

LINCOLN MERCHANTS KICK

File Protest Against Assessment of Merchandise in Omaha.

MONDAY, JULY 31, DATE OF THE HEARING

State Board Displeased with Minority Action of Some Assessors, Who Have Not Yet Filed Returns.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, July 19.—(Special.)—The annual kick of the merchants of Lincoln against the assessment of the property of the merchants of Omaha, was duly registered this morning with the State Board of Equalization and it is of considerable more force than formerly. This time the kick is a written protest, signed by John E. Miller, a partner in the firm of Miller & Payne and it was filed by Judge Tibbets, an attorney of this place. The protest sets forth that the County Board of Equalization and the county assessor fraudulently assessed personal property, and especially merchandise at a figure fifty per cent lower than it should have been assessed.

Judge Tibbets appeared before the board and asked for a formal hearing on the matter and that the members of the county board and the county assessor be summoned to appear before the board and show cause why the assessment should not be increased. Judge Tibbets told the board he would be able to prove that the low assessment of Douglas county merchandise was general and not a few persons in it. The board set aside Monday, July 31, as the date of the hearing and will summon together with the county board and the assessor, a number of merchants. The petition filed by Judge Tibbets is as follows:

Your petitioner is a resident, citizen and taxpayer of Lancaster county, Nebraska, and owns real and personal property in said county, including merchandise and credits upon which taxes are levied for state and county purposes against your petitioner for the year 1906, and he makes his complaint on behalf of himself and other taxpayers of the state of Nebraska similarly situated.

Your petitioner further states that the personal property in said county of Lancaster for the purposes of taxation for state and county purposes for the year 1906 was valued by the county assessor and the County Board of Equalization at its full fair, cash market value, and that the personal property of your petitioner for such purposes was so valued.

Your petitioner and Board of Equalization of Douglas county, Nebraska, for the purpose of taxation, and especially upon merchandise and money not to exceed one-half of the fair cash market value of said property, that said low valuation and assessment based thereon, is not only illegal, but is allowed to stand undisturbed by your honorable body. It will result in Douglas county and the state of Nebraska, in the escaping the payment of their just and fair proportion of the state taxes for the year 1906, and it will result in the tax payers of all other counties, including the taxpayers of Lancaster county, being assessed a higher rate than your petitioner, and will be compelled to pay more than their fair and just proportion of the state taxes for the year 1906, which is inequitable.

Your petitioner prays that the assessment of personal property as between Douglas county and the taxpayers therein and other counties of the state of Nebraska therein be cancelled in such a manner so that the taxpayers of each county to such extent as they are assessed their fair proportion of the state taxes for the year 1906, and no more; and that the county assessor and County Board of Equalization of Douglas county be cited to appear before your honorable body and show cause why the assessments upon personal property in said county, and especially upon merchandise, credits, notes, accounts and money, should not be raised; that your honorable body cause evidence to be taken concerning the matters alleged in this complaint, and that such other and further proceedings be had as your honorable body may deem proper, just and equitable in the premises.

The following table shows the assessment in two counties on the items complained of:

Douglas Lancaster county.	Merchandise	\$1,774,214	\$771,134.30
Money on hand or deposit	227,701	219,611.20	
Notes secured by mortgage	26,834	278,266.00	
Money loaned	6,287	7,152.00	
Book accounts	127,226	101,070.00	

The State Board of Equalization is dissatisfied with the way in which some of the assessors are making haste in getting in their reports and if the same are not forthcoming at once the extreme penalty of the law will be invoked against the assessors. The time for the reports to be in lapsed nine days ago and as there are still four counties out the board is getting tired of waiting and some one will have to settle for the delay.

State Land Sold.
Land Commissioner Eaton this afternoon disposed of 200 acres of land belonging to the penitentiary near Crete for a total of \$12,000, the purchasers being Frank Brunel, D. B. Conway and Herman Struiling. Other land will be bought near the penitentiary.

