which the railroads and other corporations are putting up for him, I should think he would stoop to such a petty graft as this, but would pay his postage like anyone else. I was never inclined to believe the charge that he was a deadbeat and a deadbeat, but cheating Uncle Sam out of postage in this fashion is pretty close to the limit. Just think what it means. It means that Mercer has the free use of the postoffice and the means to send out thousands of circular letters and pictures and other campaign papers, while his opponent finds that avenue closed unless he puts up cash to pay the bill. It is the same thing as Mercer drawing on the national treasury for a campaign contribution, and not only that, but a contribution which all the rest of us have to put up for him in taxes, which we pay. I have read about congressmen using their franking privileges to send their laundry from Washington to Troy and back every week, and I can believe now that Dave might be among the number."

It turns out that this is not the first instance in which Mercer has been abusing the franking privilege in the present campaign. Before the primaries he imported from Washington several boxes of cartoons representing him as a public building Santa Claus, with human-headed dogs barking at his heels. A few samples were distributed to postmasters and close friends in franked envelopes. The intention was to send out the remainder of the supply to all the voters of the district and the envelopes are said to have been prepared for that purpose, but Mercer found that the cartoon had overhated the mark and the boxes containing the pictures are still unemptied in his warehouses.

TROUBLE WITH A POLICEMAN

In the Form of Law Suit for Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars Damages.

Jennie Kaufman informs the district court that it will cost John Brady just \$2,500 to put himself right with her and, as Brady hasn't been able to see it that way, she asks judgment against him. In her petition she relates that the defendant, a police officer, arrested her October 17 last and placed her in jail on a charge of doing a number of things and saying a number of things that were damaging and injurious to the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska and she claims that she is a piously inclined person as she is in the same block. She was released by Judge Berka, she states, as soon as she could get a hearing, but in the meantime had suffered acute mortification, great injury to her character and much mental anguish.

ONLY A POLITICAL SCHEME

Omaha Hebrew Club Calls Attention to "Fake" Meeting at Woodmen Hall.

We, the undersigned officers of the Omaha Hebrew club, hereby denounce as unwarranted and deceptive a meeting called at the Woodmen hall, Sixteenth and Capitol avenue, under the pretended name of the Omaha Hebrew Socialist club. There is no such club in existence as the Omaha Hebrew Socialist club. It is a fake and a fraud. The Omaha Hebrew club of which we are the officers is the recognized Hebrew association of the city of Omaha for social and charitable purposes. The meeting called at the Woodmen hall is nothing in our opinion but a political scheme. THE OMAHA HEBREW CLUB. M. BLANK, President. J. BECK, Trustee.

LITERARY BUREAU IS BUSY

It is Grinding Out Frantic Appeals for Mercer in Varied Languages. EFFORTS TO IMPOSE UPON FOREIGNERS. Specious Yarns Are Too Gaudy to Fool Any Intelligent Voter Into Supporting Nonresident Candidate.

The Mercer literary bureau is working overtime these days. Following his epistle to the Hebrews, which was noticed recently, he has sent a letter to the Swedes, published in the Swedish Journal this week. In this letter, which, being printed in the Swedish language, is for Swedish consumption exclusively, Mr. Mercer attempts to misrepresent the issue between himself and those who stand for honesty in politics. The letter in question has brought out an expression from a prominent Swede of the city, which is as follows:

