

COUNTY ASSESSORS TO COME

Everyone Who Handled Railroad Assessment Will Testify in Tax Case.

NORRIS BROWN WILL ISSUE SUMMONS

Ex-State Auditor Weston Says He Thought Land Interests Were Not Assessed at Full Value.

At the hearing of the Union Pacific project on its state assessment Wednesday morning Attorney General Brown gave notice of his intention to summon every county assessor in the state handling railroad assessments before the hearing closed.

The taking of testimony in the tax matter was resumed before Special Examiner Pearson in the north court room of the federal building Wednesday morning, with ex-Auditor of State Charles Weston on the stand, and terminated with Prof. Albert E. Davidson of the University of Nebraska. The entire morning was consumed in the examination of Mr. Weston. His evidence was in effect:

"I was a member of the State Board of Assessment and Equalization in 1903 and 1904. The assessment of the Union Pacific property in 1903 at \$6,223,350 did not then, nor does the assessment on the same property for 1904, represent the actual value of the property. The railroad was assessed as all other property, but not at full value. All property was assessed practically uniformly. The values were placed on the basis of the evidence furnished by the schedule of the railroad company and such other sources of information as the board had. I do not think there was any particular increase of value of the tangible property in 1904 over that of 1903, at least that is my recollection. In making up a railway assessment the state board made no personal investigation; that was left to the local assessors. We applied the same basis of uniformity in 1903 on all properties and fixed the value of the Union Pacific in round numbers at \$6,000,000. This was on a basis of from one-fourth to one-twentieth. This rule was not applied in the appraisal of 1904, when the valuation was placed at not less than one-fifth.

Seconded Marsh's Motion. "I seconded the motion of Mr. Marsh, asking a reduction to \$10,000 per mile in the Union Pacific assessment, but the motion was lost. "I moved that all roads be assessed as a unit and the value be distributed over all mileage, but that motion was also defeated. My motion was to make a uniform assessment per mile after ascertaining the main line and branch mileage."

In his cross examination by Attorney General Brown, Mr. Weston said: "Without reference to the \$600,000,000 grand assessment roll, it was the earnest desire of the board to ascertain the actual value of the railroads and assess them fairly."

Personally I was not at all influenced by the opinion of the assessor on the part of the board. I do not think any member of the board permitted his political fortunes to be influenced by his action as a member of the board. Representatives of the Union Pacific came before the board of equalization and wanted the assessment lowered. The assessor of all properties were raised by the assessors. The valuations were raised in twenty-four out of the ninety counties of the state, but none was lowered."

Not at Actual Value. John N. Baldwin, in his red-hot examination of Mr. Weston, asked him if he would agree in his testimony that the lands were assessed at their actual value. Mr. Weston replied:

"I will not swear that Nebraska lands were all assessed at their actual value as originally returned by the assessors. My private opinion is that the lands were not assessed at their actual value."

The witness had no recollection that Governor Mickey had said he would favor the Marsh resolution were he assured it would not operate to reduce the railway assessment below \$40,000,000. It now begins to look as if the taking of testimony in these cases will be continued indefinitely. Attorney General Norris Brown said at noon Wednesday he intends to summon all the assessors in the state that had anything to do with the assessment of railroad property, and that the examinations would be held here at the federal building in Omaha.

Mr. Baldwin said the examination of the assessors would, in his absence in the east, be undertaken by E. L. Davidson. The examination was resumed at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, with Prof. Davidson of the state university on the stand.

Davidson's Land Values. Prof. Davidson estimated the value of the lands of the state of Nebraska to be \$90,000,000, of which the cultivated lands represented \$50,000,000 and the uncultivated lands \$40,000,000. This value he placed in the lands in 1904. He had received reports from every county in the state and had personally visited sixty of them. The total value of the products of the lands of the state in 1904 was approximately \$100,000,000.

Upon his cross-examination by Attorney General Norris Brown he said: "My information relative to the value and acreage of corn in 1904 was received from representatives in the field, about three men to every county. These were mainly elevator men who were in close touch with the farmers. In estimating total values the rule was to figure it as about 20 per cent of the gross producing income of the lands. About 31,000,000 acres of lands were returned for taxation, all of which were practically cultivated or improved lands, leaving some 17,000,000 of uncultivated or unimproved lands."

The examination of witnesses was concluded for the present with Prof. Davidson's testimony and the hearing adjourned, subject to a call by agreement of counsel for the examination of the assessors to be summoned.

