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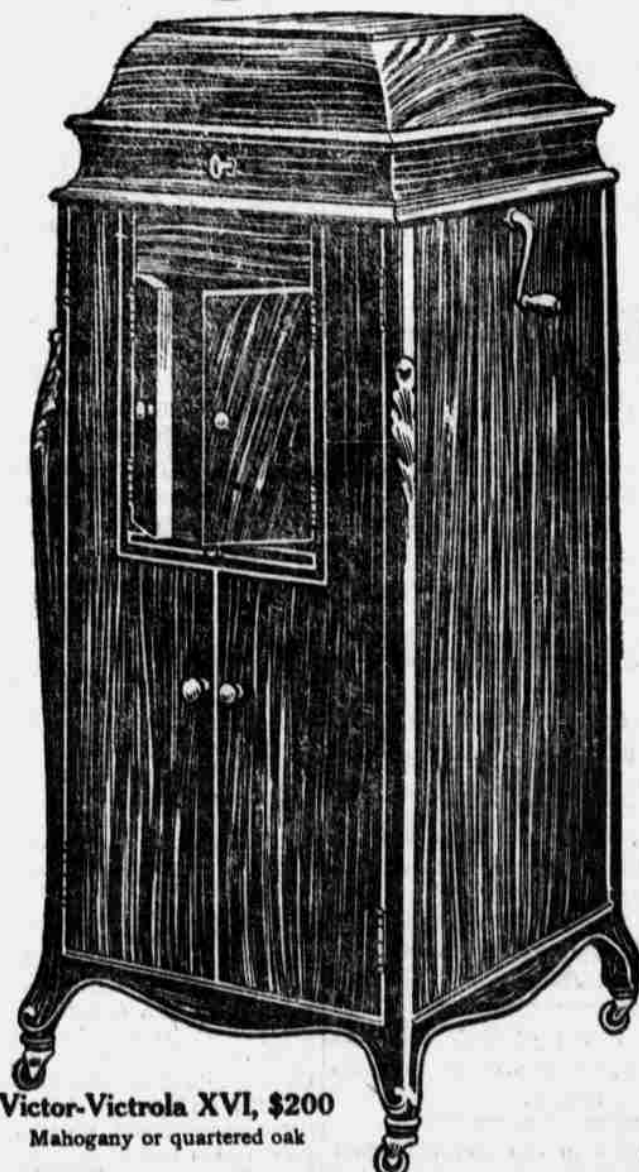
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ASSESSORS DO QUEER THINGS

Unimproved Lands Increase at Expense of Improved Acres.

SECRETARY SEYMOUR REPORTS

Vagaries of the State Assessment Plan as It is Carried Out by the State's Taxing Body in Various Counties.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Secretary Seymour of the state assessment board is busily at work on the assessment records and has proceeded so far as to be able to give the acreage, value and average of improved and unimproved lands with the added improvements. As assessors do not seem to use the same rule in regard to improvements on lands, the figures given are not very reliable. The valuation given is the assessed valuation and not the real value of the lands, being about one-fifth of the real value.
The assessed valuation of improved lands in 1912 is given at \$197,775,49 and the acreage 21,201,835, an average of \$9.33 an acre.
The unimproved lands are valued at \$30,864,388, acreage 16,892,942, an average of \$1.83 per acre.
The improvements on the above land are placed at \$20,527,908.
This gives the total acreage assessed at \$3,094,777, with a total valuation with improvements of \$249,230,945, an average of \$6.55.
Last year the improved lands were assessed at \$196,461,334 on an acreage of 21,619,230, with an average of \$7.70. The unimproved at \$24,337,095 on an acreage of 14,826,183, an average of \$1.64, with improvements thereon assessed at \$16,121,617. The 1911 acreage of both unimproved and improved lands was 25,445,453, with a total assessment of \$306,830,946, an average of \$6.56.
Improved Lands Shrink.
According to the above figures there are 47,465 less acres of improved lands this year than in 1911, but valued at \$31,315,415 more or \$1.63 per acre more on an average. There are 2,095,779 more acres of unimproved land than was shown last year, valued at \$6,627,293, an average of \$1.83 per acre.
The figures for this year show that there are a total of 1,699,324 more acres of improved and unimproved land in 1912 than in 1911, valued at \$42,238,969, an average of 87 cents per acre.
According to the assessment figures Nebraska is therefore bigger than she was last year by over 1,600,000 acres and has kept growth with the cattle, hogs, pumpkins and political parties. It is evident that the assessors this year were a more lively bunch than the assessors of 1911, but how 500,000 acres of improved land could verge into 2,000,000 acres of unimproved land is pretty hard to understand, as it is hardly possible that the acreage of deeded lands on account of homestead patents would make such a difference, neither does it seem possible that 500,000 acres of improved lands would go into the discard in one year.
Governor Aldrich was at Beaver Crossing today delivering an address at an annual picnic.
Omaha Day at Fair.
Secretary Mellor received word this morning from the Omaha Commercial

