#### Nebraska

### COMPLAINS OF FARM VALUES

Union Pacific Urges that Western Land is Evading Taxation.

ARGUMENT IN SUPREME COURT

Testimony Had Seen Presented Indienting that Roads Were Paying More in Proportion Than Were Farmers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 15. - (Special.) - The proposition whether the Union Pacific Railroad company is paying more than its proportionate share of the taxes in certain counties in the state was before the supreme court today, being brought on an application for a writ of mandamus made by the railway company in a case entitued state of Nebraska in relation to the Union Pacific Railway company against the counties of Lincoln. Keith, Deuel and Cheyenne.

Edson Rich, appearing for the Union Pacific company, said that the company was paying taxes on more than a \$190,-000,000 valuation in this state. In the county of Keith the valuation put upon its forty-one miles of double track was of land were gathered from precinct as-\$112,500 a mile, and on its forty-two miles seasors of each county by blank forms of branch line \$25,000 per mile, and was furnished by the bureau. The report of so fixed by the State Board of Equaliza-

was a sample of the other three counties, | taxation purposes there same assessors the valuation placed upon land in 1912 had turned in a valuation of only \$5 on was \$5 per acre; in 1913, \$5.35, and in the same land, 1914 the same. The fair valuation on this land was not less than \$17 per acre, according to figures prepared by the company, which was about 314 per cent showed the same condition, Mr. Rich re- Otoo, a neighbor. The court discharged of the market value and was a gross in- sponded, that counties in the eastern por- the defendant at the close of the hearjustice to other taxpayers in the state.

The railway commission in its valuation of farm lands placed the lands of cent of their value, while in the western at Reier's home. The court, in render-Keith county at \$17 per acre. The United Portion some counties ran as low as 30 ing its decision, did not consider the evi-States census bureau placed the valua- per cent. tion in 1910 at \$16.43 per acre. The Union Pacific Railway company pays 52.9 per cent of the taxes of Kelth county.

To Rouse Public Notice. In his argument before the court Mr. Rich said that the suit was brought against these four counties for the purpose of arousing public interest in the nequality methods used in taxation. Notice had been served on theb oard last week that the company desired a reveluation of the lands of Keith county but the request was denied.

The company offered to furnish the help necessary to send out the notices and the prices showed in the abstracts going to Colorado. to the parties who owned the land which was undervalued, but the offer had not

When asked by one of the judges what system had been used to arrive at the value of the farm lands of the county Mr. Rich produced an abstract of several hundred tracts of land which showed the to take it back. He thought that the price at which the pieces had been sold, showing that these tracts had been undervalued about 50 per cent. Se said that when he had called the atention of the county boards to the low valuation placed on the land that they had admitted that the valuation was too low, had become domesticated and insisted Telegram.)-As a result of the heavy rains but justified it by saying that oher counles were in the same position.

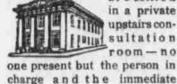
Backed Up by Reed.

The valuatoion placed upon the land by Commissioner Reed of the State Railway commission, according to Mr. Rich, was of such a high order of efficiency that Mr. Reed's work had been recognized by should be increased to three times its the Interstate Commerce com he had ben calld to a position of importance with the national commission and the valuation of lands placed under his charge. The report of Mr. Reed was almost identical with the valuation placed upon the lands by the railway company and was an idincation that the contentions made that the valuation of the land as made by the county assessors was too low.

Mr. Rich also called attention to the manner in which the State Board of Agri-

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Figures at Doane College Commencement

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Rejects Evidence

BEATRICE, Neb., June 15 .- (Special)-

Fred Reier, a farmer living near Cort-

Bloodhounds from this city were

land, was given a hearing Saturday be-

dence of the hounds relative to the trail

A. H. Peters, a former resident of the

In a suit brought by Mrs. Mary Hill

All are here to pay their last respects.

Some from California, some from Colo-

state. Mr. Walts had passed the four

successful citizens in every sense of the

Mrs. Phila A. Martin.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., June 15 - (Special.

Funeral services for Mrs. Phila A. Mar-

tin, who died Thursday evening, were held

at the Methodist Episcopal church Sun-

the Table Rock cemetery. Mrs. Martin

and was 10 years old. She is survived by

Vegas, Nev.; Frank Martin of Omaha:

Dr. Charles Martin, who has just grad-

uated from a medical schol at Philadel-

phia; Mrs. F. M. Linn of Kansas City,

Damage by Storm at Ravenna.

