

Nebraska EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS

Railroad Assessments Likely to Follow Real Estate. POINT OF LAW IS INVOLVED

Supreme Court Opens First Session in May and Important Irrigation Case Comes Up for Argument Friday.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 5.—(Special.)—Tomorrow the State Board of Equalization will meet according to law to consider the assessment of railroad property. It is not likely that any substantial progress will be made or even attempted.

The board is comprised of Governor Aldrich, Secretary of State Wait, Auditor Barton, Treasurer George and Land Commissioner Cawley. The equalization this year is particularly important, as it is the year for assessing real estate. At present the board has but a limited idea of what is being done in the way of valuation of real estate in the various counties, but reports received, in an informal way, indicate there is to be a substantial increase in valuation of this class of property.

If that is true an increase in railroad assessment is likely, if for no other reason than that of equalizing values. There has been no material change in railroad assessments for several years, and whether there would be this year if it were not for the increased assessment on real estate, is problematical. There are two features, however, which are likely to be viewed from a different angle. First, the railroads, which in the past strenuously fought any increase in their valuations for taxing purposes have seen a new light and are not likely to protest, at least strongly, in view of the court decisions on the question of valuation as a basis for rate making. Taxes are a drop in the bucket compared with rates for freight and passenger transportation.

WEST POINT SCHOOLS TO HAVE PATRONS' DAY

WEST POINT, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—Friday, May 10, has been designated as Patrons' day for the West Point public schools. Superintendent G. A. Gregory, state high school normal training inspector of Lincoln, will deliver an address on the occasion. An elaborate exposition of the work of the pupils will be shown.

W. Baker of the Nebraska Transportation company has just visited West Point in the interest of the Interurban road. In spite of the hostile attitude of the Fremont council he is very optimistic and says that only a panic can now prevent the construction of the road. The plans have been accepted by the European capitalists and they have agreed to take the bond issue. Subscriptions have been opened and prospects are good for the subscription of the \$300,000 required within reasonable time. Mr. Baker is very enthusiastic and regards the road as an assured fact and his enthusiasm is contagious here. The people of West Point have placed great financial faith in this project.

Saloon licenses have been granted to nine corporations, firms and persons at West Point, viz: Mosberg & Kuehnemann, High & Johnson, Fred Rudiger & Co., J. E. Vance, Cedia & Malchow, Jensen & Schoenfeldt, Robert Christensen, Thompson & Kase and to the West Point Brewing association.

Fire, of accidental origin, destroyed the barn and outbuildings of Mrs. A. Heiduk in the north part of the city. The destruction was caused by carelessness in leaving piles of burning rubbish over night. Neighboring buildings were for a time in great danger.

The Winer chautauqua is scheduled to meet in that city on July 25, the week before the circuit race meet at West Point.

Mothers' day will be appropriately observed at West Point by a union service of all the protestant churches of the city to be held at the auditorium. This is the first official recognition of this day in the history of the city.

REV. HARRISON PRESSON BURED NEAR AUBURN

AUBURN, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—Rev. Harrison Presson, who was suffocated a few days ago at Lincoln, was buried here at the Sheridan cemetery yesterday. This county was Rev. Mr. Presson's home for over forty years. His wife died here about five years ago, after which he removed to Lincoln. He was a veteran of the war of the rebellion, but his principal duty was that of a recruiting officer. He was a superannuated minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, but continued to occupy the pulpit on rare occasions.

Peter Smith was buried last Friday at Linden cemetery, near his old home. Mr. Smith had the distinction of serving under John Brown in the Kansas troubles, being one of the party that went to Kansas to make that territory anti-slavery. He fled from Kansas in 1852 to escape threats against his life and caught a passing steamer and left his family behind. He came to Brownville and from there went to the western part of the county and pre-empted 160 acres of land, which he owned at the time of his death.