club that Wednesday, September 4, had been selected as "Omaha day" at the state fair and that there would be a big crowd down on that day. Mr. Mellor will take up the matter with the Lincoln Commercial club to see if the latter will take any steps toward receiving their Omaha brethren in an official manner.

Members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings went to Beatrice today to look up some matters at the institution. Auditor Barton is pulling off a speech-making stunt out at Red Cloud and expects to make the old Fifth district know he is on earth before November rolls around.

Railway Request Denied.
The railway commission has refused to grant a request of the Union Pacific railway for a change in milling in transit regulations, the refusal being on the ground that the change proposed would upset all milling in transit privileges relating to grain in the state and should not be granted without a hearing at which all interested parties might appear. The commission holds that the conditions do not warrant so drastic a change.

Permission has been granted to the Burlington railway to establish a rate of 10 1/2 cents a hundred on alfalfa in carload lots, minimum weight 30,000, from Kearney to Omaha, to meet competition of the Union Pacific railway. The present rate is 14 cents per hundred. The road has also been granted permission to make a rate on older pulp of 6 1/2 cents in carload lots, minimum weight 30,000, from Rulo to Falls City.

McCarl Comes to Lincoln.
J. R. McCarl, private secretary to Congressman Norris, was at the state house this morning. When asked if he came to Lincoln to attend the conference of the bull moose, he said he had heard of no such meeting, but simply came to Lincoln to take lunch with Harry Thomas, secretary of the printing board, at the Young Men's Christian association. Mr. McCarl was one of the strong supporters of Frank Corrick for the chairmanship of the insurgent republican committee, but was defeated by Judge Epperson, who had the support of the governor's appointees. As Mr. Thomas is also an appointee of the governor it is possible that that Young Men's Christian association lunch may have been a harmony lunch.

CHAIRMAN EPPERSON NAMES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Chairman Epperson of the counterfeit republican committee has given out his executive committee as follows:
First District—H. M. Bushnell of Lincoln.
Second District—Byron G. Burbank of Omaha.
Third District—C. J. Garlow of Columbus.
Fourth District—E. R. Bee of Fairbury.
Fifth District—I. D. Evans of Kenesaw.
Sixth District—R. S. Rising of Alinsworth.
It is said that William Huseketter, state oil inspector, and the man claimed by Corrick as the one who engineered the deal which resulted in the selection of Judge Epperson for chairman and the defeat of Corrick, will be one of the vice chairmen of the committee, while R. B. Windham of Plattsmouth and Elmer Hevelone of Beatrice will probably be selected in a like capacity. No location for headquarters has been secured as yet.

Dangerous Surgery
in the abdominal region is often prevented by the use of Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers. Etc. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

THRESHING MACHINE IS DRIVEN BY ELECTRICITY

PALISADE, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—For the first time in the history of the state threshing is being done by electricity. The F. C. Knott company, owner of the local light plant, have extended wires into their field about a half a mile from town, and with the assistance of a motor on wheels, will thresh the entire crop of wheat and alfalfa, consisting of 400 or 500 acres by electricity. The light plant is conducted by water power. While the threshing is going on Palisade will have both night and day service.