RAVENNA, Neb., June 15 .- (Special)

For the third night in auccession Ra-

venns was in the midst of a storm. Sun-

day morning between 1 and 2 o'clock it

broke with the fury of a hurricane, and

yesterday morning the streets and side-

walks were obstructed with broken trees

and debris. Much damage was done by

the wind. During the three days almost

five inches of rain has fallen, and the

Loup and Beaver rivers, which join

within a mile of Ravenna, are running

bank full. Such a storm period has not

Two Anselmo Weddings.

selmo yesterday and will be at home to

Mr. Thomas P. Mullins and Miss Betty

charge as principal of the Afiselmo school,

while Miss Ray was raised in this com-

Stevenson-Metz.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 15.

ding of Deputy County Clerk Oliver Stev-

enson and Miss Maud Metz, both of this

Dr. King's New Life Pills

druggists.-Advertisement.

Special.)-On Sunday occurred the work

ANSELMO, Neb., June 15 .- (Special.)-

prevailed at Ravenna for many years.

and Mrs. R. H. Norris of Upton, Wyo.

was in the Wymore cemetery.

of Bloodhounds

Beatrice Judge



culture through its publicity bureau gathcounty and the other counties in contro In the county of Keith, which he said | versy were placed at \$15 an acre, yet for

Difference in East.

lnansw er to a question by one of the fore Judge Walden on the charge of stealmembers of the court, if all counties ing fifteen bushels of oats from Herman tion of the state, or at least some of ing. them, were assessed on lands at 90 per used in following the trail, which ended

He referred to a statement mode by C. J. followed by them. Smythe of Omaha, when he was attorney general of the state, that the railroads ald more than their proportionate share ing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. of the taxes as being one man who was Joseph Shalla, aged seventy-eight years, that Metcalfe had had two mighty good not afraid to tell the truth regarding the She is survived by three sons. Funeral paying jobs since that time and he has manner in which the corporations were

Senator Hoasland of North Platte, ap- Cortland vicinity, was killed by a boit pearing for Lincoln county and the other of lightning in a barn at his home near counties, said that valuation of lands in Fort Morgan, Colo., recently. He was those counties were speculative values nearly eighty years of age, and resided and says that the taxpayers all over the placed upon the land by real estate men in Gage county for many years before state are sending up peons of praises gathered by the railroads did not show the true value. He cited several instances where Lincoln county land had against Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hill, to sebeen sold at sheriff's sale at \$4 per acre and a tract owned by the Union Pacific Pemberton found for the defendant and ing on his fellow democrats who are asrailroad comprising 21,000 acres which had sold for \$100,000 and the company had grandparents. prices showed covered third class land. some of which was owned by himself Blue River Runs which he would sell for \$2 per acre, but nobody took him up.

Mr. Hoagland denied the statement by Mr. Rich that the Union Pacific road that the road was not assessed at its the last few days the Blue river today is value, but was worth considerable more. twelve feet higher than normal and is He charged that the road had added improvements to its yards at North Platte government rais gauge showed 1.25 inche. aggregating \$750,000, yet the valuation of rainfall today. Crops have not ye of the road had not been increased. He been damaged and were never better in helieved that the valuation of the road the history of the country.

## Former Secretary

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 15 .- (Special.) -- John C. Allen, former secretary of state of Ne- southeast of here, where he resided unbrasks, with Mrs. Allen and two sons, til a few years ago when he moved to John C., jr., and Theodore D., visited the town. He was twice married, and is state house this morning and looked over survivved by his wife and nine children. the scenes of former days.

Mr. Allen was secretary of state in 1891 to 1895 and eighteen years ago left Ne- rado, some from Oklahoma and the braska for Monmouth, Ill. , where he engaged in mercantile business, which he has continued to the present time. He is score mark, and was one of Auburn's braska via Kansas City and Omaha by automobile and is much impressed with the advancement Nebraska has made during the years of his absence.

#### WHEAT FIELDS UNDER WATER NEAR GRAND ISLAND day at 2 p. m. and the interment was in

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 15 .had lived in Nebraska almost fifty years (Special.)-Another heavy rain during Saturday night, the third one in as five children: Dr. Roy Martin of Las many days, has added to the aiready wollen creeks and the floods of the lower lands, and it is feared that great damage will be done to the splendid stands of wheat and oats. Some wheat fields are reported a foot under water, and Prairie creek and Silver creek, seven and three miles north of the city resepectively, are one body of water, in many places. The fear is that even if the waters quickly recede there will be difficulty in working the heavy binders. In the northwestern part of the county hall did great damage for a strip four miles long and from a quarter to half a mile

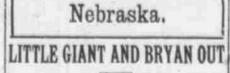
ARMY WORMS IN ALFALFA

FIELDS NEAR TABLE ROCK The presence of army worms in alarm ing numbers is causing some uneasiness among the farmers of this vicinity. In a Ray Tierney and bride arrived in Anmajority of instances, thes worms have first made their appearance in the fields their friends after July 1 in their cottage of alfalfa, where they are found in great on South Scott street. They were marnumbers. After the alfalfa fleids have ried in Broken Bow on Wednesday at the een harvested, they attack all crops in home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. the vicinity. Owing to the rains and a George Willing. hot sun of the last few days they are materially decreasing. In many fields of Ray were married in Brewster, Neb. alfalfa the second cutting has been de. June 12. Mr. Mullins is a son of Dr. Mullayed by the cutting off of the new lins of Broken Bow and has been in prouts by the pests close to the ground.

