

DOUGLAS WANTS LOW LEVY

Omaha Men Make Argument Before the State Board of Equalization.

DO NOT APPEAR TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION

Franchisees in the State Are Not Valued as Much by Assessors, Some Being Put in as Low as Three Dollars.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 22.—(Special.)—Douglas county wants the State Board of Equalization to make the levy for that county 4 1/2 mills and to that end W. G. Ure, John P. Breen, W. G. Shriver, D. V. Sholes, F. H. Myers and Thomas B. Boyd were before the board this afternoon with their arguments.

From remarks of the board members it is probable that Douglas county will get some little reduction, but not the 4 1/2 mills. Mr. Breen acted as spokesman for the party and made comparisons of the assessed valuation of horses, cattle, lands and merchandise, in ninety counties of the state, said Mr. Breen, horses were assessed on an average at \$7.00 and cattle at \$4.12. In Douglas county cattle were assessed at \$4.47 and horses at \$11.12. The speaker was here interrupted by Treasurer Mortensen, who said that Douglas county had fine horses and cattle, the latter of the fancy breed, and he wanted to know if they should not be assessed at a higher rate. This brought on considerable discussion between the board member and Mr. Breen as to fanners, fancy cattle and draft horses.

with the result that neither was convinced that the other's argument was correct. In thirty-four of the best counties of the state Mr. Breen said the average assessed value per acre of land was \$1.14. In Douglas county, outside of the cities, the land was assessed at \$1.79 an acre. He then gave the real estate based on sales of several of the different counties. This table showed that land in Burr county was worth \$55, Butler \$50, Cass, \$55, Richardson \$50, Fillmore \$45, Gage \$45 and Polk \$45. Land in Sarpy county was assessed at \$2.28, Cass \$2, Otoe \$2.11, Richardson \$2.54, Washington \$2.38, Burr \$2.30. In Douglas county Mr. Breen held that land outside of the cities was worth not more than \$2.00 to \$2.00 an acre. Members of the board, however, thought that land near Omaha where trains run out of the city every few minutes and where shipments could be made and where all the advantages in the world were to be found should be assessed higher than other lands even though the other land from an agricultural standpoint was just as good.

Then Mr. Breen took up the matter of the merchandise, he said just to show that the Douglas county assessors had done their work well and had not overlooked much property. The merchandise in Omaha he had been assessed at \$1,223,495, and the census showed the population of Omaha to be 152,990. In twelve counties he said, with a population of 224,777, the merchandise had been assessed at \$1,250,000. This led to another discussion in which the board members thought that as Omaha was a wholesale town it should return considerable more merchandise than all the other cities of the state combined.

During his remarks Mr. Breen called the attention of the board to the fact that the tendency had been to assess everything in Douglas county at a higher rate than in any other part of the state, and he asked the board to give the people of Douglas county relief. The returns from Douglas county show that cattle were assessed at \$10.21; horses at \$11.12; mills, \$5.45; land, \$1.14. A total of 157 lots were reported more than were returned last year and the total valuation was decreased \$106,513. Land showed a decrease of 27 cents an acre from last year. Ten thousand two hundred and ninety-five horses were returned at a value of \$114,000. Custer county returned 25,000 horses at a valuation of \$110,000. The total number of horses returned were 629,983 at an average of \$7.74. The total number of cattle were 2,312,605 at \$4.46 and 29,940 at \$9.40.

Franchise Valued at Little. The returns of the county clerks show that franchisees in Nebraska for taxation purposes are of very little value. The assessors found that franchisees were worth from \$1 to \$2,100 and that is about all. For the entire state the taxable value of the franchise amounts to \$44,817. In this grand total of thirty-six companies which returned franchise Douglas county has eight. The average value of the Douglas county franchisees is \$1,072.94. In view of the fact that the Omaha Street Railway company franchise is said to be worth at least \$400,000 or \$500,000 it has created some talk as to how the county authorities arrived at the value returned. What the board will do in the matter is not known.

The average value of the billiard tables is \$15.04, and there are 202 tables in the state. Of the wagons, carriages, buggies and vehicles listed there are 215,465, the average value of which is \$14.46. The watches are numbered at 73,998, worth \$1.90 each. The returns show that in the state are 17,465 pianos, valued at \$13.73 each.

Summer School Ends.