Auto Bridge Repaired. LOUISVILLE, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—Repairing the washed out portion of the auto and wagon bridge over the Platte river has been finished and the bridge is

Nebraska now open for traffic. The roads leading to Omaha and Lincoln are in pretty good condition and the bridge company will in the next few days go to the expense of dragging them so there will be no occasion for complaint from teachers going this route.

SEWARD LIBRARY AND "Y" BUILDING ON SAME SITE

SEWARD, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—Elwyn Diers has sold his racket store to A. Smith of Omaha.

The Carnegie library commission has written to the Seward library board that it does not object to placing the new Young Men's Christian association building and the Carnegie library together on the site donated by W. O. Dickinson. The library will cost \$10,000 and the Young Men's Christian association building \$3,000. The site is worth \$5,000.

Mayor James Calder was inaugurated into his office on Wednesday and issued saloon licenses to four applicants. The number is limited to four by an ordinance.

The Burlington Railroad company has removed both the passenger and freight depots, preparatory to building the new \$25,000 depot. The new location causes the use of another street, one unpaved, into the city.

The Lutheran seminary band of forty pieces, has commenced a series of outdoor concerts on Saturday nights in the court house square.

Rev. Mr. Ludwick has been called to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of this city. This church received \$14,000 by a bequest of the late Jane E. Douglas, but a controversy among the trustees placed the matter of the estate into the courts.

The burial of Mrs. William Hickman, a pioneer citizen, took place Saturday.

William Clemmons, formerly of this city, was set upon by a thief in his son's store in Los Angeles, Cal., recently and half killed. He was beaten over the head with a revolver and would have been killed had not the gun broke.

ED JOHNSON FOUND DEAD: KILLED BY ESCAPING GAS

BEATRICE, Neb., May 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward Johnson, an old resident of Beatrice, was asphyxiated by gas in his room on North Fifth street last night. Gas was escaping from a small stove in his room when the body was found today. Johnson recently returned here from Atchison, Kan., where he had been employed in the railroad yards. He had operated a billiard hall here for some time for his brother, G. H. Johnson of this city. He was 57 years old and unmarried.

Young Woman Loses Life.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—Miss Claussen, the young woman who had just entered service in the home of former Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. O. A. Abbott, and who was found unconscious in her room in the morning following her first night at the home, apparently, of having blown out the gas, died last night. She was a member of a well known family in the county and leaves her parents and several sisters and brothers. The death was entirely accidental.

John Mitchell to Speak Here Before the Summer School

Announcement has just been made that John Mitchell, prominent as a national labor leader of the conservative type and formerly president of the United Mine Workers' union, will deliver a lecture at the Omaha Summer School and Conference, June 12. The school is managed under the auspices of the University of Omaha, and all meetings and classes will be at the university buildings. The securing of Mr. Mitchell as one of the speakers comes as the first one of many men of national note who will be in attendance.

Loose-Wiles Will Increase Output of Omaha Plant

F. E. Zeller, manager of the Omaha plant of the Loose-Wiles company, referring to the fact that the company has arranged to increase its capital stock, says: "Our company has planned to increase its working capital from \$2,000,000 to \$11,000,000 for the purpose of enlarging its present plants and for building and equipping others. No change will be made in the plan or policy of the company. The business has grown from less than \$2,500,000 in 1903 to over \$11,000,000 in 1911, and the modern plants of the company at Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago, Boston and Dallas, Tex., are not sufficient to take care of the growing business. For that reason the extension must be made. While the executive officers of the company are busy with the details of the reorganization, they will soon have a statement to make to the public. The working force at the Omaha plant will be increased from 300 to 500 operatives very soon."

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ordinance Being Prepared to Stop Bootlegging in City.

ANOTHER BARS PACKING HOUSE Readers It Illegal to Build One Within Two Blocks of Church or School—Colored Man Whips Greek.