Roads Pay Taxes.

LINCOLN, Neb., June. 15 .- (Special )-Two large checks for the payment of oc upation taxes reached the office of Secretary of State Walt today, Each was for C.500 and were remitted by the Burlingon and Missouri Pacific railways.

city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Don't hose Sleep Coughing at Night. and Mrs. Henry Metz, is highly edu-Take Foley's Honey and Tar Comcated and for a number of years was a pound. It glides down your throat and teacher in the public schools. The groom spreads a healing, soothing coating over is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. 1. Staythe inflamed tickling surface. That's im- enson. They will make their home mediate relief. It loosens up the tight-Nebraska City. ness in your chest, stops wheesy breathing, eases distressing, racking, tearing coughs. Children love it. Refuse any cured Mr. E. M. Goodloe, Dallas, Tex., of substitutes. Contains no oplates. For malaria and biliousness. Hest regulator sale by all dealers everywhere .- Adver- of liver, stomach and bowels.



Leaders of Democracy Said to Have Had Real Misunderstanding.

BERGE IS VERY MUCH MIFFED

Declares that He Has Given Way in Past for Metcalfe and Others. but They Are Not Reciprocating Now.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., June 15 - (Special.)-The democratic party in Nebraska is sadly in need of a bunch of mediators and they will have to get busy mighty quick or the job will spoil on their hands and be beyond resurrection if too long a time is taken in getting on the job. It is now a public secret that Prince Charlie Bryan and William H. Thompson, the Grand Island democratic statesman, have

The old machine in which they have ridden through so many campaigns and over rocky roads struck a broken bottle somewhere on the political road and it is doubtful whether the puncture sustained by a tire can be mended or that a new tire can be made before the campaign

Just who was guiding the machine when the puncture was sustained is not known, but it is said that Thompson had hold of the steering wheel and that Prince Charlie attempted to get I away from hml. Anyhow Thompson is quoted as saying that until the democratic party gets a chauffeur who can steers, he will

Berge Is Huffy.

Now George W. Berge comes out with a statement and says that Dick Metcalfe is an ingrate, or words to that effect. He says that he got ou of the way two cars ago just to give Dick and Governor Morehead a chance to fight it out for the governorship and stilled his beating gubernatorial heart for two long years waiting for another chance. Now Morchead refuses to keep his campaign Mrs. Lizzte Hroch, a pioneer resident of promise not to run for a second term Barneston, died suddenly Saturday morn- and Metcalfe butts into the game and the services were held today, and interment had none and he thinks a man who would oppose him under those circum stances is a froud.

One Real Democrat.

He claims to be the only unadulterated democrat in the state who can be elected over his candidacy. He knows he is going to be nominated and knows he is of San Francisco, formerly of Beatrice, going to be elected.

cure the custody of her little son, Judge these things he is doing a lot of knockordered that the child be retained by its piring for the same office and have no show, according to his idead of the situa-

Meantime while Berge, Morehead, Metcalfe, Thompson and Bryan are await-High Result of Rains | ing the arrivals of the mediators, Colonel John G. Maher is sawing wood and keeping the arrivals of the mediators, Colonel ing the slide to the democratic nomina-BEATRICE, Neb., June 16 .- (Special tion well greased,

#### Progressives ndorse National Platform

BROKEN BOW, Neb. June 15 - (Speial Telegram.)-Tt the progressive conation held here this after tional platform of 1912 was endorsed. along with the regular platform and a AUBURN, Neb., June 15.-(Special.)- plank introduced and adopted favoring Aaron Waltz, an old-time citizen, and sovernment ownership of railroads and On Visit to State one of the early settlers of the county municipal ownership of all utilities. Many suffragists were in attendance died yesterday evening at his home in

and took part in the meeting. this city. He came to this county in Delegates were also elected to the state 1864 and located on a farm eight miles convention and talks made by well known people. James Stockham presided at the convention and was later elected chair man of the county central committee with H. Hansen as secretary.

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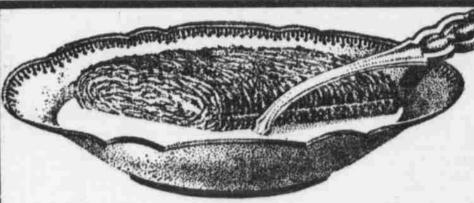
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