

FACTS ABOUT ASSESSMENT

Governor Miley Calls Attention to Misstatements by a Landowner

ATTEMPT TO STEM PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Burlington Representative Himself Responsible for Apparent High Valuation of Company's Line in Butler County.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Governor Miley said today that General Solicitor Manderson of the Burlington, misstates the facts with reference to the assessment of the Burlington railway in Butler county. The complaint of Manderson is that the Omaha & North Platte branch of the road is over-assessed in that county, but the governor points out that the alleged over assessment is due to the fact that the state board was forced to adopt the unit rule and the valuation of the mileage in Butler county represents a portion of the distributed value of the much better track between Ashland and Omaha. The unit theory, the results of which are now made the basis of Manderson's protest, was adopted by the board at the urgent solicitation of Manderson, who appeared before that body in 1904, when at the suggestion of Governor Miley it was proposed to value these widely varied portions of the same line according to their value. The question arose out of the controversy over the alleged unfairness in the distribution of railway valuations to the various counties.

Trying to Head Off Movement. Governor Miley believes that the railroads are trying to make a test case in Nebraska for the purpose of stopping the spread of the unit rule. He believes that Nebraska has set the pace for other western states and the railroads are anxious to quiet the agitation here, while blocking the assessment. With the prevailing temper of the taxpayers of the state the example is likely to be contagious and it is supposed that it is with a view of reassuring the people and quieting the agitation that the railway lawyers have gone outside of the regular channels of litigation to fight their battles with newspaper broadsides. The publication of newspaper appeals intended to calm the taxpayers is regarded as evidence that the railway men have at last reached a realization that the agitation is deep-seated and likely to attain a greater development. The Butler county resolution, followed by the still more drastic and clear cut demands of Richardson county, established the fact that more counties are turning so far as the declaration of the county commissioners' association calling upon the corporations to pay their taxes and condemning them for their effort to evade their fair share of the public burdens.

Unauthorized Fraternal. The state insurance department has issued a warning against the Western Workmen, an Arizona fraternal insurance corporation, having headquarters at Phoenix. Advice has reached the department that the company, which is without a license to do business in the state, has been sending circulars to members of the Ancient Order of United Workmen inviting them to become members. The circular purports to give a cheaper insurance than that provided by the Workmen. The organization does not, so far as the officials have been able to discover, from an examination of the literature, provide for any medical examination and has no lodge dues. The company cannot legally do business in the state without first having secured authority, and a concern which discards the medical examination has a very slight chance to secure a certificate. The department has taken attention to the fact that persons incur considerable risk when doing business with companies which do not proceed in the regular manner to comply with the state laws as to admission. It is believed that the concern is trying to work among the members of the Workmen through the use of the mails, since a benefit would be subject to arrest if he sought to do business within the state bounds.

Checked by Actual Sales. In 1904 the board checked the assessments by the figures as to actual sales values, secured through the agency of former Land Commissioner Follmer, and these figures indicated that farm assessments were not as high as the reports showed. Last year the board did not have the power to classify, but this year under the amendment adopted by the recent legislature, it did have that power and used it. Last year twenty-four counties were raised generally and this year the board made further increases under the new power to classify. Every effort has been made to insure that other property is assessed at the proper figure.

Roads Had Recourse in State Courts. He believes that the railroads which are fighting their taxes could have gone before the county boards of equalization and complained of the under-assessment of property, if they had the evidence which they have constantly claimed as to evasions of the law. That was the proper and orderly course of procedure and a refusal of the county board to act could have been followed by an appeal to the district and thence to the supreme court. The claim of under-assessment is not new and the railroads have attorneys in each county through whom they could have acted.

Corn Growers at State Fair. Today the boys and girls who are attending the corn growing and corn cooking contest spent the entire day at the state farm looking on at the interesting and instructive practical demonstrations of the work done there. The prizes are so numerous and the task of classifying the exhibits is so great that no attempt was made today to distribute the awards. There are hundreds of exhibits to be assessed on by the committee on awards, and there are many which are so close together in the points which count that the task was found to exceed expectations.

Prof. L. L. Lyon, associate director of the experiment station, talked to the boys on the improvement of the Corn Crop. A. E. Burnett, director of the station, on the "Effect of Environment on Domestic Animals." "Agricultural Education in the University of Nebraska" was the theme of Prof. A. E. Davison. These talks the boys enjoyed immensely and each speaker was vociferously applauded.