The summer session of the university ends Friday and most of the instructors will leave the city for a short vacation before school begins again in September. The attendance at the short summer term has been very small, only about 150 being registered, but the work has been very satisfactory. There are several reasons why the attendance has been so light, principal among these being the Boston convention and the junior normal schools throughout the state. Wesleyan university has also run a summer term for the first time this year and there was a big meeting of the county superintendents in Omaha, which served to keep many away. The last lecture of the course was given by Prof. Jackson this morning on "Nature Study."

Tomorrow night the annual gymnasium exhibit will be given in memorial hall, in which all the students who have been taking physical training will participate. There are nearly a hundred pupils who will take part in the exhibition. The program includes free hand drills, apparatus work, jumping and horizontal bar contests for the boys and marching, dumbbell drills and Swedish dances for the girls. Admission is free and a large crowd is expected to come out.

Mass for the Pope.

Right Rev. Thomas Bonacum, bishop of the Lincoln diocese of the Catholic church, through his secretary, Father Agius, has sent out at circular letters to the fifty-nine priests under his jurisdiction asking them to announce to their congregations the Sunday following the receipt of the letter that a day will be set apart for the holding of solemn high mass for the repose of the soul of the late illustrious pope, Leo XIII. The time for holding the services is left to the discretion of the rector of the parish. The bishop has also requested that the church buildings be draped in mourning and that a special prayer be said during the regular services; that the college of cardinals may be clothed with great wisdom in making a choice of a future ruler of the church. On Sunday Bishop Bonacum will announce the time for the holding of the pontifical mass for the soul of the late pope. At the coming services indicated it is expected each priest will speak words of eulogy in memory of the dead pontiff.

Game Warden Displeased.

Deputy Game Warden McConnell of Albin is very much put out at the action of M. B. Slocum, justice of the peace. Mr. McConnell had had his eagle eye trained on Crystal lake for many days, and recently he swooped down and arrested George Smith, B. B. Banks and John Peck, all of whom were fishing and hunting without a license. Now the license costs \$10 each. The men were hauled before Justice Slocum and Mr. McConnell proceeded back to the lake to make some more arrests. When he got back to town he found that the station to advise them about pulling potatoes off the vines and that of tired feeling that comes over farm hands about sundown, the boys went ahead. They are graduates of eastern colleges and were

Girl on Road to Recovery.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The condition of Miss Gertrude Kuntz, the young woman who shot herself Monday evening, continues to improve and her chances for recovery are now considered good. The bullet which she fired into her breast passed entirely through the body and lodged in the wall.

BENNETT'S "When the Circus Comes to Town" BENNETT'S

CLOTHING

\$10 The Greatest Men's Suits Bargains Ever Offered in Omaha \$10

\$10 On Sale Circus Day \$10

OUR MR. VOLLMER—AT PRESENT IN NEW YORK—HAS SECURED FOR US THE ENTIRE STOCK OF ONE OF THE BEST CLOTHING HOUSES IN THE METROPOLIS. THESE GOODS HAVE JUST BEEN UNPACKED AND WE OFFER FOR CIRCUS DAY SUITS THAT WERE MADE AND MEANT TO SELL AT \$15 AND \$20

\$10 WE OFFER THEM AT \$10

BOYS' WASH SUITS AT HALF PRICE BOYS' WASH SUITS

Twenty Dollar Panamas for \$7.50 Twenty-Five to Thirty-Five Dollar Panamas \$10.00

\$1.00 and \$1.50 Straw Hats, 50c

Circus Day Sale of Hardware

CIRCUS DAY SALE OF CROCKERY. An extra good quality Mop Stick 8c Extra heavy two-quart Water Dipper 13c Good 10-quart Galvanized Water Pail 19c Good 12-quart Galvanized Water Pail 22c Good 14-quart Galvanized Water Pail 24c Six-hole Square Steel Range—with closet 26.50

A Circus Day Special—a Razor that sells for \$2.25—Thursday .49

Call and See Them.

THURSDAY YOU KNOW! OMAHA'S BIGGEST AND BEST STORE FOR TRADING AT—WILL BE A HUGE ARENA OF BARGAINS—STRANGERS, PERFORMERS AND VISITORS ARE OFFERED THE GLAD HAND AT BENNETT'S WHETHER THEY TRADE OR NOT.

HERE ARE SOME MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP MAKE CIRCUS DAY A GREAT EVENT FOR OMAHA.

A word to you, Mr. Editor, and everybody else—"The Best Bargains in the Paper" are contained within the limits of Bennett's ad.

