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Following is a list of the counties and the hot sun succeeding it is making corn grow very rapidly.

OXFORD—J. M. Tomlinson, and old and respected citizen, 72 years of age, dropped dead of heart failure on one of the streets of this city, where he was found by C. Kneeshaw at a late hour last evening. He had been in apparently usual good health, and his death came as a shock to the community. Besides a wife, he leaves three sons, all well-known in Burlington railway circles. William S. Tomlinson, claim agent at McCook; Har- B. Tomlinson, express agent at Hastings; and for fifteen years the agent at this place, and James O. Tomlinson, express messenger, also of Oxford. The interment occurred today.

**MUCH WATER AT PLATTSMOUTH**  
Hard Rain of Sunday Makes Streets Raging Torrents.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—A heavy downpour of rain Sunday evening caused Main street in this city to look much like a raging river, the water covering the street and sidewalks, but little damage was done. The Burlington shops were again flooded, which it is claimed would not have occurred had the men in charge of the water caused the sewers to have been cleared during the last week.

The storm at Cedar Creek was worse than here and caused the bank to cave in on the Burlington track and a stop to traffic. Men were sent from here to remove the rubbish and the trains were running as usual today. The Missouri Pacific track was washed out between Falls City and here and traffic stopped between this city and Omaha.

**PAPILLON, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)**—A terrific rain and electrical storm came up last night about 6 o'clock. Paper creek overflowed its banks. Cellars are full and telephones are burst out. Trees were torn down and corn destroyed. One hundred feet of track was undermined west of the depot, which delayed all trains several hours.

**News of Nebraska.**  
SHELTON—A deal has been completed which means that Shelton will have with- out a doubt a new and more modern hotel. The deal was the transfer of the M. A. Hosteler business corner on Main street to George Melner, the price paid being \$5,000. This is one of the finest business locations in the city and the price paid is by far the biggest price ever paid for a building for a business location, all things being considered.

**RED CLOUD**—Thursday afternoon a warrant was issued charging two men named James Goldie and Henry Steffen, with kidnaping Sophia Anderson, a girl aged 12 years, residing with her parents at Bladen. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Norris, who at once started in pursuit, tracing the parties across the state line into Kansas, where he lost track of them. Steffen wanted to marry the girl.

**BEATRICE**—Dean Beecher of Trinity Cathedral of Omaha, filled the pulpit at Christ church Sunday. He is a brother of Deacon Beecher of South Beatrice.

**BEATRICE**—Herman Karstens has just finished threshing sixty acres of wheat, which averaged thirty-five bushels to the acre. The grain was sold to M. T. Cummings, and is the best yield yet reported. Charles Graves threshed twenty-two acres, which yielded thirty bushels and tested sixty-two pounds.

**BEATRICE**—The funeral services for the late Elizabeth Leech were held Sunday afternoon from Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. U. G. Brown, assisted by Rev. J. E. Davis, conducting the services. The members of the Royal Highland Fraternal Union of America, and Degree of Pochontas of which orders deceased was a member, attended in a body. Burial was in Evergreen Home cemetery.

**BEATRICE**—Charles Jackson, a pioneer druggist of this city, was taken suddenly ill at his store Saturday night and died in a serious condition.

**BEATRICE**—A rainfall estimated at an inch and a half, visited this locality Sunday morning. It will greatly improve growing crops.

**HUMBOLDT**—An unusually heavy rain visited this section Friday night, starting early in the evening and continuing most of the night. No particular damage was

done by the heavy fall and the hot sun succeeding it is making corn grow very rapidly.

YORK—At the meeting of the directors of the Commercial club a resolution was passed asking the business men to close their places of business during two afternoons of the week at county meetings, which will be held here commencing on July 15.

YORK—The first threshing reported is that of Lewis Klinehamer. The wheat tested twenty-five bushels to the acre and tested thirty-five pounds to the bushel.

COLUMBUS—Mr. and Mrs. August Schuyler have come into court to find out why he refused the right to vote at an election in his school district in the month of June and has since then the action against Chief Nelson, moderator, and A. S. Pluck, director, and Aaron Anderson, treasurer, in district No. 57.

COLUMBUS—Petitions galore are being circulated for the different state, district and county offices, and many are willing to be sacrificed in order to try and serve the people. There are two who want to preside over the district courts of the sixth judicial district. Among the republicans are Judge J. G. Reeder and Attorney J. C. Martin; and for supreme judges M. B. Heese and Judge Sedgwick of York.

WEST POINT—John Meyer, Henry Ickman and Joseph E. Kass, local capitalists, have filed articles of incorporation of the West Point Butter and Creamery company. The company has acquired the land, buildings and plant of the old West Point Creamery company, which has been shut down for the last ten years. Great benefit will result to this community by the formation of this company and the consequent utilization of the valuable plant of the old concern.

