

Nebraska WILL INCREASE LAND VALUATION

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FIGURES BY COUNTIES

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—If all changes as made by the State Board of Equalization stand as already made, the valuation of lands will be increased \$3,971,355 over the assessors' figures as returned to the board. In counties where the board has made a raise the county officials have been notified to appear and show cause why the raise should not stand, but it is not expected that there will be very much of a change from the figures made by the board.

Following are the counties, giving the average valuation per acre of each county for 1915 and 1916, the change as made by the board and the percentage of raise or fall, the latter being marked with an asterisk:

County	1915	1916	Equal-	Pct.
Adams	111.12	112.23	111.78	
Antelope	6.55	6.94	7.20	5
Banner	.84	1.16		
Blaine	.88	.82	.99	15
Bonne	8.73	9.69	9.19	
Box Butte	1.70	1.27	1.32	5
Boyd	4.46	6.35		
Brewster	1.42	1.54	1.62	15
Buffalo	4.23	4.04	4.44	10
Burt	16.36	16.27	15.46	*5
Butler	14.51	14.46	15.18	5
Case	10.21	10.40	10.00	*5
Cedar	12.90	11.37	12.90	10
Chase	1.22	1.34		
Cherry	.87	.74	.88	15
Cheyenne	1.63	1.12	2.00	*5
Clay	14.54	14.64	14.11	*5
Colfax	16.97	16.90	16.00	*5
Cuming	15.22	17.23	15.69	*10
Custer	2.74	2.79	3.21	15
Dakota	12.16	12.13		
Dawes	.92	1.17		
Dawson	6.94	7.51	6.68	10
Deuel	1.98	1.90		
Dixon	10.19	10.13	12.15	20
Dodge	16.72	16.80	16.00	*5
Dundy	1.40	1.74		
Fillmore	13.03	13.20		
Franklin	8.93	8.84		
Frontier	1.92	1.87		
Furnas	8.00	4.34		
Gage	12.69	12.49	12.76	10
Garden	.81	.70	.78	10
Grant	1.21	1.41	1.25	10
Grant	.61	.60	.80	22 1/2
Greely	6.88	6.88		
Holt	10.32	10.32		
Hamilton	15.83	15.74		
Harlan	4.91	9.92	6.46	10
Hayward	1.10	1.22		
Hitchcock	1.72	2.64	2.38	*10
Holt	2.18	2.24	2.46	10
Hooker	1.35	1.35		
Howard	7.83	7.58	8.23	10
Jefferson	11.52	11.68	12.26	5
Johnson	13.18	13.24	13.89	5
Kearney	1.24	1.41	1.22	10
Keith	1.32	1.37	1.45	5
Knox	1.64	1.66		
Knox	1.15	1.15		
Lancaster	14.60	16.60		
Lincoln	1.41	1.74	1.76	10
Logan	.85	1.13	1.08	*5
Loup	1.07	1.20		
Madison	11.15	14.15	13.10	*10
McPherson	.66	.66		
Merriam	9.78	9.74	10.22	5
Morrill	1.24	1.22	1.47	10
Nance	1.39	1.39		
Nemaha	14.55	15.32	16.06	5
Nemaha	10.86	10.29		
Nebraska	10.27	11.27		
Osage	1.35	1.35		
Pawnee	13.05	13.10		
Perkins	1.56	1.77		
Phelps	14.59	17.46		
Pierce	8.55	10.20		
Platte	13.58	14.56		
Polk	14.59	17.46		
Red Willow	2.22	2.35	3.68	10
Richardson	13.84	13.64	14.00	10
Rock	1.50	1.50		
Saline	14.75	15.18		
Sarpy	16.90	16.90		
Saunder	14.37	14.72		
Scott's Bluff	14.75	14.96		
Seward	15.51	15.27		
Sheridan	1.95	1.95	1.15	10
Shiela	4.21	6.78	6.20	10
Sioux	.77	.71	.85	20
Stanton	12.59	13.24		
Thayer	10.74	11.80		
Thomas	1.42	1.42	.88	10
Thurston	12.80	12.88	16.07	*5
Valley	8.32	8.32		
Washington	14.55	16.22		
Wayne	1.46	1.66	1.82	10
Webster	1.46	1.66	1.82	10
Wheeler	1.46	1.66	1.82	10
York	14.75	14.96		
Arthur	.65	.65		

Railroad Cannot Force Wires Raised

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The right of a railroad company to force a telephone or electric light company to raise its wires over crossings of the road when the former had prior rights, has been declared against the railway companies by the State Railway commission, in a controversy between the Northwestern Railroad company and the electric light company at Bristol, owned by the city.