Sacrificing Profits is the Key-note in Our Dry Goods Dept.

INFANT'S AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES

Ages 6 months to 3 years, all styles, all colors, no reserve—at half off the marked prices.

WOMEN'S COLORED DRESSING SACQUES—that were sold at 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75—all at 49c

WOMEN'S WHITE DRESSING SACQUES—all reduced to about cost.

BOYS' BLOUSE AND SHIRT WAISTS—every style and color and quality above 25c at one half off the marked prices.

WOMEN'S WASH SUITS.

Every suit in the store is reduced, some to one-quarter off the original prices. Come and look them over. You will find a bargain that will just fit your want.

HOUSE WRAPPERS.

Fine percale that will not fade—worth 98c—at 49c

HOUSE WRAPPERS.

A lot of fine summer wrappers, in lawns, dimity and madras, everyone of them cut to less than the manufacturer's cost.

REMNANT SALES.

Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, of remnants of wash dress goods, will be continued Thursday.

PARASOLS.

Our stock of ladies', misses' and children's parasols, is still well assorted. We want every one sold by August 1. Blue letter sale at less than cost is now on.

WOMEN'S WAISTS.

Fine India linen, plain and embroidered lawns, mercerized cloth, natural linen color and black satens, waists worth \$1.25 to \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.45—all at 89c

WHITE BED SPREADS.

Full eleven quarter size, splendid Marseilles pattern, worth \$1.25, on sale Thursday morning at 89c

A GOOD HANDKERCHIEF FOR A PENNY—One hour sale—100 dozen Thursday at 9 a. m.—fine cambric handkerchiefs worth 5c and 10c—at 1c

Stationery for Circus Day

CREPE PAPER—Large assortment of bright colors—full size roll—special for Circus Day—per roll 7c

PAPER NAPKINS—With extra fancy design borders—regular value 10c a dozen—special for Circus Day—per dozen 5c

FANCY NOTE PAPER—With envelopes to match—in colors or white—special for Circus Day—per box 19c

CIRCUS DAY SALE OF SHOES

One hundred pair of (A. M. Legg & Co.) Julia Marlowe Gore Front Oxfords—worth \$3.00—for 1.50

Eighty pair ladies' beautiful Colonial Cuban heel Slippers—worth two dollars and a half—for 98c

Three hundred pair men's Goodyear welt Russian Coltskin Lace Shoes—worth three dollars—for 1.48

Circus Day Sale of Furniture

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THURSDAY ONLY

24-inch top golden Parlor Table—with glass ball brass claw feet—would sell regularly at two dollars and a half—special for Thursday only 1.39

SPECIAL SALE 25 PATTERNS DINING CHAIRS

Broken lots—up to six of a pattern—all go at one-third less than regular—pretty diners at \$1.50, \$1.50, \$1.40, \$1.25, \$1.10 and 1.00

CORNER CHAIRS—Large new lot just received—these pretty pieces come in mahogany and very special—each 2.98

LADIES' SEWING ROCKERS—Big assortment new patterns—in wood and cane seats—plain and carved back—special prices at \$1.50, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.25 1.20

ROCKER SPECIAL—Large Comfort Rocker—wood seat—high back—roll bent arms—mahogany finish—bought to sell at \$2.85—on special sale—a limited lot—each 1.98

MATTRESSES—We want everybody to see our Mattresses and get up from 2.48

Our Special #100 Elastic Cotton Felt Mattress—made up in fancy art ticking—a mattress that is selling around the country at \$12.50—our special price—in fancy ticking only 8.65

CARPETS—OIL CLOTH—5c and 9c quality—special 14c BRUSSELS SAMPLES—1 1/2 yards long—suitable for rugs—each 69c

PERFUMES Sale for Thursday

You will not find a finer equipped and more charming stock of Perfumes and Toilet requisites in Omaha than you'll find at Bennett's. Every item is guaranteed genuine, fresh and up-to-date—prices are a Challenge.

Colgate's La France Rose, per ounce 25c

Colgate's Pansy Blossom, per ounce 25c

Eastman's Crushed Rose, per ounce 40c

Eastman's Verona Violette, per ounce 48c

Violet (Vee-o-lay) amber royal, per ounce 75c

Violet (Vee-o-lay) royal lil, per ounce 75c

Floral's White Violet, per ounce 75c

Florida Water, 4-oz. bottle 15c

Lilas De Perse Toilet Water, per ounce 50c

June Rose Toilet Water, per bottle 50c

M. & L. Florida Water, large size 55c

Woodland Violet Witchazel, pint bottle 24c

Talcum Powders, Face Powders, etc., etc., found in Drug Dept.

