

MAKES ONE BIG REDUCTION

Equalization Board Out \$120,000 Off New York Life Building Valuation.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS MUST APPEAR

Board Summons Certain Officers to Appear and Give Evidence on Value of Railroad Property in City of Omaha.

In the course of its session yesterday the Board of Equalization transacted several important matters of business, although the great portion of the day was given up to hearing and acting upon applications for small reductions of assessments. The aggregate assessment on the New York Life property, including the main building and the small annex on the east side and the real estate, was reduced from \$50,000 to \$30,000, and the tax commissioner was instructed to apportion the reduction with relation to the different parts of the property as may appear to him most equitable.

Henry F. Wyman appeared in support of an application of the New York Life insurance company, and argued at some length as to the relative value of that and other office buildings in the city which had not been so heavily assessed, and produced statements to show that the net income of the building for several years would not exceed a 5 per cent investment upon a valuation of \$50,000.

Reduction for Sorg Estate.

The application of the P. J. Sorg estate for a reduction of the assessment upon the Millard hotel property was referred to the tax commissioner, and on his recommendation the assessment was reduced from \$177,450 to \$149,000. These valuations include both land and building.

Application was made for a reduction of the assessment on the Withnell building from \$42,500 to \$35,000, and the matter was referred to the tax commissioner for a report as soon as possible.

On motion of Councilman Hascall the following resolution was adopted without discussion:

Resolved, That the city attorney without delay furnish this board with a written opinion as to the legality of ignoring the valuation of railroad property as made by the state board, as provided by law, and taking the valuation of same as made by the tax commissioner and Board of Review.

Mr. Hascall Gets Busy.

At the afternoon session Councilman Hascall made up for his absence on the previous day by occupying the floor almost continuously and in the course of the proceedings he took occasion to very positively proclaim his position on the question of railroad taxation by the city authorities. This subject was brought up by a motion from Mr. Lobeck providing that the board should summon certain officers of the different railroads to appear at a hearing of the railroad cases to be heard this morning. The officers named were James G. Taylor, auditor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road; S. G. Strickland, division superintendent of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; Edward Young, auditor, and John H. Barry, chief engineer of the Union Pacific road. Mr. Lobeck presented typewritten forms of summonses for each of these gentlemen notifying them of the information expected from them by the board. For instance, Mr. Taylor was requested to be prepared to inform the board as to the number of miles of the terminals of his road in Omaha, the gross earnings of the terminals for 1901 and 1902, and the cost of operating the terminals for the same years.

Lobeck's Motion Prevails.

Mr. Hascall objected to Mr. Lobeck's plan, first on the ground that the board would not need any information as to the value of railroad properties until it had first settled the question of its jurisdiction to tax the railroads. This objection did not appear to impress the other members, who thought it would be well to have witnesses at hand when the question of jurisdiction had been determined. This presupposed a different determination of that point from what Mr. Hascall desired and he entered upon argument of the question of jurisdiction, arguing that the city nor its officers have no right to assess the property of railroads otherwise than at the amounts fixed by the State Board of Equalization. At the close of his argument a vote was taken on Mr. Lobeck's motion to summon the railroad officers named and it carried by a vote of 3 to 2. Councilmen Lobeck, Trotter and Mount voting in the affirmative and Messrs. Hascall and Whitehorn in the negative.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road filed a formal protest against the jurisdiction of the city officers and the Boards of Review and Equalization to assess its property for taxation. This protest was similar to that filed by this company before the Board of Review and those already filed with this board by other railroad companies.

The assessment of the Dellone hotel property was reduced from \$20,000 to \$12,000 on the real estate and from \$60,000 to \$45,000 on the building.

Lots Under Water Now.

J. H. Dumont came before the board to call attention to a number of lots lying east of Riverview park which had been assessed on presumption of the same physical conditions as last year, but which have since that time been greatly changed by the action of the river. In fact, forty-four of the lots owned by W. E. Clark and others have been, as was shown by a recent plat of the city engineer's office, partly washed away. Each of the lots was considered separately by the board and the aggregate assessment on the forty-four lots was reduced from \$12,200 to \$218.

George D. Patterson, western manager of the Pacific Express company, appeared on behalf of that company in response to a citation to show cause why its assessment should not be raised from \$115,500 to \$5,500,000. Mr. Patterson presented before the Board of Equalization the same typewritten statement of the affairs of his company as he had before the Board of Review, and practically the same oral argument as he made to that body. The status of the company and its earnings in the

various states was fully discussed, but on motion of Mr. Zimman action was deferred until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to give an opportunity for the city attorney to come before the board with information as to the law in regard to the taxation of companies incorporated in this state.

Lady Wants Position.

A young lady with exceptional reference and ability wishes a position with good house as cashier or office employe. Moderate salary, if advancement is promised and position permanent. Address T 62, Bee office.

ELECT A. C. SMITH PRESIDENT

Directors of the Commercial Club Finally Select Wholesale Man.

The meeting of the Commercial club directors and executive committee yesterday afternoon was one of the best attended of any ever held by the organization. The meeting of the directors was short and resulted in the election of A. C. Smith of the M. E. Smith Dry Goods company as president.

The new executive committee organized by electing Robert S. Wilcox of Browning, King & Co. as chairman and John E. Utz as secretary and commissioner.

