

LIVE STOCK VALUES FIXED

Decrease of Over Million and Quarter from Last Year.

LESS CATTLE IN THE COUNTRY

Douglas County Merchandise Taken Up and Omaha Merchants Explain Reason for Decrease in the Valuation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The total assessed value of all the cattle in Nebraska as fixed by the State Board of Equalization is \$10,198,901, against an assessment of \$11,502,878 in 1907. The total assessed value of all the horses in Nebraska is \$11,898,047, against \$12,252,479 in 1907.

The decrease in the assessment of both horses and cattle is supposed to be due to the decrease in number. The decrease in the number of cattle is supposed to be occasioned by the high price of corn and feed stuff and the high price of cattle, causing owners to sell.

The board increased the assessment of horses in seventeen counties and decreased the assessment in two counties. These were Hamilton, reduced 10 per cent, and Merrick 15 per cent.

The assessment on horses was increased as follows: Banner, 10 per cent; Box Butte, 20; Cherry, 15; Colfax, 15; Deuel, 10; Dixon, 15; Douglas, 20; Fillmore, 5; Franklin, 15; Grant, 10; Hooker, 15; Johnson, 10; McPherson, 75; Nance, 10; Pierce, 5; Saline, 10; Thomas, 20.

The assessment on cattle was increased as follows: Buffalo, 10; Butler, 10; Cedar, 10; Colfax, 10; Cass, 10; Dakota, 10; Dawes, 10; Deuel, 10; Fillmore, 10; Frontier, 10; Hayes, 10; Hitchcock, 25; Hooker, 15; Johnson, 10; Keith, 15; Knox, 10; Lincoln, 15; McPherson, 25; Perkins, 50; Rock, 10; Saline, 10; Saunders, 10; Thayer, 5; Thomas, 10.

Douglas county was on the carpet before the State Board of Equalization this afternoon to explain why its assessment of merchandise was decreased when compared with the assessment of last year. The returns made to the state board, compared with the assessment of last year, showed a decrease of \$200,000, and when compared with the report of the assessor last year fall short \$146,000.

John L. Kennedy, representing J. L. Brandeis & Sons, Mr. Byrne of Byrne, Hammer and William Hayden of Hayden Bros., County Assessor, Sheriff, County Clerk, Haverly and County Commissioner, Trainer composed the delegation which answered the call of the state board.

Mr. Byrne, in his explanation for the falling off, said it was due to the smaller stocks carried by the wholesale houses in Omaha compared with the stocks of last year. This shortage was occasioned, he said, by a falling market, due to the late depression. Out in the smaller towns, he said, where the merchants depended on the farmers, the depression had not been felt and the country merchants had in most instances kept up their stocks and new stores had been started.

Mr. Hayden said his store had been overassessed last year, and in this he was borne out by County Commissioner Trainer, both he and Mr. Byrne had turned in their stocks this year and the figures as fixed by the board last year. He is willing, he said, to sell the entire stock at what it was assessed.

The board contemplated making a 25 per cent increase in the merchandise of Douglas county, but concluded to ask for an explanation before any action. The matter is under consideration.

Rating on Poll Books. Secretary of State Junkin has written the following letter in reply to an inquiry about the number of poll books to be used: Answering your letter of the 5th instant, copy of which is hereto attached, we state that when the matter of poll books for the primary election was taken up by the attorney general and myself we thought it was our duty to make the provisions of the primary law as plain to the judges and clerks of election as possible.

Just how the accident occurred is not known, as the horses started out from the harness stand in the barn, one facing east and one west. It is thought that one kicked him in under the other, causing the injuries on his shoulder.

Beatrice Charge to Answer. BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Walter and Daniel F. Littlefield of Maine today brought suit against the school district of Beatrice for possession of a part of lots seven and eight, block 1, street 1, just west of the new school site, and ask damages in the sum of \$500. They allege the school district occupied the east part of lot eight unlawfully, tearing down the fence and damaging the property. They seek to enjoin the defendants from interfering with such property.

Church Conventions Laid. SHELBY, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The convening of the new United Brethren church of Shelby was laid yesterday afternoon, Dr. William E. Schell, president of York college, officiating.

