

RAILROADS FILE PROTEST

Union Pacific and Burlington Object to Proposed Assessment.

FIGURE THE VALUATIONS WAY DOWN

Drug Bill at the Hastings Asylum Overruns Estimate and Creates Considerable of a Str About the State House.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINGOLN, May 27.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Union Pacific and the Burlington railroads, with Bob McGinnis of the Northwestern a listener, took a final throw before the State Board of Assessment today to prevent official confirmation of the informal finding of the board yesterday afternoon.

The plan was a long drawn out one. A. W. Scribner and R. J. Clancy of the Union Pacific and R. D. Follard of the Burlington being loaded to the guards with their reasons why the proposed action of the board would be unjust. What the board will do of course is by no means certain, but it is understood that the chances of any minds being changed by the arguments produced.

Mr. Scribner and Mr. Clancy each assured the board it had made a serious mistake and had done the Union Pacific an injustice by giving to Nebraska 40 per cent of the earnings of the system when this giving 40 per cent of the earnings to Nebraska and 40 per cent of the stocks and bonds a capitalization of \$28,162,736 was shown for the state, when in reality this represented holdings in the Oregon Short Line, the Navigation company and auxiliary companies held by the Union Pacific proper.

The proper capitalization for Nebraska, taken on a basis of 20 per cent, would have been \$5,960,000 or \$61,850 a mile. At least 50 per cent should have been deducted, they held, from the earnings because of the holdings of the company, said the railroad men.

Mr. Follard for the Burlington submitted several tests for finding the value of a railroad, none of which came up to the figures of the board, which, he said, were unjust and above the actual value of the road. He submitted the following table to show the board how his road should be valued:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Earnings capitalization, Flaring stocks and bonds, On stocks and bonds, On tangible property.

Total \$37,100,353. Divided by three gives \$12,366,784. On earnings per mile, On stocks and bonds per mile, On tangible property at even.

The State Board of Assessment will meet Friday morning to formally make its findings. Tonight it assessed the Great Western at a total taxable value of \$100,000, an increase from \$90,000; the Union City & Omaha at \$200,000, an increase from \$150,000; and the Union Pacific at \$1,000,000, an increase from \$800,000.

Drug Bill Creates a Str.—The purchase of medicine for use at the Hastings asylum at Hastings during last month has exceeded the estimate on which the contracts were based by over \$177, to say nothing of the str it has created among the members of the State Board of Purchase and Supplies.

Contracts for drugs to the amount of \$341 for the quarter, and already bills have come in for \$718.18 worth of drug supplies. As an example, the contract called for one half dozen pint bottles of wine champagne for \$2 and when the bill came in it showed one dozen bottles had been bought at \$4. Other items were increased in the same way.

Governor Sheldon, as well as other members of the board, have given strict orders that the institution must buy within the estimate submitted by the superintendent and the steward. Failing to do this the governor has announced that he will find superintendents who will obey the orders of the board. It is said allowing superintendents to buy in excess of the contract would open the way to peculiar practices, to the detriment of the state's finances.

For instance, the board believes it can make more money by getting a price on a large number of articles and buying a smaller number than by getting the price on the small number and then buying in quantities. Besides, the board holds the present method in use at the Hastings asylum prevents many dealers from bidding.

Great Northern's Pass List.—Three Nebraskans pretty well known show up in the list of pass holders filed with the State Railway commission this morning by the Great Northern, the first road to report any lawyers and surgeons. The men are Dr. J. P. Giligan of O'Neill, surgeon, member of the 1906 senate; R. E. Evans, attorney of Dakota, formerly district judge; C. B. Abbott, attorney of Fremont, formerly city attorney of that town. The men are included in the list of employes.

Deadlock on Health Inspector.—After taking ninety-nine ballots, the State Board of Health adjourned late tonight without having selected a state health inspector. Three candidates were voted for, as follows: Governor Sheldon for Dr. Wilmeth of Lincoln, Superintendent McEbrin for Dr. Wilson of Pawnee and Attorney General Thompson for Dr. Muirhead of Omaha. Ten ballots were also taken for a clerk and stenographer for the Board of Secretaries. These parties were voted for: Andrew Hall of Lincoln, Earl L. Martin of Central City and Daisy Lutz of Blair. This position pays \$70 a month and the health inspector receives \$1,800 a year. The board will meet again Wednesday.

Halling on Poll Tax.—Attorney General Thompson this morning, in answer to a letter of inquiry from the county attorney of Madison county, held that under the new law enacted by the legislature governing the collection of road taxes, each person not exempted should be charged \$2.50, even though the law has no emergency clause. There is no law for the payment of the \$2 tax in work, and should an attempt be made to pay it

that way it would not act as a bar to the collection of the \$2.50.

