

Nebraska

COMPLAINTS OF FARM VALUES

Union Pacific Urges that Western Land is Evading Taxation.

ARGUMENT IN SUPREME COURT

Testimony Had Been Presented In Hearing 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 entitled 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 \$100,000,000 valuation in this state. In the county of Keith the valuation put upon its forty-one miles of double track was \$112,500 a mile, and on its forty-two miles of branch line \$22,500 per mile, and was so fixed by the State Board of Equalization.

In the county of Keith, which he said was a sample of the other three counties, the valuation placed upon land in 1912 was \$5 per acre; in 1913, \$3.35, and in 1914 the same. The fair valuation on the land was not less than \$17 per acre, according to figures prepared by the company, which was about 3 1/2 per cent of the market value and was a gross injustice to other taxpayers in the state.

The railway commission in its valuation of farm lands placed the lands of Keith county at \$17 per acre. The United States census bureau placed the valuation in 1910 at \$16.42 per acre. The Union Pacific Railway company pays \$2.9 per cent of the taxes of Keith county.

To House 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 inequality methods used in taxation. Notice had been served on their card last week that the company desired a re-valuation of the lands of Keith county but the request was denied.

The company offered to furnish the help necessary to send out the notices to the parties who owned the land which was undervalued, but the offer had not been accepted.

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 price at which the pieces had been sold, showing that these tracts had been undervalued about 50 per cent. He said that when he had called the attention of the county boards to the low valuation placed on the land that they had admitted that the valuation was too low, but justified it by saying that other counties were in the same position.

Backed Up by Reed.

The valuation 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 the Interstate Commerce commission and he had been called 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 indication that the contentions made that the valuation of the land as made by the county assessors was too low.

Former Secretary On Visit to State

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 15.—(Special.)—John C. Allen, former secretary of state of Nebraska, with Mrs. Allen and two sons, John C., Jr., and Theodore D., visited the state house this morning and looked over the scenes of former days.

Mr. Allen was secretary of state in 1891 to 1895 and eighteen years ago left Nebraska for Monmouth, Ill., where he engaged in mercantile business, which he has continued to the present time. He is making the trip from his home to Nebraska via Kansas City and Omaha by automobile and is much impressed with the advancement Nebraska has made during the years of his absence.

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Beatrice Judge Rejects Evidence of Bloodhounds

BEATRICE, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Fred Reier, a farmer living near Cortland, was given a hearing Saturday before Judge Walden on the charge of stealing fifteen bushels of oats from Herman Otoo, a neighbor. The court discharged the defendant at the close of the hearing. Bloodhounds from this city were used in following the trail, which ended at Reier's home. The court, in rendering its decision, did not consider the evidence of the hounds relative to the trail followed by them.

Mrs. Lizette Hiroch, a pioneer resident of Beatrice, died suddenly Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Shalla, aged seventy-eight years. She is survived by three sons. Funeral services were held today, and interment was in the Wymore cemetery.

A. H. Peters, a former resident of the Cortland vicinity, was killed by a bolt of lightning in a barn at his home near Fort Morgan, Colo., recently. He was nearly eighty years of age, and resided in Gage county for many years before going to Colorado.

In a suit brought by Mrs. Mary Hill of San Francisco, formerly of Beatrice, against Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hill, to secure the custody of her little son, Judge Pemberton found for the defendant and ordered that the child be retained by its grandparents.

Blue River Runs High Result of Rains

BEATRICE, Neb., June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of the heavy rains the last few days the Blue river today is twelve feet higher than normal and is overflowing its banks in places. The government rain gauge showed 1.25 inches of rainfall today. Crops have not yet been damaged and were never better in the history of the country.

DEATH RECORD.

Aaron Waits. AUBURN, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Aaron Waits, an old-time citizen, and one of the early settlers of the county died yesterday evening at his home in this city. He came to this county in 1856 and located on a farm eight miles southeast of here, where he resided until a few years ago when he moved to town. He was twice married, and is survived by his wife and nine children. All are here to pay their last respects. Some from California, some from Colorado, some from Oklahoma and the others from the different parts of this state. Mr. Waits had passed the four score mark, and was one of Auburn's successful citizens in every sense of the word.

WHEAT FIELDS UNDER WATER NEAR GRAND ISLAND

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Another heavy rain during Saturday night, the third one in as many days, has added to the already swollen 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 respectively, 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 hail did great damage for a strip four miles long and from a quarter to half a mile wide.

ARMY WORMS IN ALFALFA FIELDS NEAR TABLE ROCK

TABLE ROCK, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—The presence of army worms in alarming numbers is causing some uneasiness among the farmers of this vicinity. In a majority of instances, these worms have first made their appearance in the fields of alfalfa, where they are found in great numbers. After the alfalfa fields have been harvested, they attack all crops in the vicinity. Owing to the rains and a hot sun of the last few days they are materially decreasing. In many fields of alfalfa the second cutting has been delayed by the cutting off of the new sprouts by the pests close to the ground.

Roads Pay Taxes.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Two large checks for the payment of occupation taxes reached the office of Secretary of State Walt today. Each was for \$2,500 and were remitted by the Burlington and Missouri Pacific railways.

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Stevenson-Metz.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—On Sunday occurred the wedding of Deputy County Clerk Oliver Stevenson and Miss Maud Metz, both of this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metz, is highly educated and for a number of years was a teacher in the public schools. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Stevenson. They will make their home at Nebraska City.

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LITTLE GIANT AND BRYAN OUT

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 statesmen, have had a blowout.

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 ends.

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 it away from him. Anyhow Thompson is quoted as saying that until the democratic party gets a chauffeur who can steer, he will refuse to ride.

Berge Is Miffed.

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 out of the way two years ago just to give Dick and Governor Morehead a chance to fight it out for the governorship and still his beating gubernatorial heart for two long years waiting for another chance. Now Morehead refuses to keep his campaign promise not to run for a second term and Metcalfe butts into the game and the two of them are against him. He says that Metcalfe had had two mighty good paying jobs since that time and he has had none and he thinks a man who would oppose him under those circumstances is a fraud.

One Real Democrat.

He claims to be the only unadulterated democrat in the state who can be elected and says that the taxpayers all over the state are sending up peons of praises over his candidacy. He knows he is going to be nominated and knows he is going to be elected.

But for a man who is so dead sure of these things he is doing a lot of knocking on his fellow democrats who are aspiring for the same office and have no show, according to his idea of the situation.

Meantime while Berge, Morehead, Metcalfe, Thompson and Bryan are awaiting the arrivals of the mediators, Colonel John G. Maher is sawing wood and keeping the slide to the democratic nomination well greased.

Progressives endorse National Platform

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—At the progressive convention held here this afternoon, the national platform of 1912 was endorsed, along with the regular platform and a plank introduced and adopted favoring government ownership of railroads and municipal ownership of all utilities.

Many suffragists were in attendance and took part in the meeting. Delegates were also elected to the state convention and talks made by well known people. James Stockham presided at the convention and was later elected chairman of the county central committee with H. Hansen as secretary.

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