

COMPARING PHYSICAL VALUES

Where Figures of State and of Roads Differ.

RELATION TO WORTH, IF NEW

State Capitol Too Small to House Nebraska Law Library, Which is One of Most Complete in United States.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The compilation of the physical valuation of Nebraska railroads presents some interesting figures. For purposes of comparison, those returned by the companies of the reproduction value of the property and those of Engineer Hurd made for the state giving its estimate of the reproduction valuation and the amount the property is carried for on the assessment rolls are taken.

According to the figures of Mr. Hurd their recent value ranges from 75 per cent of that of new in the case of the St. Joseph & Grand Island to 85 per cent of new in the case of the Union Pacific, with an average for all the roads of 76.7 per cent.

The assessed valuation is included in the estimated value of the franchise of the companies, which is not the case with the valuations returned by the companies or made by Mr. Hurd, those two being simply the value of the physical property.

In the case of every road in the state except the Omaha and St. Joseph & Grand Island the company's value and Mr. Hurd's estimate of the physical value is greater than the assessment, franchise value included. One partial explanation of this is that in the case of the Omaha, the Sioux City bridge property is included in the assessment and not in the company's or the state engineer's valuation of the road's property, that being listed separately. The bridge property is valued at \$100,000.

Following is the comparative statement: Company Hurd Value of Assets, Ass'n's P't. C. & N. P. 107,719,190 87,744,847 81,767,265 C. & O. 204,612,577 123,895,177 115,290,660 C. & N. W. 16,729,800 12,250,000 11,250,000 M. & L. S. P. 13,158,027 10,719,529 10,448,300 C. M. P. 16,675,426 12,192,888 12,139,490 Omaha 12,025,312 10,064,822 12,622,115 S. J. & G. I. 4,272,541 3,073,682 2,669,650 Gr. West. 877,760 1,811,262 2,000,000 Om. B. & T. 1,222,222 1,200,000 630,000

The state library in the capitol building is now crowded to a point where three or four men on the shelves for all books at present in the library. Every expedient has been adopted to make more room and to utilize what space to the best advantage. Librarian Lindsey has figured out where he can utilize some space to better advantage and is having the carpenters rearrange and erect some additional shelves. At present the books are piled tier upon tier on the main floor and also in the gallery with only space enough between the stacks for a person to walk comfortably. Additions to the library are being made at the rate of about 5,000 volumes annually, and require 100 feet of shelving for each between shelves. Since the burning of the old state library in the capitol at Albany, N. Y., and the one in the Equitable building in New York city the Nebraska state library is one of the largest and most complete law libraries in America. It contains many volumes which if destroyed, could not be replaced, and all who have examined the present quarters lament that some more commodious as well as safe place could not be found for it. At present it is impossible to get the best results from it on account of the crowded condition.

Lauer's Suit Settled. The suit of J. Dan Lauer against the Lincoln Paint and Color company and his former partners to restrain the transfer of the company to the Aemo concern of Detroit has been settled out of court by a purchase of Lauer's stock at a price not made public, but which is said to be large enough partly at least to compensate him for the loss of his job through the transfer of ownership.

Woodmen Discontinue. The stockholders of the Woodman Fire insurance company met Saturday afternoon and formally voted to discontinue business. The action was a mere formality, as the company was actually out of business some time ago by the re-insuring of all its risks in a Brooklyn company. The blocking of the plan to consolidate the company with the Union Fire is said to have hastened the action. Without the business which the consolidation was expected to bring the overhead expenses of the company were more than the business that was doing could carry. It is said, and the competition of larger companies was so strenuous that hope for the future was not bright.

Declaratory Contest at Holdrege. HOLDREGE, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The sixth grade declaratory contest of the Holdrege High school was held at the Baptist church Friday evening. When the markings of the judges were footed

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IOWA POLITICS WAKING UP

Attempt to Stampede State for Holden Stirs Up Clarke.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS BUSY

Indications that Race for Governorship Will Be Between These Two—Will Be Fought in All Congressional Districts.

DES MOINES, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—An almost complete transformation in the political situation was effected the last week in Iowa by what was virtually the opening of the campaign for the state ticket at the June primary. The campaign opening was foreshadowed far ahead of time by the fact that a group of politicians had set out to stampede the state in behalf of Prof. P. G. Holden, the famous corn expert, and had started a campaign of publicity and personal work all over the state, ostensibly among the farmers. Several others have been considered as available also for the nomination for governor and their friends rather resented the assumption that the state could thus be stampeded, and while they had not been taking any part in the politics for some months they are about to start things on their own account.

MRS. WATKINS WINS SUIT TO SET ASIDE DEED

AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The adjourned term of the district court here Friday after a three days session. The case of Watkins against Watkins, which occupied the attention of Judge Haper three days during the December term and was adjourned for further hearing, was determined after a further hearing of two days and was decided in favor of the plaintiff. In this case Margaret Watkins of Douglas, Ark., brought an action against William H. Watkins, her former husband, and Fay Whitfield, his sister, to set aside two deeds and an assignment made by Watkins to Mrs. Whitfield on the ground that the same was fraudulently made for the purpose of defeating her judgment for the support of the children.

RIVERDALE COUPLE ELOPES TO GRAND ISLAND

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Word was received today by Mr. C. B. Watson of Riverdale of the marriage of his 19-year-old daughter, Nell, to Floyd Graham, 20 years of age, at Grand Island. The doctor opposed the marriage of his daughter and had apparently succeeded in breaking up the match, when the word reached him Thursday night that she intended to leave that night and marry the man. She was locked in an upstairs room and left while the physician went to attend a patient. In the meantime the girl knicker sheets together, tied them to the bed post and descended to the ground to meet her lover and together they came to Kearney, taking the first train to Grand Island. They are now at Hazard, Neb., spending their honeymoon.