Two ordinances are being prepared in the office of the city attorney which, it is expected, will engage the consideration of the city council Monday night. One is a reflection of the Albert law and is aimed at all dives and bootlegging joints which, it is said, have been doing business in the city. The other measure, which is being watched by a large part of the population residing in the vicinity of Thirty-second and L streets, makes it illegal to build, erect, or operate a packing house, slaughter pen or other kindred alleged nuisances within a distance of two blocks from any church, school or business district.

The first ordinance will probably go flying through the council, because of the support that is expected from the mayor and many business men of the city, who declare that bootlegging joints, in particular, have done great injury to those operating saloons under regular license. On the second ordinance it is not improbable that there will be a division. It is urged in support of the proposed measure that the congregation of St. Francis' Catholic church has a right to the enjoyment of the property which they have improved at much expense and labor. By the erection of a packing house, it is contended, the value of the property would be greatly depreciated and the location rendered valueless as a social center for school or church.

Men on the other side contend that those who are expending their money in the erection of a packing house should not be hindered because such hindrance would be in the way of development of an industry that really makes for the success of the city. Besides this, the building permits have already been granted and it may be possible that the ordinance could not retract on the permission already granted. In either case the council has some problem to settle to the satisfaction of all parties.

Greek Gets Thrashing.

The indignity respect which a southern dandy has for a white woman caused E. Young, a negro, who resides at Twenty-eighth and R streets, to administer a thrashing to James Pullis, a Greek of Twenty-ninth and R streets, who is alleged to have insulted a passing white woman at Twenty-eighth and Q streets last night.

According to the story told by the young dandy, Pullis deliberately splashed the woman with filth from a depression in the street. The woman remonstrated and the Greek is said to have answered insolently. Then Young took a hand. The police arrested both men, and charged them with fighting and disturbing the peace. Young says he did not know the woman.

Commissioners to File Brief.

On Monday a brief in support of the ouster suit against Police Commissioners Ryan and Pivonka will be presented to the supreme court in Lincoln.

Attorney Dean Ringer yesterday received a copy of the brief as prepared by the office of the attorney general. The document answers the objection of the defense, who allege that the present suit can not affect the accused men now serving a term of office. The defense allege that the ouster suit applied to the term of office recently terminated by their reelection.

The reply of the state looks to the logical cause of the ouster and proceeds upon the assumption that the two men unfit to hold office during the former term, would not become fitted by reelection only.

Friends of Attorney Ringer are beginning to wonder why Governor Aldrich or his attorney general have neglected formally to constitute the South Omaha attorney a deputy attorney general in the case. They say Ringer has done the work at the cost of his own time and money.

Gravestones for Veterans.

Post Commander J. W. Cress of Phil Kearney Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has sent out word to the friends and relatives of deceased soldiers that the government will place fitting gravestones over the dust of the veterans whose graves have not been properly marked. The stones will be placed in either the Laurel Hill, German Catholic or St. Agnes' graveyards upon application and without charge. In the application the government requires that the name, date of death, company, regiment and state of enlistment shall be named. The information should be sent to the home of Commander Cress, 89 North Twenty-third street.

Degrees for Candidates.

Three, and possibly four, degrees will be conferred upon a class of candidates for admission to the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians today at the Ancient Order United Workmen temple, Twenty-fifth and M streets. For the occasion the Ladies' auxiliary of the order will be present to witness the exemplification of the different degrees.

The work begins at 7 a. m., when the members and candidates attend the mass at St. Agnes' church, where they receive communion.

In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the candidates will assemble at the Workmen temple, where the work of the initiation will begin promptly at 2 o'clock. This is the first of the initiations which have been planned for the rejuvenation of the order in this city. The officers assert that the number of members is daily increasing and applications are such that two initiation ceremonies will have to be conducted each year.

The degree team is composed of P. I. Lenthain, arch; T. M. Dowd, brehon; William C. Sheehan, bard; W. J. Curran, ollamh; T. F. Keane, chief escort; J. J. Hurley, Jerry Breenahan, John McGuire and Peter Doyle, guards; Matthew O'Keefe, sentinel.