WEST POINT—The local political fight this year seems to be among the democrats. For all the offices numerous democrats have announced themselves, but as yet no republican candidates have come out into the open. The issue in the democratic ranks seems to be the perpetuation or annihilation of what is termed ring rule, or bossism, in local politics, a large number of democrats are of the opinion that their party is under the domination of a clique of politicians using the privileges of the county for their own glory and profit.

WEST POINT—To comply with the provisions of the new law the West Point Brewing association has transferred much of its landed property to the West Point Land company. The property consists of saloon buildings in West Point, Hancock, Winner, Beemer, Snyder and Uehling.

WEST POINT—Father Reback, pastor of the Catholic church at Alopa, in this

county, has just completed the erection of a fine parochial residence, 28x34 feet, and modern in every respect. This parish is now equipped with a fine church, school house, parochial residence and teachers' house.

WEST POINT—Painters are busy on the new wing just completed at the Home for the Aged in West Point. Fourteen persons and four children are now cared for in this institution.

LINWOOD—Wheat is about all cut and the oats harvest will commence this week. Wheat is of good quality and an average crop. About two inches of rain fell Sunday, making it bad for wheat, as some farmers intended threshing this week.

SCHUYLER—An aged Indian, an aged Indian, who has been a resident of this city for many years, passed away at his home last evening after a lingering sickness. The funeral services will be held at his home Tuesday afternoon.

**GIRL MISSING FROM HOME**  
Retires as Usual in Evening and Disappears During the Night.

At an early hour this morning the police were called to solve the mystery of the disappearance of a 15-year-old girl, Jessie Sheard, from her home on 21st and Twentieth streets. The girl lives with her parents and she and the family retired as usual about 9 o'clock last evening, the parents sleeping upstairs and the girl downstairs with her 6-year-old brother. About 1 o'clock this morning the parents heard the little one crying and going downstairs. They found the girl being locked, but a window was open and the girl nowhere to be found. Only the clothes which she ordinarily wore are missing.

Both the police and the parents are at a loss to account for her disappearance. The only solutions offered are that she has been carried away by some one or that she has run away. The police have gone in search of another girl about Jessie's own age, with whom the missing girl has associated, thinking possibly she may have gone to her home or that the two may have gone away together. The parents can give no reason why the girl should have desired to leave home, or why anyone should desire to abduct her.

It was ascertained by the police that Agnes Valentine, who lives at 3906 California street, is missing from her home. She is a friend of Jessie Sheard and it is thought the two girls are together. The Valentine girl told her folks that she was going to spend the night with the Sheard girl.

**EAGLES AFTER A MINISTER**  
Omaha Aerie Endeavors to Secure Rev. R. Finley Smalley of Kansas City.

The Omaha Aerie of Eagles is endeavoring to secure Rev. R. Finley Smalley of Kansas City to deliver an address before the order in Omaha sometime in the near future. Dr. Smalley is the only minister in the west who is a member of the order of the Eagles. He recently addressed a com-

munication to the board of police commissioners of Kansas City, pleading for a more liberal construction of the ordinances against the sale of beer and light wines in the Kansas City Parks.

The Omaha delegation to the Grand Aerie, which will convene in Norfolk, Va., September 3, will make a strong effort to secure the meeting of the Grand Aerie in Omaha for 1909, and are extremely hopeful of landing it. Nebraska delegation has the assurance of support from many of the Missouri, Iowa and Kansas delegates for Omaha in 1909.

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## PROTEST ON ASSESSMENT

### Railroads Want Valuation of the Various Counties Raised.

### MONDAY IS SET FOR HEARING

Local Board in Lancaster Cuts Assessors' Figures Twenty Per Cent—Attorney General Says No Fusion in Primaries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, July 15.—(Special.)—The Union Pacific and the Burlington were on hand this afternoon at the first meeting of the State Board of Equalization with their protests against the work of the various county assessors, kicking on what they termed their own high valuation and the low valuation of other property in the state. Representatives of the Union Pacific requested the board to set a date for a hearing at which time they agreed to be on hand and prove the allegations in their protests, with witnesses and documentary evidence. The Burlington mailed its protest, while Edson Rich, A. W. Scribner and R. J. Clancy brought down the Union Pacific papers. The board set next Monday for the hearing.

The protest of the Union Pacific closes as follows:  
Your petitioner therefore protests against the assessment and valuation of your property in the various counties of the state, and determined by this honorable body on or about May 31, 1907, and prays, requests and demands that the honorable State Board of Equalization and Assessment give force and effect to the rule of uniformity prescribed by the constitution of the state of Nebraska by increasing the assessment of other classes and kinds of property in the various counties of the state, so as to make the same conform to law and by reducing the finding of the value of your property to the value of your determination of the assessed value of its property in an amount sufficient to permit the property of your petitioner to bear a just and equal portion of the burden of taxation so that your petitioner shall not be assessed at a higher rate than its property and franchise, and no more than its just proportion, and that you provide for the petitioner's just and proper relief from said excessive assessment.

