

Nebraska REED HAS VALUATION PLAN Tax Expert Suggests Way to Secure Equitable Assessments.

AVOIDS THE PERSONAL FACTOR Believes Difficultly that Has Long Existed in the State Will Be Obliterated Should the System Be Adopted.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 4.—New methods for valuation of rural lands in this state were proposed to the State Tax Commission today by Right-of-Way Expert Reed of the physical valuation department of the state railway commission. The plan which Mr. Reed says he has worked out since coming in contact with various problems over the state, does away with the personal opinion of taxing officials and substitutes, a method whereby known values are attached to the acreages. This a difficulty that has long existed in the activities of the State Board of Equalization is remedied and a scheme evolved which makes system where chaos has always prevailed.

Lands at present, in the opinion of Mr. Reed, are assessed at from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of their actual value. A proceeding which he believes shows a partial defect in the existing laws as payment of taxes is made on the value of the recorded actual valuation. The State Board of Equalization being utterly helpless as far as the knowledge of the various classes of land in each county is concerned has no means available for remedying the difficulty.

Under Mr. Reed's plan, land would be divided as follows: First class tillable or farm lands, rolling or uneven land, pasture land, swamp and waste lands. The acreage of each class of land in a quarter section would be determined under a topographical survey and the same method would then be applied as a means toward fixing the valuation. Recourse to an expert board of land men would have to be had, in the opinion of Mr. Reed in order definitely to fix the base unit of acre valuation.

PROMINENT VALPARAISO CITIZEN IS DEAD

VALPARAISO, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—A. W. Oeschger, one of the best known citizens of Valparaiso, died Wednesday afternoon after an illness of twelve weeks. Mr. Oeschger was one of the best known stockmen of Nebraska. He was born in Basel, Switzerland, December 12, 1862. He was over three years old when his parents emigrated to America. The family first settled in Philadelphia, later on in Indiana, then in Iowa. In the spring of 1885 the family moved to a farm near Valparaiso. After Mr. Oeschger was grown he also settled on a farm near Valparaiso, later on moving into Valparaiso. On September 20, 1888, he was married to Miss Ella Amelia Hull, who with four children, two sons and two daughters, mourn his death. He also leaves a father, John Oeschger, sr., of Omaha; three brothers, John and George of Valparaiso, and William, chancellor of Cotner university, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Wood, of Valparaiso. Mr. Oeschger was quite an extensive land owner. The funeral services will be held Friday in the Christian church. The Masonic order will have charge of the services. Dr. J. W. Hilton of Cotner university will deliver the funeral discourse.

NORTHWEST NEBRASKA CONFERENCE IN SESSION

VALENTINE, Neb., Sept. 4.—The twenty-first session of the Northwest Nebraska conference was preceded Tuesday with a meeting of the examination board and examination of students in the conference course of study. At night Chancellor Fulmer of the Nebraska Wesleyan university gave a lecture illustrated with views of university life. Conference met at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday in the church, Bishop Bristol presiding. The bishop, assisted by the district superintendent, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. O. S. Baker was elected as secretary in place of Charles Burtleigh, who has held the place for twenty years and asked for a change. Bishop Bristol was presented with a favor made from a piece of cedar from the first church in Banner county. Dr. Kynett of Philadelphia and Dr. McLaughlin of the Methodist hospital were introduced. At 4 o'clock the ministers went by auto to the city park and were treated to a picnic dinner in the park. In the evening an address was given by Dr. A. G. Kynett on home missions and church extensions.

Three Weddings for Madison.

MADISON, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—William E. Purdy, residing a few miles north of Madison, a brother of County Commissioner Wilson Purdy, and Miss Mary Davis, daughter of John L. Davis of Warrenton, were married at Norfolk yesterday morning. Married, yesterday afternoon, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Rev. F. V. Drulliner officiating, Almy Hight and Mrs. Bessie V. Stier, both of Norfolk. Fred Ray and Mrs. Lillian Straube, both of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at Stanton.

Madison Asks for Divorce.

MADISON, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Georgia James has brought action in the district court for divorce from her husband, Millard E. James, alleging in her petition cruelty, lack of support and abandonment. She also asks temporary alimony during the pendency of the case.