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John Elliott Gets Hair.

South Omaha park board officers have been re-elected. Joseph Koptetz will remain as chairman. J. M. McCarthy is secretary and John Elliott as superintendent of parks. It was agreed the superintendent of parks should receive \$100 a month for the next six months. Herebefore he has been getting \$75 in the

winter time and \$100 in the summer.

Magie City Gossip. John O. Cushing returned yesterday from Denver, Colo.

Mrs. R. M. Lavery will entertain at a bridge party Saturday afternoon.

Miss Louise Baller of Plattsmouth was the guest of Miss Mary Sheehy last week.

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Mrs. F. H. Cronble of Spokane, Wash., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. M. Schindel.

For Sale—Bedroom suit, folding bed, dining table and cook stove. Owner leaving city. 311 N. 23d St.

Miss Ruth Lambert was hostess for the Les Reissures club at her home Friday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mordock entertained the Duplicate Whist club at their home Friday evening.

Miss Vera Du Bois and Miss Peggy Jones have gone to Des Moines to attend a kindergarten convention.

Grant Chase, sheriff of Sarpy county, was in town Friday and Saturday on business connected with his office.

Edgar Smith has returned from Hot Springs, Ark., after a five weeks' stay. He is greatly improved in health by his visit.

Mrs. J. C. Michaelson, 221 F street, has issued invitations for a bridge party for next Wednesday afternoon at her home.

Miss Frances Tanner and Miss Lottie Lovley will entertain the Junior Bridge club at the home of Miss Lovley Tuesday evening.

County Attorney William Jamieson, it is understood, is making investigation of alleged bootlegging joints located in Sarpy county.

Mrs. Frank McMullen and two children of Wichita, Kan., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dearth, 1112 North Twenty-second street.

Mrs. D. G. Robb with Mrs. E. T. Baker as assistant hostess, entertained the ladies' auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association Wednesday afternoon.

It is said that a crusade is impending against the many slot machines now in use in the city. It is understood that what is called the Personal Rights league has started the movement.

The South Omaha Gun club will open the annual shooting season today at the club range, Forty-fourth and P streets. A full quota of the members is expected to be present at the opening.

Mrs. W. H. Hancock was hostess for the Neozed Whist club Friday afternoon. Prizes were won by Messames Roy Dennis and W. H. Hancock. The club will meet next Friday with Mrs. Heffner.

The Saturday Night club was entertained at the home of Miss Ola Aisworth. The members are: Misses Pearl Lavery, Frances Tanner, Able Lee, Hazel Cook, Ola Aisworth, Maurine Mordock, Clara Barnum and Adel Davis.

A number of young folks were entertained Friday evening at the home of Clarence Turrop, 212 Missouri avenue. The evening was enjoyed with games and guessing contests. A dainty luncheon was served at the close of the evening.

Mrs. P. Sheehy entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Weppner of Buffalo, guest of her son, Bert Weppner. The guests were seated at a round table on which a large basket of sweet peas, tied with tulle, formed a centerpiece. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mrs. E. G. Smith gave a matinee party Tuesday at the Orpheum in honor of Mrs. Frank Magie of Indianapolis, Ind. Those in the party were: Messames Frank Magie, George Sweeney, John Smith, Walter Fisher, Harry Pike, Burt Anderson and E. G. Smith.

Justice William Kane, who in the absence of Police Judge Callahan presides as city magistrate, is winning encomiums because of his wise decisions in the police court. Before going to court each morning Justice Kane, it is said, reads a chapter from the Bible.

Miss Mary Sargent was hostess for the Saturday Night club Friday evening. Those present were: Misses Anna Nyström, Monetta Lee, Frances Case, Cecil Nixon, Myrtle Taylor, Stella Holmes, Florence Miller, Jean Bothwell, Bernice Bothwell, Viola Miller and Nina McWilliams.

