

THOMPSON IS SATISFIED

Attorney General Discusses Hearing of the Tax Legislation.

THINKS ATTITUDE OF COURT FAVORABLE

Reads Abandon Their Contentions that Other Property in State is Assessed Too Low—Own Figures on Valuation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Attorney General Thompson returned last night from Washington, where he, with Senator-Elect Morris Brown, represented the state in the case brought by the Union Pacific and Burlington railroads to prevent a temporary injunction to prevent the collection of their taxes in Nebraska, in excess of 80 per cent of the amount levied. Mr. Thompson is well satisfied with the treatment accorded the Nebraska lawyers by the United States supreme court and feels safe in predicting a verdict against the railroads. He bases this on the way the court treated the corporation lawyers and the many embarrassing questions asked them by members of the court.

The fact that Justice Moody did not sit with the court during the hearing operated to defeat the contention of the railroads for a full court to hear the case. It was upon this ground the railroads secured delays in the hearing. When the case was called Justice Moody remarked that as he owned some stock in the Union Pacific he would not take part in the case and excused himself.

In discussing the case Mr. Thompson said: "Mr. Baldwin, for the Union Pacific, told the court the late Edward Rosewater was responsible for the increase in the assessment of railroad property and that he had created a public clamor for the increase, and the State Board of Assessment had acted in accordance with the demands of the public and Edward Rosewater, rather than upon the actual value of railroad property in the state."

A just interested to ask Mr. Baldwin if Mr. Rosewater was a party to the suit. When informed he was not the court requested the railroad attorney not to "waste any time discussing public clamor."

Mr. Thompson said the attorneys for the two railroads abandoned their contention that other property in the state had been assessed too low. One of the lawyers was asked what the Union Pacific was worth a mile in Nebraska and he replied \$45,000. Mr. Baldwin contended the state board had included in its calculations bonds and stocks of various kinds while Mr. Greene contended the value of the Illinois and Iowa terminals had been imported to Nebraska to make up the board's assessment of the Burlington. Both lawyers dwelt at length upon the fact that the board had made an "arbitrary" reduction of \$10,000 a mile to cover certain deductions, and they were informed by the court that the "arbitrary" reduction would cut no figure.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT BEATRICE

Gage County Association Has Interesting Program.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Friday was the big day at the farmers' institute here and there was a much larger attendance than on the previous day. J. E. Atkinson of Beatrice City spoke on good roads at the morning session, which brought out a lengthy discussion, participated in by J. L. Rhodes, Robert Wilson and many others. The use of the King drag for improving the roads was advocated.

A free lunch was served at noon, and at 1:30 o'clock President Nickell announced the following prize winners:

White Bread—First, Mrs. John Carmichael; second, Mrs. Eliza Morse; third, Mrs. Mary Stutzman; fourth, Dora Stutzman.

Corn Bread—First, Mrs. Estella Sparks; second, Mrs. Estella Lewis; third, Mrs. Robert Wilson; fourth, Miss Mary Wilson.

Doughnuts—First, Mrs. Estella Sparks; second, Mrs. J. A. Elliott; third, Mrs. Mary Folsom; fourth, Mrs. E. W. Wadsworth.

These officers were elected for the coming year: A. H. Kidd, president; J. L. Rhodes, vice president; R. E. Blodgett, secretary; M. A. Shedd, treasurer.

Ex-Governor Poynter's lecture at 2 o'clock on "The Kind of a Dairy Cow for 18 Farms" was full of interest and was listened to with the closest attention. He is an excellent speaker, and a profitable and lively discussion, led by J. B. Smith, followed. "Poultry and Profit" was the next subject, and it was handled in a very practical way by D. F. Ashburn of Gilman, Neb. Speaking of the incubator, he said it had come to stay, but the faculty of eternal vigilance was necessary in running it. Short talks were made by Dr. McCleary, J. A. Elliott and G. A. Wieve, after which Miss Rosa Bouton of the state university gave an interesting address on household economies in the county court room. This was attended mainly by members of the Woman's club and girls of the high school. During Miss Bouton's lecture the prize products were sold at auction by Amos Quelin, ten ears of White Yellow Dent corn bringing as high as \$12.50. Butter sold for 35 cents per pound.

At the evening session D. F. Ashburn spoke on "The Boys and Girls of American Homes" and ex-Governor Poynter on "Home Essentials to Successful Farming."

These addresses were the best of the entire institute. Prof. Watts' military band furnished the music.

The institute has been the most successful in point of attendance and interest shown of any yet held in Gage county.

BIG SALE OF POLAND-CHINAS

Buyers Come from Six States and Prices Rise High.