Completes Plans for Music for the Fair

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Secretary Mellor of the State Fair board has completed plans for music for the fair and contracts have been made with the following musical organizations to be present during the fair and furnish the music:

George Green's band of Omaha, Nebraska State band of Lincoln, Ainsworth, Scotts Bluff, Superior and Verdun City bands. The Kittles from Canada and the LeBaron-Wheatley grand opera singers of Lincoln, reinforced by the best talent that can be secured. In addition to these the St. Paul oratorio chorus, led by Prof. Carl Frederick Steckelberg, will give two concerts.

Legacy for Tecumseh Circus Performer

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Tecumseh, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The Tecumseh city authorities have received a letter from the register of heirs of Windsor, Can.; asking the whereabouts of Arthur Forbes, formerly of Tecumseh. The letter states the register has something of importance for Forbes. Forbes has been a circus performer for many years. He was reared to man's estate in Tecumseh, his father, John Forbes, of University place, being in business here for many years. When the Campbell circus was organized in Fairbury years ago Forbes was one of the performers, and he has followed the life since, traveling at times with some of the best aggregations of the country. Last fall he was in Tecumseh and worked at the blacksmith trade for a time, and from here went to Brook for the same purpose. Friends say

Holdrege Chautauqua Pays Out.
Holdrege, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—This year's chautauqua has closed with receipts amounting to \$2,843, an ample sum to allow the Commercial club and chautauqua management to come out without a loss. The largest attendance was at the Helen Keller attraction, when 1,800 people were present. She was allowed the receipts for the day, amounting to \$455. Next year's session will be held for the first time in the large auditorium building.

From Our Near Neighbors

Weeping Water.
Mrs. E. W. Fowler has returned from a visit at Rock Island, Ill.
Miss Florence Dohmer of Lincoln visited over Sunday with her friend, Miss Katherine Gibson.
Nels Snell of Westington Springs, S. D. spent the week visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.
I. N. Hunter is on a trip to Kooks county, Kansas, to look after the threshing of wheat on his farm.
Henry Mognesen and Miss Anna Hart have purchased the East Main street grocery of Adolph Mognesen.
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wolcott left the first of the week for a two weeks' trip to Yellowstone National park.
O. M. Card and family have returned to their home in Beatrice after several weeks visiting at the E. E. Day home.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sperry are on a three weeks' trip to Three Forks, Mont., to visit Mr. Sperry's sister, Mrs. W. A. Park.
E. C. Gibson has sold his farm four miles southeast of town and expects to move to town. The land sold for \$145 per acre.
The annual fraternal picnic will be held Thursday, August 17. Among the attractions are a speech by Judge A. L. Sutton and an aerial airplane flight by Capt. McMillan of the Nebraska national guard.

Avoca.
Miss Villa Gopen of Murray is here visiting friends.
Miss Eva Hensley was here from Berlin several days this week.
Mrs. E. G. Spencer and sons of Talmage were visiting here Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr, sr., of Syracuse, were here the first of the week.
John Peckham and family are here from Chappell for a visit with relatives.
Thomas Burns and family have returned from a visit with Shelby relatives.
W. A. Rose and family left last week for California to spend several months.
Mr. and Mrs. John Everett and daughter, Leona, were visiting at Edwood Sunday.
Miss Minnie Beckord, who has been visiting here, left for her home at Utica Thursday.