OMAHA, Oct. 24.—To the Editor of The Bee: The claim of David H. Mercer for great friendship for the Swedes as published in the Swedish Journal, will be taken for what it is worth by those familiar with the facts in relation to the last county convention. Before that convention Mr. Mercer's present position was that he would not find room for a Swede on the ticket. The Swedes of the city of Omaha are ignorant enough to know the difference between an expression of friendship and a misrepresentation. The article in the Swedish Journal says that about 200 persons voted by affidavit in the last county convention. The fact is that about 200 persons have signed a list prepared from the books of the city clerk and from the certificates used in the election, more than 1,000 votes were cast, of which 100 were cast by the Swedes alone. When the Journal says that figures from Mr. Mercer's editor should verify them, so he will not appear in a foolish light. The people know that in addition to the fraud which has been shown that many of the votes were influenced by Mr. Mercer by the use of barrels of beer and devils of whiskey in various parts of the city. In the Journal it is stated that the fact against Mr. Mercer was waged by Mr. Rosewater, who had at his back the machinery of the state, of the city, of the bankers, while Mr. Mercer had nothing. The fact is that Mr. Mercer had nothing but the machinery of the county committee, the railroad corporations, the packing house combine and the national brewers' organization, with men who disregard the election laws all in line for him. The article in the Journal says that Mercer's victory was a victory of the people. The people are not the purchase of large numbers of votes and a victory for the people then the Journal is right, but anyone can see the order the existing conditions the free will of the people did not prevail.

It is time for the Swedes to take a stand. They are too good republicans, too good citizens, to have been influenced by them to be forced to swallow a dose of this kind. To the editor of the Journal I would say: Some of the Swedes of the city of Omaha, by the way, are of the opinion that all of the time, and this is one of the times when they do not intend to be fooled.

The epistle to the Germans prepared by the Mercer literary bureau is intended for circulation principally in the country precincts in the Second district. In this he attempts to belittle the exposures made of the illegal voting which has been shown in Omaha, by which he was nominated. He tells of the work he has done for the district, totally ignoring the work of other representatives of the state in either branch of congress, as he did to the Jewish voters and on the cards which he has had published in English.

There is a suspicious increase in the amount of grading work which is being carried on by the railroads of this congressional district at this time. It is currently reported that large numbers of persons have been brought into the district and that an attempt will be made to vote them at the coming election. The exposures of the fraud on the republican primaries has made the managers of the colonization scheme cautious in the city, and it is understood that they will attempt to vote a large number in the country precincts and in the smaller towns of the district, where registration is not required. At the same time attempts will be made to register a certain number in the different wards of Omaha and South Omaha.

Said a lawyer who is taking little part in politics this year: "The Bee is doing a great deal of good by its present exposures of the fraud upon the primaries. The people have become too careless in politics. Men would care to care of their own welfare in every other walk of life will make affidavit in political matters as to facts of which they know nothing. This has gone on so long that it has become a custom, but they will be more careful hereafter, even if no prosecutions follow the exposures. The men who have let their desire to aid a friend outrun their discretion are trembling for fear of the results which may follow, and it will be hard to get men to do the work next year that they have willingly done in the past."

GRANT GETS PAVING JOBS

Board of Public Works Lets Contracts for Mason and Dodge Streets.

The Board of Public Works opened bids yesterday and awarded contracts for paving Mason street from Twenty-eighth to Twenty-ninth and Dodge street from Twenty-seventh avenue to Twenty-ninth streets, and for curbing those streets, to John Grant, who was the lowest bidder on every material upon which a bid was submitted. The material to be used has not in the case of either street been designated by the property owners.

The bids were as follows for the Mason street paving contract: Charles E. Fanning, vitrified brick block, \$1.95 per square yard, fronting, 10 cents per square yard; W. P. Mumaugh, vitrified brick, \$1.91; John Grant, sheet asphalt, \$1.87; vitrified brick, \$1.85; vitrified brick block, \$1.82; fronting, 9 cents; the Barber Asphalt company, sheet asphalt, \$1.99.

For curbing Mason street, C. D. Woodworth, Colorado stone, 80 cents per lineal foot; Berka stone, 70 cents; artificial stone, 75 cents; John Grant, for artificial stone, 85 cents.

"Garland" Stoves and Ranges. Awarded first prize, Paris, 1900; Buffalo, 1901.

MAY LOOK NEBRASKA OVER

Delegates to the Christian Church Convention Now Have the Opportunity.

Excursion trips to various points over Nebraska have been arranged by the railroads for the benefit of the delegates who have been attending the Christian church convention and a large number of them are taking advantage of these concessions. In this way the roads expect to do some effective advertising which will result in bringing in settlers from among the eastern delegates.