The girls neglected. Miss Rosa Bouton, director of the school of domestic science in the State university, discussed "General Principles of Cooking." Miss Lydia J. McMahon, superintendent of the Girls' Industrial school at Geneva, told what could be made from corn. C. S. Harshbarger, talked on the "Possibilities of Floriculture." At 1:30 a general session was held in the agricultural building. Here, after the conclusion of several addresses, the Nebraska Boys' Agricultural association and Nebraska Girls' Domestic Science association organized the program preceding organization was as follows: Address, "The Farm Scrapbook," Hon. F. M. Tyrrell, Lincoln. Address, Prof. John Hallon, United States Department of Agriculture. Address, "Nebraska's Greatest Product," Dr. G. E. Condra.

This evening a banquet was held at the Lincoln hotel and it was the crowning event of the two days' meeting for the school children. Over 700 people were seated at the tables in the main dining room, the ordinary and the rotunda. The program began shortly after 6 o'clock. An address was played and several speeches were made. The banquet proper began shortly after 9 o'clock. A number of toasts were offered by distinguished speakers from home and abroad. Among them was Governor Miley, who spoke of the progress being made in the schools. The Boys' Agricultural club elected the following officers: President, James Loomis, school district No. 23, Valley county; vice president, Lester Moore, school district No. 76, Seward county; secretary, Hugh Garrett, school district No. 3, Fillmore county; treasurer, Patrick Hickey, Cumby county. The Girls' Domestic Science club elected the following: President, Margaret Whitlay, district No. 2, Lancaster county; vice president, Grace Aldrich, district No. 5, Valley county; secretary, Eva Bolton, district No. 75, Fillmore county; treasurer, Hattie Thompson, district No. 73, Clay county. Governor E. C. Bishop was authorized by both conventions to appoint a finance committee and, with the officers, to fix the date of the next meeting.

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Give New Roads. Former Chief of Police O. M. Routsahn and former City Detective Bentley appeared before Justice Stevens again this morning to give fresh bonds for their appearance at the next term of the district court to answer the charges of blackmailing women of the red light district, under which they were bound over last night. Attorney T. C. Munger went on their bond until this morning. James Gillen and J. W. Wolfe went on Routsahn's bond and S. J. Dennis on that of Bentley.

Chief Cooper Owes Up. Today Chief of Police Cooper issued a statement in which he acknowledges his sole responsibility for the order during the fair week allowing the women of the proscribed district to sell beer. The fact that he had done so was brought out in the Routsahn-Bentley trial. The chief says: "I did not wait for any orders, but take all of the responsibility upon myself. They had been selling liquor regularly when we took hold and we stopped it. Then when state fair time came along they were allowed to sell beer for that week only, but it was more on account of visitors to the city than on account of the women. People who come here and visit such places expect such a thing. The privilege had nothing to do with the Routsahn-Bentley business. I am ready to assume the responsibility for this concession during fair week myself."

Two to Retire. Today the Board of Regents met for the last time with J. L. Teeters and Edison Rich in attendance in an official capacity. Their meeting had been postponed from Tuesday morning.

Tonight the university regents voted in favor of the formation of a committee of active and alumni fraternity members and representatives of the faculty to supervise the pledging of freshmen candidates for membership in college fraternities, in order to obviate the evils of the present system of "rushings." This action was taken on the recommendation of a committee composed of Chancellor Andrews and Regents Teeters and Allen, who have been studying the problem.

Tonight Dean Pound of the law school issued a statement denying the story that the entire freshman law class failed in the mid-winter examinations. He says the classmen have been doing good work despite the allegation of fault due to excessive activity in fraternal affairs.

At the meeting of regents the Athletic board of the State university was directed to use every effort at home and abroad toward securing better umpiring and refereeing of football games, the minimizing of roughness and the prevention of professionalism.

The probable resignation of Prof. E. A. Ross of the department of sociology was referred to a special committee and a special committee was given power to act in regard to the selection of a successor to Librarian J. L. Wyer, resigned. The term of Regent Teeters, president of the board, expires January 4. Regent C. J. Ernst of Omaha was made temporary president, to act until further orders of the board.

Regent-elect Abbott of Columbus was present by invitation. New York Claims Librarian. James Ingersoll Wyer, Jr., librarian of the State university, has resigned his position in order to accept the post of reference librarian in the New York state library at Albany. The place carries with it the title of professor in the New York state library school, of which Prof. Wyer is a graduate and which is the largest institution of its kind in the United States.

