

## RAILROADS FILE PROTEST

Burlington and Union Pacific Object to Assessment on Their Property.

COVERS THE SAME GROUND AS LAST YEAR

Lincoln Citizens Making Great Preparations for the Reception to W. J. Bryan on His Return Home.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., July 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Protests were filed with the State Board of Equalization today by the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads against the assessment of this class of property in Nebraska and demanding a reduction in each of the counties through which the roads run. Both roads assert they have been assessed out of all proportion to other property in the state. The board will hear the protest of the Union Pacific next Monday. No date has been set for the Burlington hearing.

The Union Pacific asserts real estate is assessed at not more than 12 per cent of its value; five stock at 12 per cent; merchandise at 8 per cent; agricultural implements at 6 per cent and all other property except railroads, it asserts, has been assessed at less than 20 per cent of its value.

**Big Reception for Bryan.**  
The home coming reception to William J. Bryan promises to be the biggest event ever held in Lincoln. At a meeting of the committee at the Commercial club rooms today, it was decided to have a parade, a number of bands and to decorate the city profusely.

It was decided to have the reception in the rotunda on the first floor of the state house, the people passing through from north to south and shaking hands with Mr. and Mrs. Bryan. There will be no one in the reception line except Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Governor and Mrs. Mickey and Mayor and Mrs. Brown. The reception committee will consist of from 500 to 600 Lincoln people and will be announced ten days prior to the reception.

Chairman A. J. Sawyer of the finance committee reported that he had added A. S. Tibbitts, J. E. Wright, W. J. D. Counts, M. Well and L. E. Wetting to his committee and the action was approved.

It was decided to have no banquet. There will be a big display of fireworks, however, and L. E. Wetting was appointed chairman of the committee to look after that part of the business. Judge P. J. Cosgrove was appointed chief marshal of the parade.

Dr. Hall, chairman of the committee on speakers, reported that the following committee had been selected: J. B. Strode, A. S. Tibbitts, J. J. Dunn, A. V. Johnson, M. T. Castor and George W. Berge.

J. C. Harp, chairman of the committee on transportation, reported the appointment of the following: George H. Clark, A. S. Raymond, A. E. Hargraves, J. A. Buckstaff, G. W. Bonnell, R. W. McGinnis, Fred Cornell, E. B. Blossom, F. H. Barnes, H. P. Lutz, and J. W. Hardy.

Mark Tilton, E. E. Bennett, H. B. Granger, E. E. Henkle, Charles Harmon, W. E. Jakway and Ben Apple.

The following were added to the committee on music: W. W. Kimball, C. E. Sanderson, O. E. Hickey, W. J. Hardy, Robert Joyce, Lew Marshall, S. W. Burnham, Paul Holm, Frank Zerung and Fred Cornell.

Chairman Seacrest and Eager of the committee on publicity reported the following additions to the committee: M. Bushnell, H. W. Enderis and F. O. Borne.

**McBrien Cancels Dates.**  
State Superintendent McBrien has issued the following statement:

Owing to the great amount of work placed upon this department by the new certification law, we are unable to cancel all dates heretofore made and decline all invitations to accept engagements until after October 1. After October 1 both Deputy E. C. Bishop and Deputy McBrien will be open to accept engagements practically every day until December 21. We shall accept invitations in the order of their receipt at this office.

**No Shortage of Teachers.**  
State Superintendent McBrien believes the talk of a shortage of teachers in Nebraska this year is premature and the supply will meet the demand. In discussing this matter he said:

While the new certification law, as well as other agencies, will make a wholesome demand for teachers this year, it is believed that the demand will be met by a sufficient number of well qualified teachers. No doubt there will be a shortage of teachers in some counties at the opening of the school year, as there has been for several years past, but this emergency will be met by a surplus of teachers in other counties, and also by a considerable number of well qualified teachers from other states.

Superintendents should make use of home talent so far as possible, but they should extend a hearty welcome to well qualified teachers from other counties and other states when they desire to accept.

We shall be pleased to hear from counties in need of teachers and the number wanted. The reports to this office and August examinations will be made with all possible speed. A sufficient number of special examiners will be added to our force in order to report back to county superintendents the results of the August examination not later than September 1.

**Political Conference in.**  
Rose Hammond of Fremont came to Lincoln tonight and held a conference with Norris Brown, Land Commissioner Eaton, Auditor Seale and W. B. Rose, assistant attorney general. Eaton and Seale were summoned to the Lindell hotel and the conference was held there. None of the participants would say what transpired.