Site Granted to Elevator.—The Farmers' Elevator company of Aida, which some time ago complained that the Union Pacific had refused it a site on its right-of-way upon which to erect an elevator, this morning withdrew the complaint, saying everything had been fixed up and it expected to get the site without any further trouble.

Omaha's Burying Autos.—Omaha holds the state record for automobiles sold since May 20. During the seven days Omaha has sold fifteen machines, or at least that many have been registered from there, while not one has been registered from Lincoln or elsewhere in the state. The last to be registered from Lincoln was that of C. E. Haney, No. 1382.

FRIENDS' WORK IN NEBRASKA

Quaker Organization Has Been Perfected and School Ranks High.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., May 27.—(Special.)—The Friends, or Quakers, of Nebraska maintain an efficient organization that is doing aggressive work in many parts of the state. The center of work and influence, perhaps, is at Central City, where they have established in connection with the church a college which is already taking its place among the foremost schools of the state. To Herbert J. Mott of Hastings, perhaps, more than to any other man, the Friends are indebted for the founding of this institution. The school was established in fall of 1898, and continued with fair attendance and increasing patronage and was recently incorporated, the total appraisal being about \$40,000, which property is held practically free from debt. The church and educational association by which the work in Nebraska is carried on holds its annual meeting at Central City immediately following college commencement. The proper capitalization for Nebraska, taken on a basis of 20 per cent, would have been \$5,960,000 or \$61,850 a mile. At least 50 per cent should have been deducted, they held, from the earnings because of the holdings of the company, said the railroad men.

Steps have been taken toward establishing a yearly meeting, which matter will be further considered at the coming convention, and it is desired that all Friends in Nebraska identify themselves with this work.

Exercises of interest to visitors will be the commercial, college and academic graduation exercises June 4 and 5, the latter day being also the college field day, and on the following morning will begin sessions of the association, which will continue until Sabbath evening, June 9.

Murder Suspect Arrested.—GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Chief of Police Hoagland and Officer Searles yesterday arrested a stranger who answers the description of the murderer wanted at McCook for the killing of Mrs. Laura Spaulding. The Red Willow county officers were notified and advised here today. They are confident that they have the man. He tallies exactly with the description sent out of him. He gives the name of Null and gives a mixed account of himself and has some of the peculiarities of the man seen at McCook. He can be positively identified there if he is the right man. The Red Willow authorities failed to identify the man and he was discharged.

Verdict of Suicide.—HEATRICE, Neb., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The coroner's jury at Blue Springs, which held an inquest over the body of James W. Brewer, who committed suicide Sunday by taking two ounces of strychnine at his home, a half mile north of that place, rendered a verdict that deceased came to his death from poison self-administered while in a fit of despondency. Mr. Brewer was 43 years of age and leaves a widow and four children in comfortable circumstances. His health and prospects of a poor crop are assigned as the cause.

Lincoln Commercial Club Tours.—FREMONT, Neb., May 27.—(Special.)—The Lincoln Commercial club arrived here this noon on a trip to the northwest. Headed by the Fremont College band, which will accompany it, they marched up Sixth street to Broad, where they broke ranks, and after dinner scattered about the business part of town. A small red-headed boy dressed in white headed the parade as a mascot and many of them were well supplied with advertising matter which was being passed along the way. They left this afternoon.

No external application is equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sore muscles or swollen joints.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Partly Cloudy and Warmer in Nebraska Today—Showers and Cooler at Night or Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Forecast of the weather for Monday and Wednesday: For South Dakota and Nebraska—Partly cloudy and warmer Tuesday, showers and cooler at night or Wednesday.

For Iowa—Fair, warmer Tuesday; partly cloudy Wednesday, probably showers in west portion, warmer in east portion.

For Missouri—Fair, warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, partly cloudy, probably showers in west portion, warmer in east portion.

For Wyoming—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday, probably showers in northwest portion, warmer Tuesday.

For Colorado—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday, occasional showers in west portion, warmer Tuesday.

Local Record.—OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 27.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

Maximum temperature... 82 84 89 71. Minimum temperature... 28 42 58 49. Mean temperature... 55 63 73 60. Precipitation... .00 T .16 .00.