Nebraska Fifteen-Cent Water Rate Regarded Too High in North Platte

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The North Platte water works situation has gotten into the courts. About a year and a half ago an ordinance was passed making the installation of meters compulsory and fixing a maximum rate of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons. This ordinance provided that it should take effect on July 1, 1912. A number of citizens felt that the 15-cent rate was too high and preferred to remain on the flat rate. They prepared an ordinance and a petition under the initiative and referendum law asking that the same be submitted to the vote of the people. This proposed ordinance provided that all water patrons could obtain the water either at the flat rate heretofore prevailing or the meter rate as they wished. The city clerk, upon the advice of the city attorney, refused to submit this ordinance to the people at the special election, and these citizens have filed an action to compel him to do so.

METHODIST CONFERENCE OPENS AT VALENTINE

VALENTINE, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The twenty-first session of the Northwest Nebraska annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened Tuesday and will last till Sunday. Bishop Frank M. Bristol, D. D., L. L. D., is presiding. There will be close to a hundred ministers present, and with their wives and a number of laymen visitors there probably will be very nearly 200 people from out of town attending the conference. This is the first session since the district boundaries have been enlarged, and a very fine program has been arranged. The visitors are all being taken care of and entertained by the members of the church of this city. Bishop Bristol will make an address each day and will preach Sunday morning at 10:30. New ministers will be ordained in the afternoon and the list of appointments for the year will be read in the evening after the anniversary service of the Freedman's Aid society.

AGED WOMAN OF STERLING KILLED CROSSING TRUCK

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hattie A. Atkins, for thirty years a resident of Sterling, was run down by a Burlington train near the depot there this afternoon and instantly killed. She had been to call on a neighbor and was crossing the street, wearing a sunbonnet. Engineer Gus Lewis and Conductor A. G. Harker, both of Lincoln, were in charge of the train. Mrs. Atkins was 62 years of age and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ada Amison of Sterling and Mrs. Jessie Dunbar of Pawnee City.

TWO MEN SCALDED BY EXPLOSION OF BOILER

WAUSA, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Two men were quite badly scalded today when a traction engine blew up on the August Anderson farm, near here. The engine was being used to run an ensilage cutter, when, without warning, the front fire door, the iron door being hurled about eighty feet and a torrent of steam and hot water traversing a like distance. The firebox door was also blown off and the engine otherwise damaged. Herman Anderson was at work on the engine at the time and had both his legs seriously scalded. Clarence Anderson also received a few bad burns.

NORTH PLATTE GIRL SHOT BY HER BROTHER

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—An 11-year-old son of Elijah Conkling, who resides eighteen miles southeast of this city, accidentally shot and killed his 4-year-old sister, Monday evening. The same load also tore off one finger and badly mutilated another finger of a 6-year-old sister, who was near by. The boy said he wanted to go chicken hunting and got out his father's shot gun. It was an automatic gun and as he pumped in a shell and the gun was discharged and the full load struck the little girl in the breast, killing her instantly.

Notes from Gage County.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Governor J. H. Morehead has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the band concert at Blue Springs next Saturday evening.

William Coleman, for thirty-four years a resident of the vicinity of Lewiston, died yesterday, aged 63 years. He is survived by a widow and three children.

E. C. Phillips and Miss Viola Fleming, both of Wymore, were married yesterday by Rev. C. F. Stevens of this city.

George Davis, sr., died Tuesday night at his home in West Beatrice. The body was taken to Homer, Ill., the old home of the deceased for burial.

Earl C. King and Miss Alta E. Wakefield, both of this city, were married here yesterday by Judge Walden.

Word was received here yesterday from Riverside Cal., announcing the death of P. E. Wheeler, a former resident of Beatrice, which occurred at that place on Tuesday night. Mr. Wheeler was formerly engaged in the hotel business in this city and left here in 1897. He was a civil war veteran and was in Andersonville prison for eight months.

Joseph B. Homersham and Mary J. Burkett, both of Odell, were married at that place last evening.

Boys Rob Farm Home.

