

VALUATION ON RAILROADS

Two Hundred Fifty Million Looks About Right to State Board.

ONE MORE CHANCE GIVEN FOR ARGUMENT

Commencement Exercises at the State University—Increase in Number of Inmates at the Penitentiary.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 8.—(Special.)—Tomorrow will occur the last grand debate on the position of railroad assessment, but just what will be here, if anyone, the board has not yet determined. Today the members have been busy trying to get together on a tentative assessment, so that this could be the basis of the argument, but up to a late hour the agreement had not been reached, so the subject for debate will be the justice and the injustice of taking the value of the stocks and bonds as a basis upon which to find the value of the various railroad systems.

At 6 o'clock it was stated by one member of the board that while several estimates had been made for the total valuation for assessment purposes, the difference was comparatively small, all hovering around the \$50,000,000 mark, that to be the sum of the assessment, making a valuation of \$50,000,000. This sum was not reached by taking the stocks and bonds valuation as the only basis and neither was it found by capitalizing the net earnings, but, as one member said, by taking everything into consideration.

At 7 o'clock the board will not be in session, as Governor Mickey expects to be in Omaha to assist in the semi-centennial celebration, consequently the board when it adjourns tomorrow will meet no more until Saturday, at which time Mr. Crandon of the Northwestern makes another shake at it. In the meantime the assistant secretary is figuring up the value of the roads on the stocks and bonds basis.

Commencement Exercises. The features of the university commencement today was the address by Prof. Jesse H. Holmes of Philadelphia and the annual picnic given at the state farm and participated in by about 400 students. Prof. Holmes spoke on "Prophecy and Prophecy," and, being an old university man, he gave a royal reception. His talk was a plea for the individual man and the opportunity to work out his own existence without the interference of laws that would tend to oppress the growth of personality.

Old Couple Weds. Of Lincoln's eight weddings in high life today Omaha and Crete furnished the material for one that probably attracted more attention than all the others. The groom gave his name as William Kirk of Omaha and has lived in Crete since the day of his birth. The bride, Mrs. Laura D. Wayman, modestly laid claim to 70 years. Both were young for their ages and both had past the age of matrimony, though the bride admitted that she had had a hundred chances to wed during the thirty-three years of her spinsterhood. They were married by Judge Waters.

Prison Association Meeting. The board of directors of the Nebraska State Prison association met at the Lindell hotel in quarterly session last night and discussed the work done by the order and received words of encouragement from a number of interested outsiders. The report of the committee on visitation, which was looked forward to with much interest, was deferred until next Monday afternoon, at which time the committee will meet with Mayor George Adams and formulate the report. It was the consensus of opinion that the guards and others employed in county jails and the penitentiary should be careful, religious men, to the end that they would exert a good influence on the prisoners instead of exerting the opposite. The report of Treasurer Davison showed that \$19 had been taken in by the association and \$66 spent. Rev. M. A. Bullock was chosen chairman of the visiting committee and N. S. Haynes vice chairman. C. H. Gere, vice president, presided at the meeting.

Nebraska will be well represented at the National Conference of Charities and Correction to be held in Portland, Me., next week. Among those who have signified their intention to attend are: Secretary Davis and Mrs. Davis of the Prison association; A. W. Clark of Omaha, Joseph Reising of West Point, A. J. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of Beatrice; Rev. Helmer of Lincoln; W. Connolly, and the police matron of Omaha. Most of these will leave Sunday night.

Increase in Prisoners. The semi-annual report of Warden Beemer filed with Governor Mickey today, shows that during the last six months convictions have been greatly on the increase. The average number of inmates for that period of time being 293. But the bulk of the convictions were made in the month of May, as the average number of inmates during that time was 312, the highest average for the six months. During the six months there has been received at the state prison 29 convicts; four were returned from parole, one recommitted by the supreme court and three returned after escaping, making a total, with the 271 in the penitentiary last December, of 299. There has been forty-six discharged, one pardoned, one commutation, three recommended by the supreme court, one paroled and one transferred to the asylum.

Omaha Promoter Changes Mind About Wanting Sarp County Franchise. WASHINGTON, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—At the monthly meeting of the county board here today Lyman Waterman, general manager of the proposed Omaha & Papillon electric line, asked to withdraw his petition filed with the board, wherein he sought to gain permission to use a portion of the public highway between Papillon and Sarp Mills. He asked this owing to his inability to secure from the farmers the necessary right-of-way through their farms.

A few weeks ago the county board expressed themselves willing to grant this franchise, but in their answer a stipulation whereby the company should begin construction work within thirty days of the date the franchise was granted. Mr. Waterman stated that it was impossible for the company to commence work within the thirty days and hence the withdrawal of the petition. Representatives of the company are now negotiating with the farmers to purchase the right-of-way through the farms which, it is said, will give the line a more direct route. According to present outlook work will commence within three weeks.

Masons Dedicate Hall. ASHLAND, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—Monday, June 6, was a red letter day for the Masonic fraternity in Ashland, the occasion being the dedication of their new hall on Fifth and Silver streets. The ceremonies were in charge of the grand lodge of Nebraska and there were present to conduct them Frank E. Bullard of North Platte, grand master; John B. Dinsmore of Sutton, grand treasurer; George A. Boecker of Kearney, grand chaplain; Luther M. Kuhns of Omaha, grand orator; Orman J. King of Lincoln, grand marshal; Michael J. Dowling of North Bend, grand senior deacon; William A. DeBord of Omaha, grand junior deacon; and Jacob King of Omaha, grand tyler. A large number of Masons from Lincoln, Wahoo, Greenwood and other places were present. In all about 150 took part in the beautiful and impressive services. An elegant banquet was served at the hotel and toasts were responded to by the grand officers and many of the brethren. The members of Pomegranate lodge No. 119 are entitled to great credit for constructing the beautiful home which they now have.