A committee consisting of C. H. Pickens, W. M. Glass, Fred Paffenbath, H. J. Penfold and John Steel was appointed to devise ways and means for increasing the power and scope of the club, with instructions to report at the regular meeting to be held Tuesday.

The club decided to take up the matter of a grain market for Omaha and was referred to the transportation committee, to be appointed with other standing committees next week. In the meantime the matter will be investigated by the secretary, who will make inquiry as to rates on grain to other places.

The restaurant question was referred to a special committee consisting of H. J. Penfold, John Steel and C. T. Kountze, and it is said by the new chairman that a complete revolution will be worked in this matter.

C. C. Belden resigned as a member of the committee and the vacancy was filled by the election of H. S. Weller.

The club decided to investigate the proposed electric line from Council Bluffs to Des Moines, projected by Lyman Waterman in connection with the Creston-Waterman line now under construction. An invitation to the members of the executive committee from the Woman's club to attend the lecture to be delivered by Mrs. H. D. Perky was accepted. It was decided that the annual dinner to club members will be given Tuesday evening, as previously planned. H. R. Penney and George R. Platner were elected to membership.

Triumphs of 1902.

Seldom, if ever, in any one year of the history of the world have so many important events of universal interest taken place. America, England, Germany and France have each participated. The president of the United States welcomed and entertained H. R. H. Prince Henry of Prussia at the White House; Edward VII was crowned king of England and emperor of India; the German emperor had his American built yacht Meteor christened; France had the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue, and all functions attending these celebrations. Most of Chandon's Champagne was used exclusively. This indeed is an unparalleled record, which is proof positive of the superiority and popularity of the renowned brand of Most & Chandon White Seal.

COURT TERM NEAR THE END

District Court Will Adjourn Friday or Saturday of This Week.

The October term of district court probably will be adjourned Friday and certainly Saturday. Judge Baxter has nothing ahead but some arrangements, unless the attorneys in the Halter-Police board mandamus case should conclude to accept his offer to go ahead with the trial of the case. Judge Read and Judge Schlaugh are through. Judges Dickinson and Day have only small matters. Judge Fayocet is still in Oregon and Judge Kestelle in Arkansas.

The February term, opening two weeks from Monday, has plenty of litigation in store, but none of a very sensational nature. On the civil docket are 1,296 cases, against 1,483 at a similar period last year, and 114 criminal against 358 last year.

Don't Worry.

This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used.

NEW ACQUAINTANCE IS COSTLY

Man from Wyoming Pays Hundred Dollars for One Night's Experience.

Max Randall arrived in the city Wednesday night from Moorcroft, Wyo., and as he alighted from a B. & M. train made the acquaintance of a person of gentlemanly demeanor, who said that he had also traveled from Wyoming. Together they took in the sights of the city, Randall paying most of the expenses of the tour. Yesterday he awoke in the lumber yards, with his trousers' leg split nearly to his hip and his pocket turned inside out. His friend of the evening before was missing, as was also \$100 of hard earned Wyoming cash which Randall had brought to Omaha with him. He reported his loss to the police.

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15c imitation French flannels, go as long as they last, at, yard 5c

20c cotton and linen damms, remnants, go at, yard 6c

One big counter of all kinds of gingham and tartans, in long remnants, worth up to 30c, go at, yard 8c

Good quality cotton and linen flannels, go at, yard 2c

All kinds of muslins, cambrics, long cloths, in long remnants, worth up to 15c, go at, yard 5c

One lot of drummer's samples of wool in-train carpets, worth up to 25c, go at, yard 25c

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hours, he relates, he suffered from the freezing temperature and the fumes from the stove, vainly trying to break down the door to get out, to save his life, he emptied the contents of the stove upon the floor that the smoke so created might pass out through the crevices and so attract attention. The method was successful, but highly injurious to his health, Arnold avers, as he is a delicate man and the gases he inhaled not only his lungs but his stomach.

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A Beautiful Calendar. The Milwaukee Railway has published an artistic calendar for 1903. Six sheets, 10x15 inches, of beautiful reproductions in colors of pastel drawings by Bryson. Price, 25 cents. On sale at City Ticket Office, 1504 Farnam street.

We desire to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and daughter.

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Announcements of the Theaters. "Are You a Mason" will be seen at the Boyd tonight and Saturday matinee and night. As a care-destroyer it is without a rival. The author in search of a story has gone into a new field for his subject, one hitherto untouched by modern playwrights. He has taken Masonry for his theme and built up a story on the despotic practices of a young and an old husband on their respective wives through the pretense that they have joined Masonic lodges, which they make use of to cover their absence from home. Each is ignorant of the other's deceits and so when they meet they invent unheard of signs and grips to convince everyone that each is the Simon-pure article of Masonry. The result is a convulsive play and continuous quantity of mirth-provoking fun.

Big Claim for Personal Injuries. In the district court Olaf Pearson has filed a petition for \$25,000 judgment against the Union Pacific Railroad company and John Ulrich, one of its engineers. His is a personal injury suit, and the plaintiff alleges that he lost the lower portion of his left leg some months ago at Sidney, Neb., when a train ran into his vehicle as he was driving over the tracks at a public crossing. He alleges negligence on the part of the company and carelessness on the part of the engineer, John Ulrich.

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