PAPILLION, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Four boys, giving their names as George Shiner, aged 15; Earl Imanson, age 17; Charles Shuck, aged 15, and Clarence Wood, aged 16, claiming to be from Des Moines, Ia., broke into the residence of Philip C. Lieber, five miles south of here and stole \$7.00 in money, bread, jelly, table cloth, etc. They were apprehended by Charles Hutter, a special officer at Romeys, enjoying their bread and jelly, etc. They acknowledged their guilt and will plead guilty to a charge of breaking and entering. Mr. and Mrs. Lieber are visiting friends in Antelope county.

Two York Weddings.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 4.—Miss Florence Brooke, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooke, and Mr. John A. Corcoran were married Wednesday in Lincoln. Miss Frances Corcoran and Mr. John Foley were married Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's church. Father Hayes performed the ceremony.

ROADS WOULD SAVE CASH Insurance Company Avoids Obligation With a Clever Ruse

Engineers Confer with Commission About Valuation Plans. DECLARE ORDER TOO EXPENSIVE Willing to Furnish Blue Prints of Lines, but Think Original Tracings with Names of Property Owners Too Costly.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—E. L. Holbrook, a railroad engineer of Omaha, and his assistant, H. Bortin, was one of scores of railway engineers who met at the Interstate Commerce commission today to discuss preliminary details of the physical valuation of railroads. The conference was attended also by a number of state railway commissioners, among them Clifford Thorne of Iowa and commissioners from Ohio, Oklahoma, Minnesota and Michigan.

The day was given up largely to the discussion of objections made by the railroad attorneys to requirements of the engineering board of the commission in their tentative order as to plans and specifications to be furnished by the railroads as to their lines. Among other things the order required the railroads to furnish original tracings and maps of their lines, giving names of owners of adjacent property to 200,000 miles of road.

Would Save Expense. The railroad representatives claimed that this requirement would cost them \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, an expense they claimed they could avoid without interfering with the work of valuation, by furnishing blue prints already in their possession. The objections were taken under advisement by the commission.

Clifford Thorne of the Iowa commission, who is chairman of the valuation committee of state commissions, said today that the preliminary conferences had barely scratched the surface of the task before the commission. "These sessions are being held to lay the foundations for proper valuation of the roads throughout the country," said Mr. Thorne.

"Great stress is being laid by the state commissioners on securing at the outset proper methods of valuation. Ultimately the commission is to provide in detail the methods under which the work will be performed. Later the commission will determine the significance and relative importance of the various facts gathered and fix values. State railway commissioners are trying to make sure that in the plan for the federal and state cooperation on railroad valuation a method is secured that will be fair to all parties concerned."

Narrowly Escape When Boat Swamped

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 4.—Three petty officers and five firemen from the battleship Nebraska narrowly escaped drowning in Hampton roads today when a boat swamped in which they were heading for shore at Old Point. The boat went down near the battleship and the men managed to keep afloat until assistance came. Spectators along the shore saw the accident and believed that all on board the craft had gone down. News of the rescue did not reach shore until tonight, when the sea in the roads had subsided and boats from the fleet were permitted to go to Old Point.

The storm swamped many small boats and threatened shipping generally. The old Dominion line steamer Mobjack, bound from Mobjack Bay for Norfolk, was reported lost with all on board, but it reached its pier at Norfolk safely tonight.

NO SCHOOL IN DECATUR IN AFTERNOON; TOO HOT

DECATUR, Ill., Sept. 4.—Superintendent J. O. Engelman has issued orders that the Decatur schools meet only until noon during the intense heat. For three days the thermometer has been above 100. Tuesday a new summer record was established when the mercury went to 106, the highest point reached in September since the weather bureau was established nineteen years ago.

MISS HARTELL HELD AT PIER "Forgets" to Declare Dress Goods, Shawls and Ring. AWAITS HEARING BEFORE JUDGE

Private Advice from Omaha Dressmaker Indicate She Will Be Able to Prove Absence of Intent to Swindle.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Four women appeared in the custom house this afternoon to answer to the charge of "forgetting" to declare dresses, furs and jewelry that were brought from Europe by them. One of the first cases to appear for hearing was that of Miss Nina M. Hartell, a dressmaker of No. 1900 Capitol avenue, Omaha. Miss Hartell arrived in New York yesterday on board the liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie of the North German-Lloyd line. On her declaration, Miss Hartell said she had only a few things that she would have to pay duty on and she preferred to have the appraiser on the pier make an estimate on them. When she showed the articles to him she forgot to tell him about two hats, several shawls and some pieces of dress goods. She also failed to mention a diamond ring that was discovered and appraised at \$117. Her baggage was seized and sent to the public stores.

