

WATCHING THE STATE BOARD

Meets for the Equalization of Taxes on Monday, May 4.

EX-GOVERNOR SAVAGE BACK IN LINCOLN

Asserts He Did Not Know He Was Wanted Until After Bartley Investigation Was All Over.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 30.—(Special.)—All eyes are now upon the State Board of Equalization. It meets here next Monday, May 4, and much is expected of it.

While the people look out in the last legislature in the matter of railroad taxation, the feeling shown there and the gallant fight made by some members of that body indicate clearly that reform in the matter of railroad taxation is in the air and that sooner or later it will come.

"Reform is coming," said one of these recently, "and the railroads may just as well get in line to pay their taxes. They have escaped for many years, but that is no indication that they will always escape. If the present board does not give some relief to the taxpayers, some other board will. I am in favor of electing the next legislature on this proposition, and I am in favor of sending to the legislature only people who will do their duty and tax all corporations and all people in proportion to the property they own, and I believe this will be done."

Savage Returns to Lincoln.

Serene in the knowledge that the Nebraska legislature had adjourned; calm in the knowledge that the Bartley investigating committee had been dissolved; ignorant (?) of the fact that search had been made for him; ignorant (?) of the fact that he was wanted here until it was too late for him to be of service; ignorant (?) of the great commotion his absence created.

"The first intimation I had that the Bartley investigating committee desired me to appear before it was when I saw a notice in a Lincoln paper that I could not be found," said the ex-governor this afternoon.

He was then asked if he had received the letters that had been sent by the committee demanding that he appear before it. "I received no such letter," he replied, "and I had no idea that I was wanted here. I made my headquarters at the Brooks hotel in Tacoma and if, as the Lincoln paper said, the letters had been sent to Chicago, for I was not at Seattle. I would gladly have appeared before that committee and told all that I know about anything connected with my official life, for I have nothing to conceal. I am not ashamed of anything that I have done and my acts are always open to the scrutiny of my legislative committee."

"I saw very few of the papers while away," continued Mr. Savage, "but some one I know not whom, sent me a marked copy of a Lincoln paper which said that I could not be located. I then wired to the paper my address."

What seems a very strange coincidence to the members of the investigating committee and to the people here, was the fact that the telegram from Governor Savage was received in Lincoln on the day that the committee returned his whitewash report.

It seems stranger still that Savage should know he was wanted here when every paper in the state and many out of it, commented on the fact that he could not be located. At the time the committee was appointed a summons was placed in the hands of the sergeant-at-arms of the house for Mr. Bartley, and a summons was mailed in a registered letter to Mr. Savage. The sergeant-at-arms for some reason the committee was never able to learn, allowed Bartley to escape the city before the summons could be served, and nothing could be learned of the Savage letter. The first intimation that was secured of Savage's whereabouts was when he sent the telegram which gave his location. That was received the day the committee reported. The governor will go to Sargent in a few days and assist his son in moving to Washington, where already one son has established himself. He will spend the summer here at Sargent, and in the state, and in the fall will make another trip to Seattle, where he has lumber interests. It is his intention in the course of time to remove there. He denied that he was interested in any Nebraska coal company.

Turn Down Own Precepts.

The members of the Nebraska State Medical society decided this morning that it was proper to follow what they taught and not what they practiced. All came about by the introduction of a motion that hereafter the entertainment committee dispense with all kinds of liquors at social functions. Very quietly and without any discussion the doctors voted down the motion by a vote of 17 to 11. The resolution had been previously urged by those doctors who believed that inasmuch as they all taught the bad effects of alcohol they should themselves refrain from its exhilarating effects. Omaha will be the next meeting place. The following officers were elected:

Dr. B. F. Grummer of Omaha, president; Dr. G. W. Smith of York and Dr. P. E. Plum of Gothenburg, vice presidents. Dr. A. D. Wilkinson of Lincoln was re-elected secretary again, and Dr. H. Winnett Orr was re-elected corresponding secretary. Dr. J. L. Greene of the asylum was elected treasurer. The councilors named were: First district, Dr. R. E. Davis of Omaha; second district, Dr. A. R. Mitchell of Lincoln; third district, Dr. J. W. Bullard of Pawnee City, and fourth district, Dr. T. M. of Battle Creek. The following councilors will serve one year longer: Fifth, Dr. McDonald of Fremont; Sixth, Dr. Shaw of Osceola; seventh, Dr. Fritchett of Fairbury; eighth, Dr. Lewis of Valentine. The councilors who will serve two years longer are: Ninth, Dr. Mullins of Broken Bow; Tenth, Dr. Shields of Holdrege; Eleventh, Dr. Andrews of Eustis, and Twelfth, Dr. Moore of Alliance.

The salary of Dr. Wilkinson, secretary, was raised \$50 for the last year and \$50 for this year.

The "dry" resolution that created the discussion was introduced by Dr. J. W. Bullard of Pawnee City and it was as follows: "Believing that the medical profession in Nebraska in particular should be foremost in the promotion of morality, sobriety and the well-being of the people in general, and by both practice and precept do all in its power to prevent the use of intoxicating liquors, Resolved, That the Nebraska State Medical association, that it recommend the future entertainment committee that hereafter wine, champagne, beer and all other intoxicating liquors be excluded from the social functions of this association."

Litigation Over Estate.