Nebraska News Notes. PLATTSMOUTH—Miss Mary E. Foster, county superintendent, announces that the annual case county teachers' institute will be held in Lincoln, August 17 to 23. The teaching corps is exceptionally strong, with insurance and other features. The instructors will be Prof. J. A. Beattie, Lincoln; Mrs. Sarah Brindley, Columbus; Prof. Fred M. Hunter, Ashland.

PLATTSMOUTH—County Superintendent Miss Mary E. Foster has completed her annual report to the state superintendent, which shows total receipts of first grade certificates, eighteen second and three third; seventeen male and 154 female. The report also shows that the St. John's school, Plattsmouth, the German Lutheran, Lincoln; the Evangelical Lutheran, Louisville.

Bloomfield.—An important business change took place here Saturday when W. W. Wells of Omaha and Dr. Kalar of Kalar of this place purchased the "Corner Drug Store" heretofore owned by the Corner Drug Store company and managed by Charles Locke. The new firm took possession Monday morning.

TECUMSEH—Mrs. Flora Black, a pioneer settler of this county, died at her home in Spring Creek precinct this morning. She had been sick but a short time. Her age was 82 years. Mrs. Black leaves a family of seven children, her husband having died several years ago. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BLOOMFIELD—Harry Krause, the 11-year-old son of A. L. Krause of this city, who fell from a horse and was killed in Hillings, Mont., last summer while employed on same as a mason, as a result of which he has been partially paralyzed, died Saturday in a hospital in Kirksville, Mo., where he was sent for treatment. The remains will be brought here for burial.

SHELTON—Two inches of water fell here last night and the second good rain during the last week and places all corn out of the question of short crop and the yield this season promises to eclipse any season in many years past. The corn crop has all been harvested and many farmers have threshed and the quality is excellent and the yield as high as fifty bushels the acre. Potatoes are the best in many years.

HEMINGFORD—B. C. Fenner, his son, B. L. Fenner, W. A. Bissell and three boys were all poisoned by eating pressed hickies that had been left too long in the hot sun. Prompt medical attention brought them through, but they were very sick for a couple of days.

RED CLOUD—Saturday the beautiful bronze fountain was presented to the city by the Ladies Aid of the Woman's Christian Temperance union. Immediately after Mrs. Armour, state president of the Georgia Woman's Christian Temperance union, gave her lecture, "How Georgia Went Dry." The large tent was packed and many had to stand in the rain. Dr. Fenner lectured to a large crowd in the evening.

STERLING MEN ARE VICTIMIZED

Farm Hand Cashes Forged Checks and Decamps.

NEBRASKA FROM DAY TO DAY

Quiet and Calm Features of Life in a Rapidly Growing State.

Fess Up Dr. Ted—Some one must have been sick up north Sunday, as we saw Dr. Ted going in that direction in a white-topped buggy. What does that mean, Ted?—Hutchinson items in Chappell Register.

Not Yet, But Soon—Miss Laura Harkness or Mrs. John Harkin of Alma, who is as unable to tell, was in our city Wednesday. John has got us guessing, but anyway we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations and if not married our congratulations will be held over till the happy event happens.—Flagan Journal.

Called the Editor—About the meanest joke that has been played on anyone we know of around here happened to my editor this morning (and on press day, too, when Sheriff Babb called us down to the press room and there "introduced" us to a full-grown scythe of the "Father Time" species, and told us that the man living in the houses should never take a bath. We cut the weeds. Have you done as much?—Fulton Post.

Spongers, Take Warning—Seven Stanton women, four east side, three west side, are requested to quit using telephones on their telephones by using their telephones. If you must use the telephone go to the public station and you are welcome. If you won't quit using your neighbor's phone we will ask you through the Stanton papers to quit, giving your full names. Perhaps next week the public will know the worst spongers.—Stanton Telephone Co.—Stanton Register.

Excitement at Oshawa—A team of mules, a load of sand, a muddy ditch, two angry men with a blacksnake whip and loud voices, two hysterical women and the absence of the marshal living very near causing a riot springing here Monday. The mules finally quieted the disturbances by pulling the heavy load through the muddy ditch. If the marshal could have been found somebody's day's wages would have undoubtedly been spent in paying a fine.—Oshawa Oshawan.