W. H. Thompson and Edgar Howard were here tonight and conferred with R. L. Metcalf and Dr. Hall. While none would say what the conference was about, it is understood it had to do with Thompson's prospective candidacy for governor.

**Governor Has a Bad Eye.**  
Governor Mickey is suffering with a bad eye, which has developed in one of his eyes, causing that member to become very much irritated and painful. This afternoon the pain extended through his temple and the governor is keeping that portion of his face bandaged in ice.

**WEeping WATER'S ACADEMY**  
Trustees at Work to Raise Funds to Clear Debt and Support Work.

WEeping WATER, Neb., July 19.—(Special Telegram.)—In nineteen classes Weeping Water academy has fitted 135 for regular college work, many of whom have entered Doane college, the University of Nebraska and other colleges. In addition to these, some have finished business and music courses. Principal Taylor's twelfth annual report was recently applauded by the trustees at their recent annual meeting and deserves a larger hearing in Nebraska. The trustees have set about the task of clearing up the deficit of about \$3,000 before September. In addition to pledges, a traveling man for a large house in Omaha writes the secretary a nice letter and says that he will be one of twenty to go down for \$50 per year for five years toward the annual income of the academy. He is particular that there should be not less than twenty signatures and that each signature should stand for \$50. Here is Principal Taylor's report:

Aside from the financial cloud which lowered over us, with a special darkness in the future, and has been with us the year through, the work of the academy has shown a healthy life and growth.

The attendance in all departments will show an increase, though the enrollment in the music department, not being well reported, prevents absolute definite figures. I count 104 different persons enrolled, a 35 per cent increase in literary students. At the year end the total enrollment is 25 per cent greater than last year.

Spending the year in the lines of the three-year course, is not so large as usual, owing to so many of last year's students having back work and feeling that they ought certainly to take another year in finishing their courses. The class for next year, however, bids fair to be an unusually large and strong one, though the members are not likely to finish preparation here.

The quality of the students has been as always, but the leading body of students have had high ideals and the work done, the principal believes, of very high average. On the other hand, we have seemed to have several examples of careless conduct, that grew too heavy to carry with safety. Three were sent to the state house, and some others were dropped out, as sickness or too great pressure of other duties.

The thirty-three who were dropped out, to the very end of the year are of unusually high average in all respects.

Spiritually this has been a good year for the school. The meetings conducted in the village of Weeping Water, and some others held during the year, were of great value, and the whole school was strongly influenced by them. Twenty-five of our students made profession of Christ or public recantation, and a good wholesome result of the meetings has gone through the year.

Charitable and Christian association conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., and are to send a representative to the Young Women's Christian association conference in August. In both cases the association has been very successful in meeting the expense, about \$5, by income from socials or direct solicitation.

Rhetorical work of unusual excellence has been the rule and such public programs as have been given have been unusually strong.

The breaking of the teaching force by Miss Lee's resignation, on account of poor health, in February, 1906, and by the seeming obligation upon Miss Means to go to Philadelphia in February, 1906, and by the loss of a teacher, who was under great obligation, have troubled the work and interfered with its progress. But in place of magnifying this side we should doubtless congratulate ourselves on having been able to meet these exigencies with so little loss.

Miss Grace Countryman of Weeping Water was at hand and was persuaded to enter the faculty for the remainder of the winter term, and it was found that Miss Leyenberger had very opportunely finished the work of the Grinnell college course three months before the time of graduation and was ready to enter the faculty in April. For this term we have found Miss Leyenberger a very faithful helper, quiet, efficient and a great asset to the school.

In the exigency of Miss Means' leaving, Mrs. Ida Cowles Day took up the work of the school, and by her usual energy and thoroughness. Thus the work of the year has gone on, with its usual discouragements, but with so little loss.

But out of the year also has come much of encouragement. The cottage and boarding hall have been especially satisfactory. The school has been able to lay out a new building and several other improvements which will be of permanent value have been secured. The financial condition of the academy is better than it has been for some years. The property without expense to the general academy treasury. The financial burden has been removed from the academy, and is being shown already in much larger gifts. The school has been able to lay out \$20 each toward the year's expenses. A Verdon school building has been donated and the Water Congregational church fairly rose to the problem with a collection of nearly \$1,000 for the building.

Most encouraging is the spreading of a feeling in the home community that the academy is a place to be looked on, supported and managed as a permanent thing. Nothing in the history of the academy has been so encouraging as this. It is a feeling that is being spread by the work of the academy and by the work of the home community. It is a feeling that is being spread by the work of the academy and by the work of the home community.

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