PILLERTON, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—"This is the biggest sale of Poland-Chinas ever held here in Nebraska," were the words of T. F. Miller, a mile east of this city, where he had in two hours sold forty thoroughbred sows and two thoroughbred boars for the sum of \$3,675, an average of \$75 each.

Peter Sterling, a seven-year-old boar, the head of Mr. Miller's herd, was sold to B. T. Wray of Maryville, Mo., for \$112, while nine sows of the hog's get sold for \$119, or an average of \$132 per head. There were net in attendance at the sale from the states of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota and Nebraska. Out of the forty-two head sold only five had been purchased by Nance county breeders.

Mr. Miller has been a breeder of Poland China hogs for twenty-eight years and has spread neither any nor money in the business. He is highly gratified at the result of the sale and is the recipient of many compliments from breeders assembled here.

SECOND TRIAL OF DR. CATE ENDS

Defense Seeks to Show He Stabbed Lee Grass in Self-Defense.

NELSON, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The evidence in the trial of Dr. W. A. Cate, charged with assault with intent to kill Lee Grass, was concluded last Friday night and the attorneys argued today in argument.

County Attorney J. T. Dyant, assisted by ex-County Attorney W. F. Buck of Superior and Charley Sloan of Harvard, appeared for the state and H. H. Mauck for the defense. About fifty witnesses were

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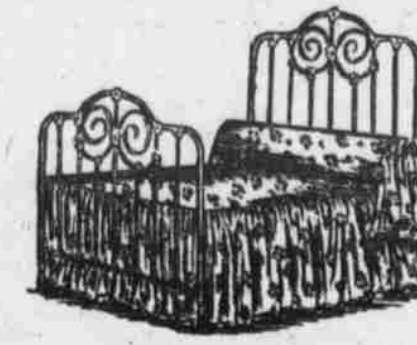
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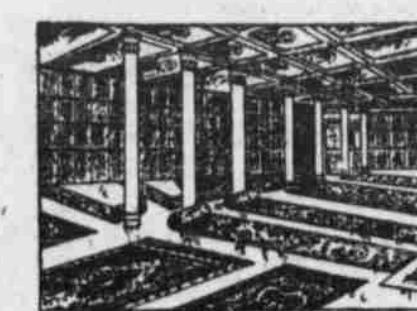
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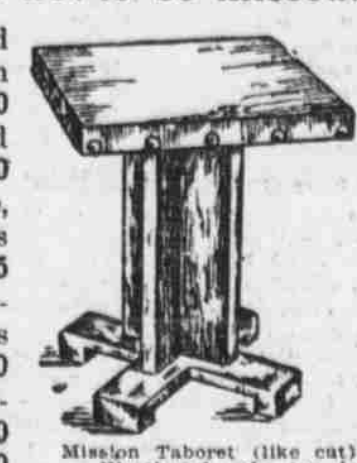
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- \$50 Davenport, large and luxurious; highly polished quarter-sawn golden oak frame; upholstered in red silk velour; January sale... \$37.00 \$69.00 Parlor Suite; mahogany; pretty divan and arm chair; January sale... \$27.50 \$106.00 Antwerp Oak Dining Suite; round table, pretty buffet and china cabinet with leaded glass doors—January sale... \$83.75 \$153.00 Early English Dining Suite; table, china cabinet and buffet; massive design with dull brass trimmings—January sale... \$111.50 \$40.00 China Cabinet; popular Early English finish—January sale... \$29.00 \$50.00 Fumed Oak Buffet, January sale... \$37.50 \$17.50 Early English Serving Table, Jan. sale \$12.00



Mission Taboret (like cut)—Weathered oak; top is highly hand-polished; covered with Spanish leather, inlaid with antique nails. Heavy, substantial. Regular price, \$5.00. January sale... \$2.75

- \$3.50 Tables, in oak or mahogany, brass feet, January sale... \$2.25 \$5.50 Mission Table, weathered oak, 24-inch top, January sale... \$3.75 \$9.75 Parlor Table, massive design, mahogany finish, heavy twisted legs, feet of brass claws and glass balls, January sale... \$7.50 \$11.50 Mahogany Parlor Table, octagon top, January sale... \$8.76 \$24.00 Tilt Top Table, genuine mahogany, round top, 42 inches in diameter, January sale... \$12.75 \$24.00 Work Table, hand polished golden quarter-sawn oak, colonial pattern, with glass knobs, January sale... \$18.75 \$35.00 Library Table, heavy design, top is 48x28 inches, January sale... \$24.50