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and comparison with the last two years: Normal temperature... 68. Total deficiency since March 1, 1907... 14. Normal precipitation... 15 inch. Excess for the day... 16 inch. Total rainfall since March 1... 2.74 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1907... 5.62 inches. Deficiency for cor. period 1906... 6.12 inch. Deficiency for cor. period 1905... 1.62 inches.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.—Station and State. Tem. Max. Rain. Fall. Blinn, Neb., cloudy... 73 73 .00. Cheyenne, cloudy... 59 59 .00. Denver, clear... 54 54 .00. Denver, raining... 54 54 .00. Helena, cloudy... 56 56 .00. Huron, pt. cloudy... 54 54 .00. Lincoln, Neb., cloudy... 62 62 .00. North Platte, cloudy... 58 58 .00. Omaha, Neb., cloudy... 62 62 .00. Rapid City, pt... 50 50 .00. St. Louis, clear... 56 56 .00. St. Paul, Neb., clear... 56 56 .00. Salt Lake City, pt... 56 56 .00. Valentine, cloudy... 52 52 .00. Wichita, Neb., clear... 77 77 .00.

T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

HOSKINS MAN KILLS BROTHER

Turns Gun on Himself and Puts an End to His Own Life.

SHOOTING OCCURS AT A NEIGHBOR'S

Man at Whose Place Shooting Occurs Tries to Prevent It, but Fails—Norfolk Woman Saves Cash from Burglar.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Two brothers lie dead by the hand of the younger as a result of a tragedy enacted on a farm several miles northeast of here, in the vicinity of Hoskins, today. Henry Kneis, who shot his brother, George, three times and then turned the gun upon himself, died this afternoon. No known motive was apparent. Henry Kneis, 32, followed his brother, five years older, to the farm of Henry Amends. Amends apparently expected trouble and motioned George into the house. Henry got out of his spring wagon, which he had hitched up when he saw the brother pass along the road, and advanced toward the doorway, which framed the intended victim. Amends stood between the two. Suddenly Henry drew a 35-caliber revolver and began firing. The first bullet barely missed Amends and struck George Kneis. That and the next bullet lodged in the groin and right leg. The third bullet pierced the heart and George Kneis fell dead. Seizing the dead brother by the feet, Amends dragged the body out of the house to the bare ground and then turned the gun on himself. Only one bullet remained. It is not known whether he struck himself with this or not. He reloaded and fired four more shots. Two shots took effect. One in the neck and one in the abdomen. He was taken home, when he died.

Sheriff Mears and Coroner Williams held an inquest this evening. The men had some difficulty over hay jointly raised last fall. The widows say they knew of no trouble. Formerly the men, who are German-Russian, lived in Norfolk. They came here from South Omaha, where they worked in the packing plant. George leaves five children under 10. Henry only a wife. Their parents live near the farms. The two men lived within a half mile of each other on rented farms.

HOSKINS, Neb., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—This morning at about 8 o'clock a murder was committed at the Amends home, five miles northeast of Hoskins, Neb., when Henry Kneis shot and killed his brother, George, then shooting himself. Henry Amends and George Kneis were driving some cattle to the Amends place and Henry was hauling hay nearby, and seeing George he unhitched from the wagon and hitched to a spring wagon and went to Amends's place. There seems to have been some trouble between the two men, and Henry was mad, told George to go into the house. He went up to the house and was standing in the door when Henry came up. Amends was standing between the two men when the shooting was done. Henry shot George four times, killing him, and then turned the gun on himself, shot once, and then reloaded his revolver and began shooting again. When the gun was found it had four empty shells in it. Henry was taken to his home about a mile from Amends's place, where he died. A coroner's inquest will be held this afternoon.

Woman Fells Two Burglars.—NORFOLK, Neb., May 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Two burglars tried to frighten Mrs. Robert Atter in her home at eight o'clock last Sunday night, but she was concealed under the mattress on which she was lying. Awakened by the chloroform and a burglar's arm stealing under her pillow, Mrs. Atter flung her hands upon an electric light, turned the button and foiled the masked highwayman, who fled. With a gun she pursued, turning on lights in the dining room to find awaiting a companion of the masked robber. The second man cursed the bungling of the job. Both men escaped. Mrs. Atter's face was burned by the chloroform. Last Thursday three traps which tried to rob her store here a month ago and whom she arrested with an unpaid revolver, were released. Two of them have been seen here, but she says they are not the same men who entered her home last night. Her silverware was left on the sideboard by the men as they had wrapped it in a handkerchief. The men got 21 in a purse.

Damage Suit for Death of Baby.—FREMONT, Neb., May 27.—(Special.)—Thomas J. Langdon has brought suit in the district court against Dodge and Saunders counties to recover the sum of \$500 damages for the death of his 10-month-old son, Patrick J. Langdon, who was killed by a span of the bridge across the Platte at North Bend giving way a few weeks ago. Another suit growing out of the same accident has been brought to recover for injuries sustained by Mrs. Kate Langdon, the mother of the baby who was killed.