NO HELP FOR AGED LEPER Mrs. General Wardwell Must Stay Rest of Life in Tombstone, Arizona.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Through virtually a part of the United States, the leper colony on isolated Molokai cannot recruit its death-marked population from this country. It is this fact that makes it impossible for government officials to comply with the request of the territorial authorities for the speedy deportation of aged Mrs. General Wardwell, whom the terrible disease has claimed for its victim.

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Unbounded enthusiasm prevailed. In his address Sir Joseph outlined President Roosevelt as representing the best traditions of the common civilization. He then presented to Admiral Sperry for President Roosevelt, a decorated gold and silver album, suitably inscribed, as a souvenir of the visit of the American fleet to New Zealand.

ACTION ON RATE INCREASE

Interstate Commerce Commission Expected to Decide Soon.

TO SAY WHETHER REASONABLE

Roads Allege They Have Been Kept from Reducing Wages and Eight Per Cent Rate is Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—During the next month or six weeks it is proposed that the Interstate Commerce commission will decide upon the reasonableness of the proposed freight rate increase in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and portions of South and North Carolina in the Southern territory and in Texas in the Southern western territory. The complaint of the Georgia shippers already has been filed with the commission and the railroads have been given twenty days in which to reply to the charges.

The commission's decision will affect the proposed charges throughout the southeastern territory. The complaint of the Texas railroad commission probably will be filed tomorrow and Chairman Knapp has been given assurance that an inquiry and decision in the case will be expedited as rapidly as a compliance with the law will permit.

Railroads handling the traffic in Arkansas gave notice some time ago of a proposed increase of rates, but failing to comply with the law by giving a satisfactory statement of connecting rates participating in the increase, the notice was returned to them and has not since been heard from.

Case of Vital Import. The proposed increase of rates of southern states embraces practically all increases proposed throughout the country. The decision of these cases will have an important bearing on the rate of railroads. The questions to be determined in respect to southern states are largely the same as may be urged as the basis of increase elsewhere.

It is said by experts who have unofficially calculated the percentage of the increase proposed throughout the country. The proposed increase on class rates from St. Louis to common points in Texas is between 7 and 8 per cent. As there has been no increase in rates from St. Louis and Chicago, Boston, New York and other points in the middle west and east, the increase in the rates of Texas is in common points and these sections is less than 7 per cent. It is stated that the increase from the St. Louis and the other Ohio river crossings to Atlanta, Ga., average less than the increase from St. Louis to Texas points.

Wages Have Been Kept Up. The railroads will, it is expected, urge among other reasons for increasing their rates, that they have been prevented from reducing wages, and they will point to the decision to that effect by Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Commissioner Nell of the bureau of labor statistics, in their support. The reference to the wages of employees of the Southern Railroad. They will point to a reduction of their interstate passenger revenue by the reduction of rates from 3 to 2 1/2 cents a mile in Virginia and from 3 to 2 1/2 cents a mile in other southern states.

Specific instances of increase in both wages and employees of the since the old rates went into effect will be alleged and that on some branch lines do an interstate business there have been reductions on freight rates by state enactments.

Complaint of Georgia Shippers. The complaint of the Georgia shippers and the Interstate Commerce commission of Texas there will be a strenuous effort to prevent an increase of rates of which notice has been given. All representations, whether of the railroads or of the shippers, will be scrutinized very carefully so that the facts will be fully established.

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PROMISE AID FOR LIBERIA

Germany and Washington Agree to Take Up Matter to This End.

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—The Foreign office has exchanged views with the State department at Washington regarding Liberia, based on the representations made to the German and American governments by the special delegation from Liberia, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Dorrance and Dunbar, which recently visited Washington and Berlin. The envoys appealed to the United States to guarantee the independence of Liberia against aggression by other powers, to negotiate for Liberia arbitration treaties with Great Britain, France and Germany; to subsidize a steamship line between the United States and Liberia; to send a small number of military troops to assist in the administration of the republic.

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KING WILL SEE NEW RULERS

English Monarch to Take Annual Trip to Maribou After Social Season.

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