BARTON CHARGED WITH PERJURY Case Grows Out of Chamberlain Prosecution. TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Proceedings were instituted in the county court today against Hon. W. R. Barton of this city, ex-president of the failed Chamberlain banking house of this city, on the charge of perjury. Three proceedings were ordered by Judge B. F. Good of Wahoo when Charles M. Chamberlain was on trial in Nemaha county on a charge of venue in October on a charge of embezzlement. Judge Good was of the opinion that the testimony given by Mr. Barton in a case here which was brought about by the bank failure and in the case then at bar was different. Mr. Barton waived preliminary examination and Judge James Livingston bound him over to trial in the district court, fixing bond at \$1,000, which was given.

District court will be in session in this city next week and the case may come up at that time. Mr. Barton is a leading citizen, being manager of a local newspaper and was a former senator from Johnson and Nemaha counties in the Nebraska legislature in 1899, and at that time was a prominent politician. His integrity has never before been questioned, and his friends hope he will have no trouble in proving his innocence.

THIEF STRIKES RUN OF HARD LUCK Enters Five Places and Secures Only Three Dollars. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A thief struck a visit to the village of Pleasanton this morning and though he succeeded in gaining entrance to a number of places he secured a small amount of plunder. He first entered Klaus' saloon, but got very little; then broke into Weeks' butcher shop, the Pleasanton State bank, Holtzinger's drug store, the post office and the hotel. He got about \$1 in all from these places. No other places were broken into. The work is supposed to have been that of a tramp, as he appears to have cared for nothing but money, as that was the only thing taken in any of the places visited.

New Towns Are Booming. FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Great Northern this morning moved one of its pile drivers, which has been in use on the Platte river, north of town where there is still a little work for it to do. Two machines are still being used on the bridge and it will be finished as soon as the section north of this city is completed. A number of business houses are going up at the new town of Leshara across the river. The bank building is almost finished and by the time the trains are running it will have a considerable population. Lots have been put on sale at Winslow, the new town two and one-half miles east of Hooper. The elevator at Woodliff, the first station south of the Platte, is already doing a good business and is taking in over twenty loads of grain a day that otherwise would come to Fremont. Uehling, in the northwest corner of the county, will make a flourishing town. It already has a hardware store, two lumber yards, a bank, a general store, two saloons and a third in process of construction.

New Time Card on Northwestern. NORFOLK, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A new time-card was issued by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for the Nebraska and Wyoming division today, and will go into effect next Sunday. The new card is issued to conform to changes made on the line east of the Missouri river. The most important change in the card is the establishment of a Sunday morning passenger train between Lincoln and Fremont, which has long been needed and which will be of much benefit to the traveling public, both out of and into Lincoln from the North

Platte country, from Sioux City, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

COFFEY DIES OF HIS INJURIES Man Found in Box Car at Ellsworth Was Former Resident of Pueblo. HYANNIX, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—F. D. Coffey, who was found unconscious in a box car at Ellsworth on Monday and later brought here, died today of his injuries. Two suspects are under arrest at Alliance charged with "blugging" Coffey; he resided in Pueblo, Colo., and is of good family. His wife arrived before his death.

Enjoins Water Bonds. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—County Judge Hallowell issued a temporary injunction restraining the members of the Board of Trustees and the village clerk of the village of Gibbon from issuing or selling the \$15,000 water bonds recently voted, or from taking any further action on the waterworks proposition until the matter is finally disposed of in district court. Bond was fixed at \$500. The action was brought by Frank Hershey for himself and on behalf of the taxpayers of the city. Recently a special election was held in Gibbon for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue village bonds in the sum of \$15,000, the proceeds to be used to install a water system. The law requires that such a proposition shall carry by a two-thirds vote. It was carried by one and two-thirds above the required number, but in his petition for an injunction Mr. Hershey alleges that votes were cast by persons not entitled to vote. Other allegations are that plans and specifications were not drawn by a competent engineer and that it is not known that the proposed plant can be installed for \$15,000.

Found Dying in Road. LEXINGTON, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Reuben Steiner, a young man 23 years of age, son of Henry Steiner, a farmer residing ten miles from this city, was found in an unconscious condition this morning about one mile from his home, his horse standing nearby. He was carried home, where he expired in a few moments without regaining consciousness. He had a favorite horse, which he rode the night before, intending to call on a neighbor. It is supposed that the horse stumbled in the darkness, throwing the young man violently to the ground, stunning him so badly he was unable to help himself and that he lay on the ground all night, the freezing weather making his condition still worse. He was highly respected and was affianced to one of the most cultured young women in this city.