The special music at the "Half day" service of the Methodist church Sunday morning will be taken entirely from the works of Dudley Buck, America's foremost composer of sacred vocal music. The full choir will sing "Rock of Ages," "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" and "Oh, Praise God in His Holiness." Mr. Ringer will sing.

Mrs. H. G. Kiddoo entertained at dinner Monday evening in honor of the high school debating team, which won the championship of the state. The decorations were in the high school colors, red and white. Covers were laid for Misses Myrtle Roberts, Sara Voss Taylor, Eva O'Sullivan, Messames John Orchard, Winthrop Lane, Clark Davis, Edgar Kiddoo and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kiddoo.

Mrs. G. H. Davis was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Luncheon club Thursday at her home, 126 North Twenty-third street. Prizes were won by Messames L. M. Lounsbury and Cory Bulla. The color scheme was worked in yellow. Mrs. Walter Nitachle was the guest of the club. Tables were placed for: Messames Byron May, I. M. Lord, D. L. Holmes, F. Prucha, Cory-Bulla, H. Marling, S. Fowler, Eldridge, Berlinger, Omaha; Thomas Parker, G. H. Davis.

The Highland Whist club was entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Sant. First prizes were won by Mrs. Root and Mrs. McCree. The guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Sant, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzroberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCree, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Emmons and Miss Robeson. The members present were: Messames, and Messames W. P. Breen, Charles Root, J. Jameson, G. W. Sears, T. H. Bryson and I. L. Van Sant.

Mr. J. M. Caughey was hostess for the Ladies' Afternoon club Friday afternoon. The Whites entertained the Pinkas. Blossoms were used for decorations. This meeting marks the close of a year's playing for the club. Six tables were placed for the members, who are: Messames J. J. Lounsbury, E. Kelly, C. Melcher, J. G. Martin, R. Gilchrist, B. McCulloch, W. B. Chase, L. M. Lord, J. M. Tanner, John Gribble, O. J. Ames, E. Hillier, A. P. James, A. P. Burdick, W. R. Sage, R. Carley, R. E. Sage, B. Carley, R. E. Schindel, A. A. McGraw, T. E. Ensign, G. Barshard, Van Linsen, C. M. Schindel, R. Powell and Waddell of Atlantic.

Commissioners Make Decorating Award

Contract for interior decorating and mural paintings in the new Douglas county building was awarded to Fuchs, Son & Hind of Omaha by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon. The provisions of the contract are such that the local firm, Phillips & Co. of New York City to do the mural paintings in the dome of the building and E. Theodore Behr of Chicago to paint eight medallions in the eight court rooms. The decision was reached after the board had spent nearly two days in consideration of bids for the work.

Fuchs, Son & Hind will receive \$25,000 for the entire work of interior decorating and furnishing mural paintings for the building. They will employ Phillips & Co. for the dome work at \$5,000 and Behr for the eight medallions at \$200 or \$300. The contract will be formally ratified at a meeting of the board early this week.

PHELPS TO MANAGE TWO THEATERS FOR SHUBERTS

Frank Phelps received word from the Shuberts in New York yesterday that his jurisdiction had been extended to cover the Tootle theater in St. Joseph. The Shuberts have just acquired control of the St. Joseph theater, and for the rest of this season at least Mr. Phelps will manage it in conjunction with the Boyd of Omaha.

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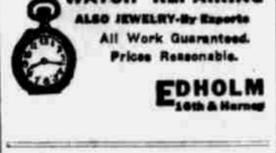
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The Gayety theater has installed the new Rothaphel system of moving pictures for their shows this summer. The Rothaphel system was invented by S. L. Rothaphel of Minneapolis and it makes possible the viewing of motion pictures on a screen while the opera house is brilliantly illuminated. Mr. Rothaphel has been in Omaha for a few days installing the system. The Gayety has secured the exclusive rights of this system for a number of years. The houses in the east have adopted this system entirely. The Sullivan & Comdine and the Keith & Proctor circuits have also adopted the system.

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