WE SELL RE-NO-MAY PREPARATIONS

A FULL LINE OF SUIT CASES, BAGS AND TRUNKS AT LESS THAN YOU PAY ELSEWHERE.

Fair at Wymore in August.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The officers, directors and members of the Wymore County Society of Agriculture met in this city yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to hold a county fair and race meeting at Wymore August 25 to 28. There was a good attendance at the meeting from different parts of the county. The citizens of Wymore guaranteed \$1,000 in premiums and \$2,500 in purses. A splendid schedule of races has been adopted and entries will close after August 15. The board of managers elected at the meeting comprises the following gentlemen, who are residents of Wymore: Hector Murray, J. R. Dodge, J. T. Stevens, J. A. McGuire, Lake Briental, M. S. McGowan, Julius Neumann, George Harris, A. D. McCandless, Frank Acton, Henry Gamba.

Contract for Steel Bridge.

ORD, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the county board of supervisors of Valley county the contract was let for the construction of an all steel two-span bridge across the North Loop river at this point. The contract was let to the Canton Bridge company and the contract price is \$10,000. The river at this point is at present spanned by a wooden structure, but it is in bad condition and the putting in of a new bridge has been under contemplation for several years. The county finances are in good condition at the present time to undertake its construction. Work will commence at once and it is hoped will be finished before winter.

The biggest show that ever played a summer resort at Courtland Beach.

Beatrice Young Woman to Travel.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel Firoved, a talented young pianist of this city has signed a contract to travel with Mrs. Bass Gearhart Morrison, the circuit rider who has given several delightful entertainments here during the present Chauntauque season.

The Floyd Briggs Stock company at Manawa every night. The coolest theater in the west.

RAINS HAMPER THE RACERS

Forenoon Program of the Firemen Postponed on that Account.

AFTERNOON WITNESSES GOOD SPORT

Al Marks of Stanton Breaks the State Record in a Coupling Contest—Seward and Fremont Tie in Hose Race.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The second day of the tournament of Nebraska's fire fighters was ushered in beneath a gloomy looking sky, which dropped discouraging rainwater for three straight hours. As a result nothing of the program could be carried out during the forenoon, the water fight and wet hose race being postponed.

During the storm the city's guests lounged about in the hotel corridors, talking over the events of yesterday, gossiping upon the outlook for champions and feigning reminiscence of other meets, for amusement.

Until midnight last night the streets were jammed with a jovial crowd that surged back and forth and threw confetti into each other's faces. Three big dances prospered, the midway attractions ran hard and there was a merry lot withal.

Every hotel in the city is crowded and overflowing, hundreds of extra cots are taken, and even with that men were forced to sleep out upon the streets.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hibdon was severely hurt on a merry-go-round at the corner of Fifth street and Norfolk avenue last night. In catching on the machine he was swung between the edge and cable so that his arm and leg were bruised. His clothing was torn.

Fast Work at Coupling.

Though the track was still a bit soft from the morning's rain it was surprisingly improved for the start at 2 o'clock. A crowd even larger than that of yesterday filled the amphitheater. The air was cool for the runners and fast work resulted. The best feature of the afternoon's card was the coupling contest for the state

championship. In a wonderfully clever series at this work Al Marks of Stanton beat the best record ever made in Nebraska. He made the fifty-foot run and coupling three times in 8:12, which lowers the record three-fifths of a second. When he had finished a lusty cheer went up from the crowd and Al was carried off the field upon his comrades' shoulders. Others entered were from York, Seward, Ord and Fremont.

In the regulation hose race, 30 yards, class A, Seward and Fremont tied for first money, time 6:34. Both teams made beautiful runs. York made an excellent run, but missed the coupling for the first time in years. The hose was not laid just right, Kearney made a good run, but was slow coupling. It got third money. Stanton missed the coupling.

In the regulation hose race, class B, Clark won first in 6:47; Fender second, time 6:54; Holdrege and Humboldt both missed coupling.

In the regulation hook and ladder race, 150 yards, class A, Grand Island, in a superb run, took first money, time 4:10. Albion took second, one man being dragged for a long way. In class B, hook and ladder, Pierce, which just entered today, took first money, time 6.