Court at Papillion. PAPHILLION, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—District court convened here Monday with Hon. A. C. Troup on the bench. Several cases were disposed of. The case of Frank Sharpe against the Omaha & Southern Railway company was continued. Sharpe is the contractor who did the grading on the Interurban electric road between Omaha and Papillion. Several miles of grade were thrown up, but the contractor has not been paid. An order was given the trustees of the Presbyterian church of Bellevue to mortgage their property in Bellevue for the sum of \$250.

The case of Adam Grammlis against the Rock Island Railway company for damages was settled in open court, the defendant paying the plaintiff \$255 and costs.

Horse Bites Off Man's Nose. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—An unusual and peculiar accident befell Henry Rosenberry, a farm hand in the employ of J. L. Wideman, who resides eleven miles south of here. This morning about 5 o'clock he entered the barn to feed his team when one of the horses snapped at him, biting him in the face and severing his nose. Physicians, one from Beatrice and another from Diller, were called to attend Rosenberry.

Bridge Gives Way. OXFORD, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The old county bridge across the Republican river in southwest Oxford, gave away today about 11 o'clock. Mr. Waldron Renard was coming in with a load of spelt belonging to the Barber Elevator company.

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Does Your Back Ache? A trial bottle of Warner's Safe Cure, the great kidney and bladder cure, sent ABSOLUTELY FREE to every reader of The Bee who suffers from kidney, liver, bladder or blood disease.

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Platte country, from Sioux City, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

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Enjoins Water Bonds. KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—County Judge Hallowell issued a temporary injunction restraining the members of the Board of Trustees and the village clerk of the village of Gibbon from issuing or selling the \$15,000 water bonds recently voted, or from taking any further action on the waterworks proposition until the matter is finally disposed of in district court. Bond was fixed at \$500. The action was brought by Frank Hershey for himself and on behalf of the taxpayers of the city. Recently a special election was held in Gibbon for the purpose of voting on the proposition to issue village bonds in the sum of \$15,000, the proceeds to be used to install a water system. The law requires that such a proposition shall carry by a two-thirds vote. It was carried by one and two-thirds above the required number, but in his petition for an injunction Mr. Hershey alleges that votes were cast by persons not entitled to vote. Other allegations are that plans and specifications were not drawn by a competent engineer and that it is not known that the proposed plant can be installed for \$15,000.

Found Dying in Road. LEXINGTON, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Reuben Steiner, a young man 23 years of age, son of Henry Steiner, a farmer residing ten miles from this city, was found in an unconscious condition this morning about one mile from his home, his horse standing nearby. He was carried home, where he expired in a few moments without regaining consciousness. He had a favorite horse, which he rode the night before, intending to call on a neighbor. It is supposed that the horse stumbled in the darkness, throwing the young man violently to the ground, stunning him so badly he was unable to help himself and that he lay on the ground all night, the freezing weather making his condition still worse. He was highly respected and was affianced to one of the most cultured young women in this city.

Court at Papillion. PAPHILLION, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—District court convened here Monday with Hon. A. C. Troup on the bench. Several cases were disposed of. The case of Frank Sharpe against the Omaha & Southern Railway company was continued. Sharpe is the contractor who did the grading on the Interurban electric road between Omaha and Papillion. Several miles of grade were thrown up, but the contractor has not been paid. An order was given the trustees of the Presbyterian church of Bellevue to mortgage their property in Bellevue for the sum of \$250.

The case of Adam Grammlis against the Rock Island Railway company for damages was settled in open court, the defendant paying the plaintiff \$255 and costs.

Horse Bites Off Man's Nose. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—An unusual and peculiar accident befell Henry Rosenberry, a farm hand in the employ of J. L. Wideman, who resides eleven miles south of here. This morning about 5 o'clock he entered the barn to feed his team when one of the horses snapped at him, biting him in the face and severing his nose. Physicians, one from Beatrice and another from Diller, were called to attend Rosenberry.

Bridge Gives Way. OXFORD, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The old county bridge across the Republican river in southwest Oxford, gave away today about 11 o'clock. Mr. Waldron Renard was coming in with a load of spelt belonging to the Barber Elevator company.

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