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BOY GOES BACK TO KEARNEY

Roy Parker Returned from Illinois by Requisition on Deneen.

GETS PROMISE OF HOME ON RANCH

Meets Cattleman on Train Who Wants Trial at Reforming Him When School Gets Through.

Probation Officer Bernstein of the juvenile court returned Wednesday morning from Chicago, bringing with him Roy Parker, the 14-year-old boy, who violated his parole from the Kearney reform school. Parker has been recommitted to the Kearney institution. The boy was arrested in the first place for burglary and Judge Day of the juvenile court sentenced him to the reform school. He was later paroled and given employment at \$1.75 a day. After working a few days he jumped to Chicago. That confronted the authorities with an unprecedented case, namely whether or not a juvenile offender could be transferred from one state to another under the provisions of a requisition, such as operated in the case of an ordinary fugitive. Through Judge Day, a requisition was made upon Governor Deneen of Illinois for the young fugitive and the governor honored the demand. Word of the action was transmitted to Omaha and Officer Bernstein went to Chicago for his captive. Returning from Chicago with the boy, Officer Bernstein says they met up with a cattleman on the train from western Nebraska, who became interested in the boy's case. After probing him with questions by which he learned all about his antecedents and present predicament, the cattleman gave the child his name and address and told him to write him as soon as his term at the reform school was up and he would send for him, take him to his ranch and see what he could do toward making a man of him. The cattleman omitted to give Mr. Bernstein his name and address.

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INDEPENDENTS NOT BARRED

Omaha Exchange Connects with Many of Them Throughout Nebraska.

MANY COMPANIES HAVE ACCESS TO CITY

General Manager Lane Gives Detailed Exhibit to Correct Misleading Impressions of the Public.

I am asked almost daily why it is that the Nebraska Telephone company does not allow the different independent companies in the state to come into Omaha over its lines and when I answer the persons making this inquiry that at this time there are 21,475 subscribers to independent telephone companies in Nebraska, now getting service throughout the territory and to all points reached by the lines of the Nebraska Telephone company and reached by the lines of its associate companies they are very much surprised. In connection with this matter I have to say that there are over 100 independent telephone companies in the state of Nebraska connected directly with our lines and enjoying all the facilities that our system affords in precisely the same manner that subscribers of the Nebraska Telephone company enjoy them. Below is given the names of the companies that connect with us:

Table with 3 columns: Name and Exchange, Number of Subscribers, and Address. Includes entries for Albin Telephone Co., Archer Telephone Co., Battle Creek Tel. Co., Beaver Valley Tel. Co., Belden Tel. Co., Belgrade Tel. Co., Bennett Tel. Co., Blount County Tel. Co., Blount County Tel. Co., Camp Dewey Tel. Co., Central Tel. Co., Cherry County Tel. Co., Clark Farmers' Tel. Ass'n, Coleridge Tel. Co., Coleridge Tel. Co., Orchard, Craig Tel. Co., Dorchester Tel. Co., Edgar Tel. Co., Ewing & Tonio Tel. Co., Seward County Co's., Seward Co., etc.

companies operating in towns where our exchanges had been established many years prior to the establishment of the independent systems in order to relieve the citizens of these particular towns from the burden of two telephones. Among the towns that were sold out for this purpose I will name you Ord, Neb.; St. Paul, Neb.; Madison, Neb.; Wayne, Neb.; Stanton, Neb.; Oxford, Neb., and many other points. The real reason that we are unable to get more independent companies to connect with us is that most of the independent companies in the state belong to what is known as an independent Telephone association, which association is fostered by the larger promoters, and the agents of the concerns manufacturing independent telephones and apparatus; therefore to protect their sales there is among the rules of this association one that any independent company connecting with the Nebraska Telephone company is a traitor to the independent cause and in the event that that company connects with our lines it is immediately dropped from the association. It seems to me that if these facts were generally known the business men of any community would bring such pressure to bear on the independent companies as would compel them, if they want service into Omaha, to enter into a reasonable contract with the Nebraska Telephone company and not permit them to attempt to saddle the burden of a dual telephone system on the citizens of Omaha—the only advantage of this system being to enrich the promoters of same. H. VANCE LANE. St. Paul and Return \$12.50. DULUTH, ASHLAND AND BATFIELD and return \$14.00. DEADWOOD AND LEAD and return \$14.00. VERY LOW RATES NOW TO ALL POINTS EAST via The Northwestern Line. City Offices 1481-1482 Farnam Street.

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