SECOND SURVEY MADE ON NEW RAILROAD

MINDEN, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—The survey of the Dakota & Gulf railroad is completed today, the surveyors reaching Minden. This is a relocation of the line from its former survey. The line now laid out will run almost in a north and south line from Franklin to Minden. A good grade was found, better than that formerly surveyed and if the road is built it is an assured fact that it will come to Minden.

BUSINESS CHANGES IN NORTH PLATTE

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Albert Schatz has just purchased the interests of his partners, Fred Ginn and Plat White, in the hardware and plumbing business in this city, which has been conducted under the name of Ginn, White & Schatz. This firm also handled furniture and undertaking until recently when the furniture stock was sold to Howe & Maloney and the undertaking

business to Derryberry & Forbes. Mr. Schatz has been engaged in business here for almost ten years.
Attorneys W. T. Wilcox and J. J. Halligan have just returned from their European trip. They visited the principal cities of England, Ireland and Scotland and in France.

Notes from Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Mayor Frank E. Fischer has appointed Robert Dodge chief of police to succeed Mr. Cooper, resigned. Mr. Dodge formerly held this post several years ago, but through some differences with the city administration resigned.
The directors of the Fairbury chautauqua held another meeting and decided to organize a new chautauqua association and sell shares at \$10 each. Almost immediately 150 shares were sold to citizens of Fairbury, and another chautauqua will be held in Fairbury next season.
A good soaking rain visited Jefferson county Tuesday and touched the vicinity of Fairbury, in the northwest part of the county, that has experienced a drouth the greater part of the summer.

Notes from Oxford.

OXFORD, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the school board, the resignation of W. R. Shroades, Cedarville, Ohio, who had been engaged as science and German teacher for the high school for the coming year, was accepted and Miss May Meyer, of University Place, was selected to fill this position.
The school house and grounds are being thoroughly cleaned up this week in preparation for the term commencing September 2. Extra laboratory room has been prepared in the basement and the

former laboratory will be used as a recitation room exclusively hereafter.
Arthur Baldwin, who has been running a traction engine south of Halgier, met with a severe accident yesterday afternoon, which will lay him up for some time. His foot slipped when he was attempting to start the engine, and he fell and broke both arms between the elbow and the wrist.

The LeBlanc Mercantile company, which has been operating a large general store here for the past three years, is packing up, preparatory to moving to Sterling, Colo.

Corn still continues to flourish, the rains which fall almost every day keeping it in fine shape. The prospects now are for the best corn crop that has been produced in recent years.

Horses Picked Up by Tornado.
WAUSA, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—A tornado passed over the country ten miles west of Wausa on Friday afternoon. Several horses were taken into the air and carried for a distance, and chickens and other poultry carried off by the storm. Fortunately the storm did not strike any of the buildings and the damage was confined to poultry and crops.

Mrs. Charles Boslough.
YORK, Neb., Aug. 21.—The funeral of Mrs. Chas. Boslough was held from the home this morning. She was 72 years of age at the time of her death. She was found lying dead by her husband, where she had fallen on the floor. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

York County Assessment.
YORK, Neb., Aug. 21.—The valuation of York county property is \$35,376,375. The total assessed valuation is \$9,085,907.

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Piano...\$ 25	\$325 Malcolm Love Upr't...\$145
\$400 Decker Practice	\$400 Vose & Son Upr't...\$155
Piano...\$ 40	\$500 Weber Upright...\$150
\$300 Steck Upright...\$ 50	\$550 J. & C. Fischer Upr...
\$325 Mendelssohn Upr't...\$ 75	\$350 Adam Schaaf Upr't...\$180
\$300 Hoffman Upright...\$ 85	right...\$190
\$350 Norris & Hyde Upr't...\$ 95	\$450 Chickering & Son
\$300 Boothe Bros. Upr't...\$100	Upright...\$290
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