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HIDE PROVES FATAL FOR ONE BOY

Jumps from Moving Train and Skull is Crushed. STUART, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night four boys of this place went on a little diversion, and boarded the blind baggage of the westbound passenger to go a couple of stations west, intending to return on the 2 a. m. train. Among them was Edwin Haskin, aged 15, son of J. N. Haskin. Returning, as the train was crossing a siding four miles west of Newport at full speed, young Haskin jumped from the train. He was hurled with such force that his skull was fractured and he died in a short time. The supposition is that he mistook the siding for the switch at Newport and jumped from the train to avoid detection by the crew. An inquest was held at Newport today. The verdict was that death was accidental.

FATALITY INJURED BY TRAIN.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Christina Kalokowak, an aged woman, was struck by northbound Burlington passenger train No. 90 near Hoag this afternoon and fatally injured. Both her arms were broken, part of one foot cut off and her body frightfully bruised. She was walking along the tracks and being a deaf mute failed to hear the approaching train. She was brought to her home here this evening and the physicians say she cannot recover.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

NORFOLK, June 8.—School teachers from Madison and Pierce counties are in session here at the annual institute.

SEWARD, June 8.—The new \$12,000 school building is now up to the second story, and will be an imposing structure when completed.

PLATTSBOUTH, June 8.—Mrs. C. C. Parmele and Miss Dorra Herold have gone to Broken Bow to attend the state P. E. O. convention. Mrs. Parmele is the president.

PLATTSBOUTH, June 8.—Mrs. W. Atwood and granddaughter, Mrs. J. W. Newell, departed this morning for an extended visit with relatives in Chicago and the east.

SEWARD, June 8.—Miss Belle Schick was selected to the position of assistant principal of the Seward High school at the meeting of the school board on Monday night.

LEXINGTON, June 8.—The business men of the city held a meeting here last night and arranged for celebrating the Fourth of July. A large sum of money has been subscribed.

PLATTSBOUTH, June 8.—The officers of the Nebraska Telephone company have written to the city council that they will consider the request to remove their telephone poles from the main streets.

DAKOTA CITY, June 8.—The preliminary hearing of Steve Whittecar, charged with the murder of Maynard Edgington in front of the bowling alley of C. J. Gay in this city on the morning of April 7 last. The county attorney filed the information against Tarpenny this forenoon and the defendant waived his statutory right to twenty-four hours to plead and entered the plea of "not guilty." The work of impaneling a jury began at 1 o'clock.

SON OF BROWN COUNTY RANCHMAN GOES TO HONOLULU ON CLEAR LAKE.

AINSWORTH, Neb., June 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Clapper, the 15-year-old son of a prominent ranchman living southwest of this place, was drowned last night in the presence of companions while endeavoring to swim across Clear Lake. He was seized with cramps when in the middle of the lake, which is forty rods wide, and called for help, but was dead before anyone reached him.

VOIVAY WANTS TIME TO THINK.

YORK, Neb., June 8.—(Special.)—Frank Sheldon, whose real name is Frank Voivay, would not plead guilty or not guilty yesterday when brought before District Judge Evans, asking that he be given twenty-four hours to consult with his attorney. Voivay is said to be wanted in several places where he is supposed to have forged checks and drafts.

LAST FALL VOIVAY ARRIVED IN YORK COUNTY AND SECURED WORK ON THE FARM OF J. WEISS.

near Charleston, this county, and by his work and behavior won the respect and the confidence of those in that neighborhood and made the acquaintance of Mr. Houseman, cashier of the Bank of Bradshaw, to whom he presented a check of over \$60, depositing about \$100 and drawing cash for the balance, saying that the maker of the check had now employed him to buy stock and that he did not need all the money at that time. That evening the cashier discovered that he had paid a forged check and commenced a check of over \$60, the balance being traced to many different points, was at last found in Canada, where he had recently married and had become religious. On arrival here he said that he would tell all that and that he did not care to shield anything.

COMMERCIAL CLUB REORGANIZES.

HASTINGS, June 8.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the Commercial club which was called to meet in the city hall drew out a large and enthusiastic attendance of business men last night. The club was thoroughly reorganized and the following board of directors elected: C. J. Miles, V. B. Trimble, George T. Brown, William Brach, William M. Lowman, C. E. Higginbotham, E. E. Stiles, John Pickett, G. J. Evans, George H. Pratt, W. M. Dutton, W. E. St. John, J. B. Wallace, Hans Hansen and A. T. Bratton. The directors elected C. J. Miles president of the organization, George T. Brown treasurer, and C. E. Higginbotham, E. E. Stiles, John Pickett, G. J. Evans, George H. Pratt, W. M. Dutton, W. E. St. John, J. B. Wallace, Hans Hansen and A. T. Bratton. The directors elected C. J. Miles president of the organization, George T. Brown treasurer, and C. E. Higginbotham, E. E. Stiles, John Pickett, G. J. Evans, George H. Pratt, W. M. Dutton, W. E. St. John, J. B. Wallace, Hans Hansen and A. T. Bratton. The directors elected C. J. Miles president of the organization, George T. Brown treasurer, and C. E. Higginbotham, E. E. Stiles, John Pickett, G. J. Evans, George H. Pratt, W. M. Dutton, W. E. St. John, J. B. Wallace, Hans Hansen and A. T. Bratton.

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MURDER TRIAL AT FULLERTON.

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