A case of much interest to be tried in the supreme court at its next session is that of Frank H. Parker against Lewis C. Parker, Mand Lord Parker and three or four trustees and administrators of Gage county. It is a case in which Frank H. Parker will attempt to secure that portion of the estate of his father and mother which he believes is rightfully his.

Anyhow, along in 1893 the father of the boys died and Frank was summoned home to see him breathe his last. Frank was a busy man, and having implicit faith in his brother, Lewis, returned to California without investigating the estate, trusting Lewis to settle everything satisfactorily.

The boys took the will of the mother, placed it in an envelope, sealed it and deposited it in the bank at Beatrice, where it was to remain except on a joint order from both. Now come Lewis and secure from Frank a deed to his half of the home estate in order to settle up some of the debts of the estate. This made Frank do a decision in favor of the heirs to the Ferguson estate as against the claims of an adopted son who seeks to recover a share. The young man, it is alleged, received his share of the estate at the hands of the deceased several years before the death of the father, but when the will came up for bearing in the probate court objections were filed, but the judge sustained the will. The case was appealed to the upper courts and the only last week was the administrator, E. W. Elwell of Sargent, notified Mr. Elwell of a decision in favor of the appellant. The sixty days allowed for appeal have not elapsed, so it is not known yet whether the case is finally settled. The amount involved is a 160-acre farm near this city, and in case the young man loses the farm goes to the widow, now Mrs. Lyman Whitcomb of this city.

Recovers on Insurance Policy.

F. H. Wallace recovered a judgment in the district court yesterday against the Royal Neighbors of America for \$1,000 on a beneficiary certificate issued to his wife, Ada Wallace, and payable to him. Mrs. Wallace died five years ago and payment was resisted on account of alleged fraud. This is the second time the case has been before the district court. The case of Alex. Thoms against Dodge county, in which the supreme court reversed a decision in favor of the defendant has been settled. Plaintiff sued the county for \$1,000 damages growing out of the construction of the cut-off ditch. The county pays all costs and \$280 damages.

Celebrate Silver Wedding.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. John Ackerman, prosperous German residents of Haverly, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary Tuesday, the affair being attended by about 300 guests. The ceremony was performed at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Mr. Reints, after which a splendid dinner was served. The festivities continued throughout the entire day and evening and Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman were made the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents from their friends.

Beatrice Druggists Get Permits.

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THE BENNETT CO

Here are real snappy bargains for heralding the merry month! The keen value-lover will watch the Bennett May sales. Here's a rousing starter.

Great May Sales on Main Floor Shoes, Shoes

Drapery Cloth on Sale in Domestic Dept. 27-inch fancy cretonnes, a beautiful line of colors and patterns for draperies, box and couch covers, worth 10c yard, at 7c

Graduating Dresses. Fine imported French lawn, sheer and pretty quality, 48 inches wide, just the thing for graduating and party dresses, worth 40c yard, at 22c

Pillow Case Muslin. Peppert and Aurora brands, 42-inch bleached pillow case muslins, on sale in Domestic Dept., yard 10c

Curtain Swisses. 36-inch wide curtain swisses, a large assortment of pretty patterns, in all white and white ground with fancy colored patterns, worth up to 35c yard, on sale in Domestic Dept., at 12 1/2c

Silkolines on sale Dress Goods Aisle Bargain Circle. 36-inch fancy silkolines, a large assortment of pretty patterns, in short lengths, the 10c to 15c quality, special sale Friday, at 5c

Table Padding. Double fleeced, 52 inches wide, worth 35c, at 19c

11-4 large size white crochet bed spreads, fringed on all sides, free from starch or filling, worth \$1.50, Friday only, at 98c

Muslin on sale in Dress Goods Aisle Bargain Circle. 36-inch heavy unbleached muslin, short lengths of the best grades made, worth 8 1/2c yard, at 4c

9-4 unbleached sheeting, made of long thread, round cotton, 17c goods, at 14c

HUCK TOWELS ON SALE in DRESS GOODS AISLE BARGAIN CIRCLE—19x38 bleached huck towels, colored borders, worth 12 1/2c, at each 7c

Grocery. Creamery butter—pound 22c

Another generous offer—on Friday we place on sale several thousand pounds of the famous Bennett's Capitol Creamery—pound 22c

22c, 22c, 22c

Candy Dept. Tasty sale—pound 10c

10c lb. 10c lb

Friday Crockery Snaps

Big Array of Teas and Plates at Big Reductions

Set of 6 Teas—white granite, 35c each

Set of 6 Teas, flow blue, 40c each

Set of 6 Teas, decorated, 25c each

Dinner Plates, decorated, 7c each

Dinner Plates, flow blue, 10c each

Decorated Fruit Plates, 4c each

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Shoes, Shoes

From 9 to 11 Friday

More Infants' Moccasins and soft sole shoes—at 5c

From 2 to 4 Friday

Misses' and children's beautiful red kid bow sandals—worth \$1.25—for 65c

From 3 to 5

The best values in men's shoes ever offered in Omaha—velour, vicl, enamel calf and box calf lace—worth from \$2.50, Friday, from 3 to 5, 1.69

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One hour from 3 to 4 p. m.

We will sell 1-8 carat genuine Mexican opal, in heavy rolled plate scarf pin mounting—for, each 15c

One to a customer.

On display in center window, main entrance.

Ayer's Hair Vigor advertisement featuring an illustration of a man's face and text describing the product's benefits for hair growth and dandruff.

Large advertisement for Bennett's grocery and hardware department, listing various products like teas, plates, and furniture, along with promotional text and prices.