Kearyne to Vote on Lighting Bonds

Suffrages of members of aldermen in the petition circulated today were secured to make it possible for the city council to pass an ordinance at its special meeting, January 22, to call an extra session to vote on the issuing of bonds to the extent of \$10,000 to construct a municipal street lighting plant.

The proposed plant will provide an ornamental street lighting system for the downtown districts, with large cluster lights arranged along the side streets at each corner and half way between blocks.

The power for the proposed plant will be furnished by an off-shore electric power house. The present plan is to merely light the streets and the city buildings without doing any commercial lighting at all.

Eastern Star Organized at Dunbar

DUNBAR, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—An Eastern Star lodge has been organized here under the direction of Ben L. Terry, worthy grand patron of the state of Nebraska, with the following officers installed: W. A. Anness, worthy patron; James P. Baker, worthy patron; Mrs. Elmer P. Swain, associate patron; Mrs. A. L. Boyd, conductress; Mrs. E. E. West, associate conductress; Mrs. George Wilhelm, treasurer; H. B. Cleveland, secretary; Mrs. Charles Ganz, warder; A. L. Boyd, sentinel; Mrs. H. B. Cleveland, organist; Mrs. C. C. West, chaplain; Miss Ella James, Ada; Mrs. Will J. Harrison, Ruth; Mrs. Mattie Talbot, Esther; Mrs. E. W. Love, Martha; and Mrs. James P. Baker, Maria.

Quarantine at Dunbar Retained

DUNBAR, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The quarantine was retained this week from the home of Hon. M. T. Harrison of this place. Benjamin Harrison, eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, and university law student at Lincoln, and a leading member of the debating squad of that institution, has been ill for some time with diphtheria, but is now entirely well and able to return to his studies at Lincoln, which corporation.

Mausoleum for Aurora

AURORA, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Enough citizens have signed to insure the building of a 200-crypt mausoleum at this place at the cost of \$30,000. The Nebraska Mausoleum company of Omaha is back of the project and the city council has voted it a plot of ground in the cemetery known as the O. A. R. circle, which affords a splendid site for the building.

VIOLET BUEHLER ASKS FOR ANOTHER CHANCE

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Violet Buehler, the girl who disappeared from her home here November 23, and was recently found working as a domestic in New York, arrived in Chicago today in company with Detective Norton and her foster mother, Mrs. Herman Buehler. The girl was taken to the South Clark street police station for interrogation.

Hundred Miners Reported Entombed

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 21.—It is reported from Kemmerer, Wyo., that 112 miners were entombed in a dust explosion in mine No. 4 of the Kemmerer-Coal company last night.

DEMONS PLAYING POLITICS

Congressional Business Delayed to Permit Campaign on Floor.

UNDERWOOD DENIES CHARGE

Iron and Steel Schedule Nearly Ready for Submission and Will Be the First Discussed—Iron Ore on Free List.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Steel tariff revision will occupy the center of the stage in the house this week and the long expected tariff fight will be on for months. Both houses of congress have shown marked lethargy in their work, the idea apparently being to head off miscellaneous legislation so as to leave the field clear for the tariff, Panama canal, appropriations and other questions that must be acted upon at this session. The senate has been disposed so far to take up only the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, and no limit has yet been set for the discussion along this line.

Democratic leaders, particularly Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, says the plans for revising the important schedules have progressed as rapidly as possible and that the revised iron and steel schedule is all that the committee has been able to prepare despite the fact that the committee has been working day and night.

The iron and steel schedule revision will be submitted Tuesday afternoon to a caucus of the democrats for ratification. Mr. Underwood said today that he believed the caucus would approve it, so that the bill may be presented to the full membership of the ways and means committee immediately and that the real tariff tinkering in the house might begin Wednesday, when he expects to call up the measure. It is barely possible, however, that these dates may be changed to later in the week.

The revised schedule will put iron ore on the free list, will cut the tariff on unwrought iron and steel by 50 per cent and will make reductions ranging upward from 35 per cent on manufactures of steel, the lower reductions applying to articles requiring skilled labor.

Much on Program Today

Tomorrow will be a busy day in congress. President Farrell and J. A. Reed, counsel for Andrew Carnegie, will testify before the house committee on steel tariff affairs. The report on the Wiley pure food controversy will be submitted to the house. Senator Lorimer will resume his defense before the elections investigating committee. The senate committee will take up the big service pension measure and Attorney General Wickham will discuss the so-called tobacco trust before the senate committee on judiciary.

Senator Bryan of Florida will speak to-day on a resolution to pending general pension legislation.

Hearings on a resolution to investigate the financial situation of the country with particular reference to the existence of a money trust will be held this week.

Two Countries Sign Arbitration Treaty

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—World peace was strengthened by the signing in Washington today of a general arbitration treaty between the Argentine Republic and the United States of America. The treaty, which is almost exactly like those negotiated by the United States with Great Britain and France, was signed by Romulo S. Naon for Argentina and General Pedro Nel Ospina for Colombia, ministers from those countries to the United States.

WEST POINT ICE MEN FINISH THEIR HARVEST

WEST POINT, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The ice harvest is over at West Point. The crop was plentiful and of most excellent quality, the ice being from fourteen to sixteen inches thick.

HOUSE DECIDES CITY POLICE SHOULD NOT HAVE FIREARMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The use of firearms by municipal police throughout the country was under discussion today when an appropriation for the District of Columbia police authorizing the purchase of modern revolvers was under discussion. Representative Shirley of Kentucky declared that American cities would remove a menace to public safety by prohibiting the use of any firearms by the police. The house concurred in this view, declining to make an appropriation.

THE GRIP FOLLOWS THE SNOW

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