The Union Pacific was valued for assessment purposes at \$5,000 a mile, which the company alleges is higher than its fair value while all other property except railroad property is alleged to have been valued for assessment at much less than its true value. The company alleges that the assessed value of real estate is fixed at a sum aggregating not more than 60 per cent of its actual value; so that instead of real estate being assessed at 20 per cent of its actual value it is assessed at not more than 12 per cent; money and credits not more than 20 per cent, or 4 per cent of its actual value; live stock, one-fifth of not more than 60 per cent of its actual value; merchandise not more than one-fifth of 60 per cent of actual value; agricultural implements, one-fifth of 60 per cent of the actual value, and all other property at a very much less percentage than one-fifth of real value.

It is alleged the board has since 1904 increased the assessment of railroad property of the Union Pacific more than 26 per cent, while the assessment of other real estate has not been increased by the county assessors or the board of equalization, notwithstanding the fact that the market value of real estate has very largely advanced.

The Burlington protests against its assessment on the ground that the assessment violates the uniformity clause of the constitution; violates the law of the state for the reason the property is assessed beyond its actual value, that the assessment is at least 50 per cent higher than the market value, is excessive as compared with other property, which it is alleged is not assessed at more than 60 per cent of its true value. It is alleged this assessment is vicious, and amounts to confiscation without due process of law. The Burlington protest is in the name of seventeen different corporations.

The board does nothing at this meeting inasmuch as only sixty-two counties have been heard from. The returns were delayed by reason of the delay in the supreme court decision on the distribution of railroad values. Secretary Bennett was instructed to make a tabulation of the returns as the case is.

**Gov. to Lancaster.**  
Lancaster county Board of Equalization has slashed through Assessor Miller's work and made a straight cut of 20 per cent on all personal property. This was done, one member of the board said, by "brute strength and awkwardness." Last year when the State Board of Equalization refused to increase the assessment of Douglas county at the request of several property owners, the assessor there made a straight cut of 20 per cent on all personal property. The Board of Equalization apparently has carried out the threat, as there was no general protest against the assessment of personal property here. The matter will be called to the attention of the state board.

County Assessor Miller is authority for the statement that Douglas county's assessment is assessed at about one-fifth of 60 per cent of its actual value instead of one-fifth of its full value. This statement is made at the state house this afternoon, intimating later that parties from Lincoln had been doing the Sherlock Holmes act in Omaha.

**No Fusion at Primary.**  
If the opinion of the general holds good there will be no fusion at the state primary to be held in September. Mr. Thompson, in answer to an inquiry from the county attorney in Merrick county, held today that no person could affiliate with more than one party at the primary and that he must state with what party he affiliates.

**Wheeler's Assessor Busy.**  
Wheeler county's assessor is the first official to get busy under the railroad terminal tax bill passed by the recent legislature. This assessor returned the railroad terminals in his county at a valuation of \$40. The terminal tax bill does not go into effect until next year, being one of the very few bills passed without the emergency clause.

**No Meeting with Jobbers.**  
The Omaha jobbers will not meet with Deputy Food Commissioner Joe Johnson for a discussion of the pure food law. It was at the request of the jobbers that Mr. Johnson set the date of the meeting, but it was called off by the law and all dealers will be expected to follow them without a discussion.

**Compland Files for Regent.**  
George Compland of Elgin filed his name with the secretary of state today as a candidate for regent of the State university; Amos A. Welch of Wayne filed as a candidate for judge of the Ninth district, and E. C. Jackson filed as a candidate for judge of the Fourth district. All are republicans. Not a democrat has yet filed.

**Counties to Exhibit at Fair.**  
The applications for counties for space in the collective exhibits of the state fair are coming in rapidly. Secretary Mellor has received the applications of fifteen and this is counted as very good this early in the game. Last year, twenty-five counties were represented in this part of the exhibits. This year, the state has been divided into three divisions so that the western counties will not have to compete with the rich eastern counties. It is thought the exhibits will excel any former year.

## HEAVY RAINS OVER THE STATE

### Crops in Some Sections Damaged and Railroads Washed Out.

LYONS, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Heavy rains fell here Saturday and Sunday nights and about three inches were recorded. Strong winds accompanied the rains and many trees were blown down and much small grain was damaged by the wind and rain Saturday night.

FREMONT, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Over an inch and a half of rain fell here yesterday afternoon and last night. Lightning struck the house of Thomas Robeson, on North Park avenue, but did no other damage other than demolishing the chimney. The rain was very heavy in the county and made railroading difficult. No. 21 on the Union Pacific was held up most of the night by a washout at Papillion and got in here after 5 this morning. A large number of Fremont fans, who had been down to see the ball games, were on board. The Northwestern had a stretch of track washed out near Ceresco and traffic was "off" on the Lincoln branch this morning in consequence. The Burlington also had some soft track on the bottoms.