Today Miss Hartell was arraigned before United States Judge Holt, but her case was held over for a subsequent hearing. Two other western women, one from Missouri and the other from Chicago, were fined \$5 each on the charge of smuggling. Their cases are identical with that of Miss Hartell.

September a Bad Month, According to Brother Hicks

With the government's sky-plot vainly sweeping the heavens for a flock on their cloudless canopy to indicate rain and cooler, Brother Tri Hicks, of his almanac, sees all kinds of things beside the ceaseless torment of torrid weather. For instance, according to Hicks, the weather not only is to be much cooler, but earthquakes, tornadoes, frosts and seismic disturbances are on the way, in fact, should have been before this to make good on the prognostication. The state of affairs was to burst in upon us with the first day of September and, so far as reported, is a long way off.

"Sometimes the lunar prophets seem to 'put one over on' the government's air current boys, who never deal in long distance shots. But this time, up to date, the official tube testers have all the better of it. They have played the game safe, staid close to shore and for the most part simply passed out the daily tip or 'fair and warmer.' (A weather man never heard of the word 'hot' or 'hotter.') And the country continues to sizzle, hoping that one of two things may soon happen: either the weather man will miss his guess or get a line on a new combination."

Missouri Man Mixed Up in Strange Deal

Because Benjamin Creel, formerly of Milan, Mo., mortgaged some of his household goods in his hotel without telling his wife, he has had considerable difficulty keeping out of the clutches of the law. Two sheriffs and the Omaha police were contending for the privilege of holding him in custody yesterday, but a settlement is now probable. After Creel left Milan his wife innocently sold the hotel and all its contents, including the mortgaged goods. Creel later gave a note for the value of the goods.

After coming to Omaha Creel was arrested and locked up in the city jail. Just before a habeas corpus hearing yesterday a Missouri sheriff appeared who wanted to take him back to Missouri. He was given into the temporary custody of Sheriff McShane, however, and the lawyers busied themselves in arrangements for a settlement.

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TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY

FORT MADISON, Ia., Sept. 4.—After sawing their way through two heavy iron bars of a new cell house window and using a rope to drop down over a twenty-five foot wall, Harry Scanlon and James Gleason escaped from the penitentiary here during the night. Scanlon was from Jefferson, Green county, serving eight years for manslaughter. Gleason was committed from Emmetsburg, Palo Alto county for ten years for burglary.

MORE THAN NECESSARY NUMBER OF NAMES ARE IN

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—In the secretary of state's office it is shown that something like 32,000 names have been reported on referendum petitions for the workmen's compensation law. All that is needed is 20,000 to make the call legal.

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\$2.00 Boys' Canvas Oxfords, leather soles 75c
\$2.50 Little Girls' and Boys' Elk Hide and Elk Hide Sole Shoes \$1.00
\$2.00 Martha Washington and Dorothy Dadd Style Women's Slippers, in all sizes, special sale 98c
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\$1.50 Women's Wash Skirts 50c
\$1.50 and \$1.00 Women's White Lawn Waists 45c and 35c
75c Women's Sample Waists 25c
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\$1.00 Misses' and Women's Wash Dresses and Kimonos 59c
\$2.00 Beautiful Crepe Kimonos 95c
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\$1.00 Men's Coat Style Shirts, military or plain lay-down collars, all fast colors, your choice 45c
50c Boys' Union Suits 25c
Men's Strong Work Shirts, in blue chambray, indigo blue and black satens, your choice 35c
75c Men's Porous and Balbriggan Union Suits, short or long sleeves 35c
50c Boys' Blouses 19c
60c Suspenders 19c
25c Paris Style Garters, Silk Arm Bands, Hose 15c
10c Men's Tan and Black Hose 5c
5c Men's Tan and Black Hose 2c
50c Men's Silk Handkerchiefs 23c
25c Soft Linen Handkerchiefs 10c
10c Men's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 5c
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