Parlor Table (like cut)—Quarter-sawn golden oak, highly hand-polished; oval top, 30x32-in. Pretty, graceful pattern. Regular price, \$18.50. January sale... \$12.50

- \$7.50 Golden Oak Rocker, large size, January sale... \$5.00 \$9.00 Golden Oak Arm Chair, January sale... \$8.75 \$11.00 Golden Oak Arm Rocker, leather seat, January sale... \$8.75 \$12.00 Rocker, mahogany finish, January sale... \$7.75 \$15.00 Golden Oak Arm Chair, leather upholstered, January sale... \$10.75 \$52.00 Rocker, solid mahogany, ornately carved, leather upholstered, January sale... \$37.00



Dresser (like cut)—Genuine Tuna mahogany, highly polished; oval mirror; carved ornamentation. Regular price, \$20.00. January sale... \$16.75

- Music Cabinets and Ladies' Desks. \$8.50 Music Cabinet, January sale... \$6.50 \$19 Music Cabinet, January sale... \$15.75 \$12 Desk, golden oak, January sale... \$7.75 \$14.50 Desks, bird's-eye maple, January sale... \$11.50 \$16 Desk, golden oak, January sale... \$12.75 \$15.50 Desk, genuine mahogany, January sale... \$14.50

examined. The defendant endeavored to show that in stabbing Grass he was acting in self defense and had been forced to battle by him and the interference of his brother. On the contrary, the state made the claim that the doctor had made many threats of bodily injury, that Grass had no knife and that his brother, who had a knife, did not use it nor interfere in the quarrel. The case was heard in district court a year ago and the jury disagreed. Since that time the case has been continued several times until now there is a deep interest manifested. Much difficulty was encountered in getting a jury.

OSBORN'S "KNIFE IN THE DOOR"

Blair Author, Formerly of The Bee

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—A short story from the pen of Stanley R. Osborn of this city, son of the late Hon. L. W. Osborn, who was consul general to Samoa for several years, has been accepted by the Cosmopolitan and appears in the February number. The title of the story is "The Knife in the Door." It is the second effort of Mr. Osborn to be accepted by a leading magazine. The plot of the story is laid in Samoa, where the author lived with his father for six years. Mr. Osborn was at one time a member of The Bee staff. He now lives with his mother at the old home in Blair, where he was born and spent his boyhood.

RUNAWAY BOYS ARE GATHERED IN

West Point Youngsters Who Left Home Armed Are Brought Back.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The two boys, Joseph Pastrowsky and Victor Dornblaster, who ran away from their homes and whose description was circulated, broadcast, were captured by the city marshal of Emerson, and returned to their parents yesterday. The boys, after leaving home, were apparently undecided as to which section of the country offered the greatest inducements, they having doubled their track several times, visiting Tekamah twice and journeying from there to Emerson, where they were captured, avoiding all towns between the two places.

STANE EIK ANTHERS WITH HISTORY.

FINE POINT, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Levi Miller, president of the First National bank at this place, has just had mounted a pair of fine silk antlers that are historic in connection with Stanton county. The

elk from which the horns came was killed by Indians in the southwest part of this county thirty-five years ago. The antlers were found by Gustave Bommersheim and Carl Beyendorf and were sold by them for a trifle to Tobias Mack. Mr. Mack placed them in the hayrack of his barn and there they remained until a year ago, when they were purchased by Mr. Miller and sent to a taxidermist to be mounted. They are a fine pair with six prongs each and are in a good state of preservation. Mr. Miller values them highly because the elk was killed by Indians and in this county.

SIX IN FAMILY MEET FIRST TIME

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its thickness to eight inches, and the quality is excellent.

Smallpox at Aaseley.

ANSLEY, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—On January 16 at the Methodist banquet at Aaseley Ex-Governor Mickey preached, Miss Ruby Cannon who was present took sick and has since been confined to her bed. Thursday afternoon Dr. E. A. Hanna and W. B. Young pronounced the case one of small pox and quarantined the Cannon home.

News of Nebraska.