EDGAR, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—After more than three weeks of dry, hot weather, relief has come by a good rain that began falling Saturday evening and continued slowly Saturday night and Sunday. One and a half inches of rain has fallen. What is now all in shock and is of excellent quality, and the estimated yield, it is thought, will not be far from twenty-three bushels per acre. Corn is in fine condition and a big crop is certain if the weather continues favorable. Oats are heavy and are ready for harvest. This will be the banner year for alfalfa and, with favorable weather, potatoes will also be a big yield.

FAIRMONT, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Since Saturday about an inch and a half of rain has fallen, which was much needed for pastures and corn. All of the wheat is cut, and some stacking and thrashing done. Wheat that has been threshed yielded a little better than twenty bushels per acre, with good, plump kernels. There was some little damage done on Saturday evening by the wind, but nothing serious. Stocks of grain and haystacks were blown around some.

MCOOL, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—The heavy downpour of rain Sunday night caused the Blue river to rise over eight feet within an hour. The Stein Brothers and families, well known business men of Hastings, are camping on the Blue in town and had it not been for the assistance given them here by citizens, their tents and everything would have been carried down the stream. They barely had time to remove them to higher ground. Farmers swimming land on the river bottom, owing to the sudden rise, have lost fences and building material.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Five inches of water fell here yesterday afternoon and as a result the Blue river and its tributaries are running bank full. Black Brothers' mill was forced to close down this afternoon on account of the high water. Much damage was done to cellars and basements in the city; trains are all late.

NELSON, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—The heaviest rainstorm of the season and for many years visited this section Saturday evening. There was strong wind and considerable hail accompanied the rain. Nearly four inches of water fell in about two hours. Elk creek almost reached the high water mark record and did a great deal of damage to bridge, fence and growing

crops along the little valley. Almost every wagon bridge on this stream is impassable, as all approaches are badly washed out. W. A. Barrows, liverman, had two teams drowned. The drivers were coming home about midnight. The rain had been quite local and they did not anticipate such a flood. It was very dark, and before the drivers realized the magnitude of the waters they were swept away as they attempted to cross the bridge, one just south of town and the other just east of town. One of the men took refuge in a tree, where he spent the night over the water until he was rescued the next morning by a farmer living nearby. About two inches of water fell Sunday afternoon, making in all six inches or better in twenty-four hours.

ST. PAUL, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—A fine shower of rain fell here yesterday afternoon, amounting to .66 of an inch, although accompanied by lively thunder and lightning, no bad results have been reported so far.

HARVARD, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—Weather Observer Fleming reports two and a quarter inches of rain last night between 8 and 6:30 o'clock. This rain, while heavy, was without wind, and no damage came from the storm and will be of great value, as everything was becoming very dry.

**TWO DROWN IN KEARNEY CANAL.**  
One Goes to Rescue of Companion and Both Go Down.

KEARNEY, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Another drowning accident occurred at the headwaters of the Kearney canal south of Elm Creek Sunday afternoon. A party of young people from Williamsburg were at what is known as the "Blue Hole" fishing and enjoying a picnic just after having partaken of their lunch some of the young men were in the water when Tom Marshall suddenly got beyond his depth and was taken with cramps. James Crawford went to his rescue, but could do nothing with his companion, who was struggling desperately, and came near pulling Crawford down with him. Another companion, Frank Moon, came to his aid, when the drowning man threw his arms about him in such a manner that he could not free himself and both Marshall and Moon went under and were drowned.

Both young men were of age. This is the second accident of this kind at the "Blue Hole," so named from its cold, clear water, which is fed by underground springs and is considered a dangerous place to bathe.

**Gate Railroad Values.**  
BEATRICE, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—The State Board of Equalization and Assessment has sent to the county clerk a schedule as returned by the railroads showing the valuations of the property of the several lines in Gage county. Some of the figures given are as follows:

Value of private refrigerator car lines in Gage county, \$4,641; Pullman and tourist cars, \$3,319.82.

Assessed valuation of the Missouri Pacific per mile, \$5,000; total valuation, \$13,000.

Union Pacific, valuation per mile, \$3,200; total valuation, \$48,000.

Chicago, Nebraska & Kansas, valuation per mile, \$5,000; total, \$25,400.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, valuation per mile, \$10,600; total, \$120,000.

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Republican Valley branch, value per mile, \$10,000; total value, \$55,500.

Atchison branch, value per mile, \$12,000; total value, \$109,800.

Omaha & Southwestern branch, value per mile, \$6,651; total valuation, \$17,844.

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