In the second heat of the handicap foot race the following qualified: Hainer of York, Benish of Norfolk, Caulfield of Kearney and Sharp of Stanton. They will run Thursday.

There was considerable betting on today's races. Judges were Shick and Smith. Timekeepers were Hilsbeck of Holdrege, Vall of Norfolk and Thomas of Nebraska City.

Harrison's band from Grand Island furnished music between heats.

As to the championship race Thursday there is much speculation. Fremont claims to have it clinched. York is determined to win. Seward has one of the fastest teams though it is light. They are plucky, however, and will run hard. Stanton backers are placing their all on Kearney claims a prospect. Many more are expected on noon trains for this event.

Chauntauque Attendance Increases.

DAVID CITY, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The attendance at the Chauntauque Tuesday was much larger than on Monday. In addition to the excellent program, consisting of the most talented orators and entertainers on the American platform, the cool breeze as it came off the lake into

the large auditorium was an incentive for hundreds to temporarily forsake the home, the office and the store and go to the park.

TAKES DEFEAT WITH BAD GRACE

One Party Not Satisfied with the Result of Many Years' Litigation.

FREMONT, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—C. F. Shallenberger and his son, Jake, living four miles from Scribner, were arrested on a complaint filed by Bernard Monnich, of Scribner, on the charge of willfully and maliciously burning some hay belonging to Monnich & Von Seggeren. They waived preliminary examination and gave bail for their appearance at the next term of the district court. As soon as they were released Jake was again arrested on a peace warrant, charging him with threatening to shoot Monnich.

The trouble grows out of the old case of Shallenberger vs. Kroeger, which after having been in the district or supreme courts in some form or other for twenty-seven years was decided recently by Judge Grimsion in favor of the defendants and making the injunction restraining Mrs. Shallenberger from interfering with the land permanent. The defendants seem to have taken the law into their own hands, and according to their own admissions, burned the hay. Jake also admitted he had threatened to shoot any one coming on the land, and in fact from all accounts had prepared to retain possession by as much force as was necessary. A night in jail took a good deal of the sand out of him and he agreed to keep off the land and gave a bond with a Fremont man as surety to keep the peace. When the case was first started twenty-seven years ago the land, which lays along the Elkhorn river, was of little value, and after the first trial in the supreme court in 1883 the case stood on the docket of the district court for six or seven years without being called up for trial. The litigation has cost both sides far more than the land is now worth and no less than fourteen different attorneys have at times been employed on it.

Captain Roddy Resigns.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Captain Thomas T. Roddy's resignation

as captain of Company C has been accepted and his successor will be elected in a short time, though the date of the election has not yet been announced.

Fair at Wymore in August.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The officers, directors and members of the Wymore County Society of Agriculture met in this city yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to hold a county fair and race meeting at Wymore August 25 to 28. There was a good attendance at the meeting from different parts of the county. The citizens of Wymore guaranteed \$1,000 in premiums and \$2,500 in purses. A splendid schedule of races has been adopted and entries will close after August 15. The board of managers elected at the meeting comprises the following gentlemen, who are residents of Wymore: Hector Murray, J. R. Dodge, J. T. Stevens, J. A. McGuire, Lake Briental, M. S. McGowan, Julius Neumann, George Harris, A. D. McCandless, Frank Acton, Henry Gamba.

Contract for Steel Bridge.

ORD, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the county board of supervisors of Valley county the contract was let for the construction of an all steel two-span bridge across the North Loop river at this point. The contract was let to the Canton Bridge company and the contract price is \$10,000. The river at this point is at present spanned by a wooden structure, but it is in bad condition and the putting in of a new bridge has been under contemplation for several years. The county finances are in good condition at the present time to undertake its construction. Work will commence at once and it is hoped will be finished before winter.

The biggest show that ever played a summer resort at Courtland Beach.

Beatrice Young Woman to Travel.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel Firoved, a talented young pianist of this city has signed a contract to travel with Mrs. Bass Gearhart Morrison, the circuit rider who has given several delightful entertainments here during the present Chauntauque season.

The Floyd Briggs Stock company at Manawa every night. The coolest theater in the west.

Ayer's Hair Vigor. Only 35¢. You look at least 30! Restore color to your gray hair. Keep young. Why not? No need growing old so fast. No excuse now that you know how Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color.