Dies from Taking Anesthetic.
Perry Mount, assistant cashier of the bank at Ord owned by State Treasurer Mortensen, died suddenly last night. Mr. Mortensen received word this morning that Mr. Mount had been to a dentist to have a tooth pulled and that he had been given something to deaden the pain and that he never came out from under the influence

1-2 Price ON Straw Hats
2-Piece Suits \$9.75
3-Piece Suits \$12.75

Full line of sizes in 3-piece suits, but only small sizes left in 2-piece suits.
The regular prices of these suits are \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$30.

Underwear
We have the most varied assortment of underwear in Omaha—2-piece and union suits—in prices from 50c to \$4.

Pease Bros. Co.,
1417 Farnam St.

of the anesthetic. The deceased was about 50 years of age and leaves a widow. He had been a banker for a number of years and went into the Mortensen bank upon the expiration of the latter as state treasurer. Mr. Mortensen left for Ord this morning to be present at the funeral.

Nebraska's Export Growing.
Statistics on shipments, compiled by the State Bureau of Statistics, show that Nebraska has exported surplus products to the amount of \$38,181,376.68 during the year 1904. This is an increase of \$3,503,299.95 since 1903 when the last report was made of exports, at which time the total was \$34,678,076.73. The figures are taken from the reports of the railroad and express companies, filed with the bureau.

The items that go to make up the total follow:

Wheat, bu.	15,877,212	\$1,741,798.00
Other grain, bu.	48,931,821	966,018.55
Oats, bu.	5,718,989	2,018,099.70
Barley, bu.	262,621	274,580.00
Grain not classified, bu.	965,143	620,511.30
Horses, head	305,477	200,400.00
Cattle, head	465,771	43,010,525.00
Hogs, head	3,742,809	1,544,430.50
Swine, head	129,071	200,400.00
Horses and mules, hd	87,862	2,067,540.00
Flour, lbs.	225,968,584	2,482,807.72
Wool, tons	102,306,123	187,740.00
Potatoes, bu.	12,758	809,875.00
Butter, lbs.	12,467,482	1,945,700.00
Eggs, doz.	19,041,891	2,696,128.14
Live poultry, lbs.	8,220,282	1,164,824.48
Wool, tons	102,306,123	1,877,400.00
Packing house products, lbs.	549,579,959	60,628,798.94
Wheat, bu.	15,877,212	1,741,798.00
Milk, gal.	387,490	65,888.20
Cream, gal.	8,965,253	2,464,417.70
Ferrous, lbs.	2,828,298	4,828,298.00
Fur, lbs.	43,008	18,222.64
Flour, lbs.	225,968,584	2,482,807.72
Honey, lbs.	5,171	2,067.50
Fruit, lbs.	2,433,883	46,777.66
Dried fruit, lbs.	2,529	286.50
Vegetables, lbs.	10,113,301	286,718.00
Peaches, bu.	11,227	10,113.30
Apples, bu.	44,660	6,711.30
Plums, bu.	735	1,030.40
Strawberries, qt.	373,008	27,184.50
Blackberries, qt.	321,126	24,084.45
Raspberries, qt.	85,454	9,215.00
Apples, bu.	70,050	85,454.00
Cherries, qt.	3,120	3,120.00
Pears, bu.	66	165.00
Wool, tons	7,154,622	1,290,212.00
Fish, lbs.	12,758	1,477.10
Alfalfa, tons	21	24.00
Flax, tons	79	3,400.00
Flax seed, bu.	64,941	80,628.84
Timothy seed, bu.	294	822.90
Clover seed, bu.	4,589	19,944.00
Mill seed, bu.	22,140	90,999.20
One ton, bu.	27,459	87,400.00
Brain corn, bu.	22,810	22,810.00
Brooms, doz.	35,613	119,660.00
Other goods, lbs.	12,868,444	1,647,875.28
Sugar, tons	80,910	382,117.50
Coffee, lbs.	11,812,762	6,074,832.00
Ice, tons	306,341	3,063,410.00
Brick	39,261,138	29,771,228.00
Coal, tons	38,225	23,931,000.00
Stone, lbs.	300,118,120	21,182,000.00
And gravel, lbs.	468,722,009	56,344,900.00
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