A joint ticket agency has been in operation all during the convention, where tickets might be extended, and these offers, under the direction of Mr. Leonard of Chicago, will be continued in the Board of Trade building up to November 1 and the sale of the tickets will be placed in the hands of Chief Clerk Munn of the Elkhorn

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passenger department, who will conduct it until the last of that month. Today is the last day on which tickets may be extended.

COURT'S ORDER MUST STAND

City Authorities Will Not Try to Open Part of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

In making his report to the Advisory board upon the request of President Baldwin of the Prospect Hill Cemetery association for the adoption of rules governing the burial of the dead in the cemeteries of the city, Dr. Ralph, commissioner of health, will simply recommend that uniform rules be adopted requiring that graves shall be no less than six feet in depth, and that in filling in graves the earth shall be packed tightly and a crowning mound not less than five inches shall be left over each grave. The request of Judge Baldwin was that the board should, as is provided for in the charter and the statutes, adopt rules with respect to each individual cemetery as to its location and the character of the ground and surroundings, and it was understood that by the adoption of a certain ruling of the board, no prejudicial action in the court would be taken against the cemetery of Prospect Hill cemetery for burial purposes might be satisfied and overcome.

Upon investigation, however, Dr. Ralph has found that there is a certain strip of Prospect Hill cemetery, 137 feet in depth and running the entire length of the property on the Parker street line, in which it has been forbidden by permanent injunction of the court that bodies shall be buried. Speaking of the situation as he has found it, Dr. Ralph said: "I understood when this matter first came up that if sufficiently stringent rules should be adopted this ground in question might become available to the cemetery association for burial purposes and I was inclined to do all that I could to assist in the matter, but now that I have learned the exact state of affairs I do not see what I can do to help matters. There is nothing that I or the Advisory board could do to set aside or overrule an order of the court and, as I understand it, there is a permanent and unconditional injunction against the burial of bodies in that part of the property owned by the Prospect Hill association."

Prickly Ash Bitters cures disease of the kidneys, cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach and bowels.

FUNERAL OF SHERMAN YULE

Member of Company L, First Nebraska, Who Died in Philippines, to Be Buried Sunday.

On Sunday the remains of Lieutenant Surgeon Yule, formerly of Company L, First Nebraska Volunteer Infantry, who died while in the Philippines last year, will be buried with military honors in the company plot at Prospect Hill cemetery. In addition the National guard the local Grand Army posts will take part in the ceremonies.

Deceased was a graduate of the Omaha Medical college and it is desired that besides all former members of Company L, all the students and faculty of that college meet at "Hudson River" armory at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of their former comrade and college associate.

Ran a Ten-Penny Nail Through His Head.

While opening a box, J. C. Mount of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten-penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would cause me," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and occasionally afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness and the injured parts were soon healed."

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths were reported at the office of the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending at midnight Friday:

Births—Charles Swanson, 2800 Miami street, boy. Death—Unknown man, found at 4023 Redmond avenue, aged about 60 years.

STARTLED

By some sudden sound she drops the vase upon the floor. She is nervous and may be told that nervousness is a luxury which only a rich woman can afford to indulge in. Nervousness has cost many a woman her position. Sometimes when women run into nervousness they find the price of nervousness is mutilation—a finger lost or perhaps the whole hand crushed.

Nervousness in women is common but a symptom of a womanly disease. It is useless in such cases to "doctor" for the nerves alone. Cure the disease which attacks the delicate womanly organism and nervousness will be cured also.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well. It establishes regularity, dries congested drains, breaks inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It tranquilizes the nerves and induces refreshing sleep.

"In the fall of 1897, I was troubled with nervousness, headache, dizziness, and general weakness," writes Miss Blanch M. Bracy, of Sals, Oregon Co., N. Y. "Last summer I wrote you and you advised me to try your Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I did as you said and began to improve rapidly. Continued taking the medicine, half a dozen each day, until I was able to do my usual work. I had less than a year had regained my former health."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets clear the muddy complexion.