Banquet for C. S. Folk.—PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 27.—(Special.)—The Cass county bar gave an elaborate farewell banquet in this city this evening in honor of C. S. Folk, who, with his family, will depart for California and reside in Los Angeles. Mr. Folk arrived from Indiana in 1872, graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1887, and has since resided in this city and practiced law; he was city attorney three and a half years and county attorney for two years.

News of Nebraska.—CHADRON—It has been raining steadily here for seventy-two hours.

LINWOOD—Morse Hill played Linwood 4 to 4 in favor of Linwood.

LINWOOD—Corn is all planted, but is not coming up good. A washout east of town delayed sprouts four hours Friday.

SCHEFFLER—Edward Scheffler, a grower yesterday morning, with mercury ranging at between 20 and 35 degrees. Much of the corn and potatoes was hurt, as well as early vegetables.

WEST POINT—The matched blue rock shot at the farm home of C. H. Saxe in the field today, very exciting. The score being close. The Willow Creek club scored 59 and the Buffalo 58.

WEST POINT—The formal opening of the fine modern mercantile establishment of the Stearns-Jerman-Baumann company was held Thursday. Friday and Saturday attracted large crowds of patrons and sightseers.

SCHUYLER—Prof. E. B. Sherman of Columbia spoke at the Schuyler opera house last evening in the interest of the Lincoln Commercial club. He was well liked, most of the business men of the city being present.

WAYNE—The annual sermon to the graduating class of the Wayne high school was delivered by Rev. Parker Smith, pastor of the church. Beginning with a large audience at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening.

BEULLEVILLE—The high school teachers have been chosen for the coming year. The new principal will be O. B. Brownell of Alexandria and the two new assistants will be Miss McVicker of North Bend and Joseph Dickenson of Howells.

VALLEY—Unionist services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning. Rev. Mr. Casper, pastor of the church, presided. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic reside in or near Valley.

FREMONT—Memorial Sunday was observed as usual by the Grand Army and Woman's Relief corps. Special services were held at the church. The memorial sermon was preached by Dr. Spiker of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DAKOTA CITY—These officers were elected by Omaha Monday night Saturday evening: Worshipful master, John H.

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Smith, if I dream again that you have kissed another woman I won't speak to you again as long as I live! O'Neill Frontier. Back at the Press—The gratters are not all gone yet, says a little dink paper, and then the editor put on its crown, swells up and says we "cannot be bought or intimidated." This reminds the Times of a fellow that was on a dead run with a chicken in one hand, a filled coil scuttle in the other, and every time he leaped the hen he would remember to his legs sent out an alarm sounding his approach, but he had no hand left to put behind him. This situation he was terror stricken, being afraid someone would approach him while fully occupied. It is funny, isn't it? "Our little village has been afflicted with gratters since its birth," indeed.—Valley Times. Fish—Uncle Joe Barker, the enthusiastic disciple of Isaac Walton, the father of fishermen, has all the fishermen in this part of Nebraska beat panels of fence at luring and catching the beautiful members of the fishy tribe. Uncle Joe says he has a magical line and that the beauties cannot resist the temptation to bite. And then again, there are those who say that Uncle Joe has a speaking acquaintance with every fish, big and little, in the Poneca and Niobrara rivers. We certainly hope that Uncle Joe will remember to his wife and principal diet during our early childhood was fish! fish! fish!—Verdel Outlook. No Bar to Happiness—A certain young man in a vicinity where come to the conclusion that bachelor life has become some, and that life would indeed be pleasant if he only had some good woman to cook his meals, wash the dishes and darn his socks. Being extremely modest, or perhaps we should say uncomfortably bashful, he was carrying some difficulty in pressing himself at times, and now he resorted to wearing his heart upon his coat sleeve in hopes that one of the girls that fitted him may see and take pity. If any of the lady readers are likewise dissatisfied with single blessedness and possess the nerve requisite to popping the question, we also see no reason why two persons should not be absolutely happy.—Hays County Times-Republican. Spring Revelry—The thoughts of the Argus editor were hard to concentrate on his work the fore part of this week, for the close of the spring auction sales of C. S. and C. J. Wood, Enos Jones, Joe Blaker and Norris Aylor; we could hear Uncle Charley's "by Jockit! it's a swash!" when they landed a big one; we could see Enos as he prepared to jump into the raging waters after his pole, which a "big gun" was carrying down stream; low and that big drift pile, we could see the look of superiority come over Norris' face when he landed that "whopper," and heard "Little Charley's" condolence when they discovered it was only a carp. We yanked with the rest of them when Joe Blaker pulled out that little billhead. In imagination we also feasted on the sight of the Bow Forest Reserve and floated down that stream for the use of the box factory belonging to the Carbon Timber company at Waters last night and considerable low

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