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Platte is Frozen from Bank to Bank and Damage is Feared Later.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The mercury reached 3 below zero this morning, the coldest of the season. The Platte is now frozen solid from bank to bank and as it was high there will be more ice than usual to go out later. A plan is being considered by the bridge committee of the county board and of the Commercial club to devise some means if possible to divert the current west of the city to a channel south of the first island where it once was. FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The ice cutting season commenced yesterday. The weather has been so warm until this week that no ice from over four inches thick, but the last few days has increased

farmers' institute here. Thirty pupils attended the meeting, returning home in the evening. BEEMER—A special meeting of the township board was held last evening for the purpose of appointing a justice of the peace. George Van Auker was appointed to the position. MINDEN—Unless the weather gets too severe the new depot will be ready for use by the first of February. The freight room is being pushed to completion in advance of the other parts. BEEMER—Emil Dossow is up in Gregory county, South Dakota, visiting his brother, Erwin. Since going there he has secured a position as assistant cashier of the Gregory State bank. BEATRICE—A farmers' institute opened at Virginia Hill yesterday with a fair attendance. W. H. Moller of Falls City and Dr. Peters, state veterinarian, addressed the meeting. BEATRICE—The Union Pacific will complete its track this week between Stromberg and Central City. The line card to Central City will go into effect Sunday, February 3. COLUMBUS—The trust formed by the Missouri River Farmers' Loan and Trust by the farmers not patronizing them at their trust rates. Teams can now be cared for at old prices. PLATTSMOUTH—Ed Fitzgerald is positive he saw Horace Wortman and Frank Kellee each 12 years ago, who ran away from home near Cedar creek about Christmas time, in this city recently. BEATRICE—The regular evening services are being held at the Methodist Episcopal church. It is expected to have day services, as well as the regular evening meetings during the coming week. SCHUYLER—A basket ball game will be played here Saturday between the Schuyler high school and the South Omaha high school. Both schools have strong teams, so a hard played game is expected. BEATRICE—Frank Sals, a local ice dealer, is harvesting ice fourteen inches in thickness on his artificial lake north-west of town. He is also putting up eight-inch ice from the Des Moines river. WEST POINT—Former Deputy Sheriff H. C. Kellee has purchased the new market lately owned by George Mullins at Pender, and will conduct the same in the future, making Pender his permanent home. TECUMSEH—Dillon & Buerstetter, the local ice men, expect to begin striking the crop next Tuesday. The ice on the Nemaha is said to be from seven to nine inches in thickness. It is hoped to harvest ten-inch ice. BEEMER—H. W. Ludwig received a message from Alton, Mo., Jan. 26, announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Ludwig had many friends in this vicinity, having visited here twice. Apoplexy was the cause of death. NORTH PLATTE—Miss Nettie Simants and Timothy Lake were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in the

presence of 100 guests. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Medlin of the Methodist church. A three-course lunch was served. VALLEY—The debating club gave its third debate Friday evening. The subject discussed was "Resolved, that inventions 'improve' the condition of the laboring classes." VALLEY—The Standard Bridge company has a steam pile-driver and force of men at work upon the Platte river bridge. Extra heavy ice breaks of twenty-one long piles each are to be put in across the entire west channel. TECUMSEH—Big prices were realized at the sale of Duron-Jersey swine of Peck & Putnam. Thirty-four animals were sold, averaging \$80. Banner's Top, a 2-year-old sow, was sold to W. H. Hall, Jr., of Vesta, for \$300. FAIRBURY—The second annual fair of the Eagles has been a great success. Valuable presents have been awarded to holders each evening, including a driving horse and buggy, a diamond and other valuable articles. COLUMBUS—The board of supervisors estimates the amount required to pay the expenses of running Platte county for the year 1907 at \$75,300. This is the amount that will have to be paid by the taxpayers. COLUMBUS—Transfers of property recorded in the county clerk's office for the last week amounted to the sum of \$39,238 and the decreased indebtedness as shown by mortgages filed and placed was \$15,570. TABLE ROCK—Mason and Eastern Star lodges gave a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. James Blotson, who are leaving for their future home at Hebron, Neb., nearly 100 way, on Friday. An elaborate lunch was served. COLUMBUS—The fire whistle and the ringing of bells called the firemen down to the south part of the city near Seventh and G streets. There was a small fire in a building owned by Mr. Covey and occupied by Polish family. PLATTSMOUTH—The finance committee of the Degree of Honor, Grand Chief Mrs. Mary A. Latkey, Mrs. Lorena Callen, Mrs. Annabella McDonald, Mrs. Frons Van Andel, Mrs. Chapman and A. G. Greenlee held a session here Friday. SCHUYLER—The Wells Grocery company has sold its entire stock to T. L. Maurer & Co., who will carry on the business in the same place. T. L. Maurer & Co. has four stores now, including one at Atkinson, Neb., and two in Iowa. NEBRASKA CITY—Articles of incorporation are being drawn up by local residents to form a company to be known as the Western Land company. The capitalization is to be for \$50,000 and the purpose of the organization is the development and operation of 10,000 acres of land in Keith county. Logan Enhart, H. H. Haska, E. (Continued on Fourth Page.)