Beatrice.
Miss Nina Rhodes has returned from Omaha.
Miss Marie Handler is visiting friends at Tilden, Neb.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gatewood are visiting a daughter at Chapman, Neb.
Mrs. McHenry and her daughter, Lottie of Omaha, are visiting the family of F. A. Roach.
Wendel Mezal and Adam Moore have returned this week from an outing in the northern part of the state.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Sprague, who has been visiting relatives at Sterling and Bonham, Colo., returned home this week much refreshed.
Miss Eliza and Edna Wilson, Lottie and Joale Walsh and Mrs. James T. Begley and others have pitched camp on the bank of the Platte and are having a delightful time bathing and fishing.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arbuthnot of Glendale, Cal. are visiting their son, Samuel Arbuthnot of Papillion, and will spend several weeks calling on old friends in Sarpy county. They were early settlers of this county, moving to California two years ago.
Mr. John Weber, aged 68, and Mrs. Dorcas Blaybaugh, aged 65, gave their friends a sudden surprise by inviting them to their wedding on Friday evening of last week. About 150 responded and the bride and groom immediately started on a trip to Iowa and Illinois to visit old friends.

Beatrice.
Rev. Fred J. Tower of Albany, N. Y., and his brother, Lavern of College View, Tex., were called here on account of the serious condition of their mother, who also resides at College View. The mother, while visiting her son, Charles of Papillion, became afflicted with cancer and underwent an operation in a hospital at Omaha. She is reported as much improved.

Beatrice.
Mr. and Mrs. Spring visited their son at Benson, Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Vestal and family motored to Kennard Sunday.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Magee Wednesday.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, Jr. Thursday.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hockman Thursday.
Dorothy and Dagmar Westergaard visited friends in Dundas Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jensen of Florence visited at the Dulin home Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brewster left Saturday for a month's visit in California.
Miriam Snider of Omaha visited at the Sundell home a few days this week.
Mr. and Mrs. John Birkirk and family visited relatives in Benson Saturday.
Rose Jacobson, Amy Hazard and Dagmar Westergaard returned Friday from Peru, where they have been attending school this summer.

Beatrice.
About twenty girls friends of Miss Emma Sundell gave a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon. Watermelon, ice cream and cake were served.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Christopherson and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Reighl, Mr. and Mrs. Christopherson and Mrs. W. Hall, Elmer and Harry Christopherson and Emma and Anna Sundell motored to Sterling, Sunday, for a visit at the Fred Hall home. They returned Monday evening.

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Lightning struck and burned a summer cottage on the Harrison ranch, near Grand Lake, Colo., and seriously injured Miss Anna Vonburgh, a Chicago school teacher. She is traveling under the conduct passport issued by the entente allied governments.
Thomas Hammond, 70 years old, widow of the founder of Hammond, Ind., died Thursday. She was said to be one of the wealthiest women in Indiana, and was prominent in philanthropic work. Three children survive. Mr. Hammond died two years ago.
In New York the indictments charging John Burke, former manager of the Panama canal, and John Brandon, of Colon, with conspiring with Jacob L. Hales, a tobacco merchant of Colon, to defraud the United States in the purchase of supplies, were quashed.

Beatrice.
Silk and Washable Silk Ties that have been selling to 29c; Special. 19c
A Special Lot of Men's Fine Linen Mesh Underwear—Shirts and drawers that sold to \$2.25 each; on sale Saturday, garment. 69c
About 250 Dozen Silk and Silk Fiber Hose—All the desirable shades. "Run of the mill" quality. 25c

Beatrice.
Men's Oxfords—Russia calf, dull leather and patent colt. \$3.50 to \$4.00 values. \$2.85
300 pairs boys' Oxfords; sizes from 3 1/2 to 6; Russia calf, patent colt, dull leather; \$3.50 to \$4.00 values; Saturday. \$2.15
Men's Store.

Beatrice.
Men's Summer Shirts 55c
Clearing Them Out, at . . . 55c
DON'T STOP TO ARGUE with yourself, whether you need them or not—a few more shirts in your summer wardrobe at this price will not be a tax upon your pocketbook and will surely make you more comfortable.
About 1,600 Men's Shirts—Broken lots that will sell at about one-half the usual selling price. Band collars, detachable collars, soft and laundered cuffs. The materials are fancy striped madras, soisette and repp cloth. Usually sold to \$1.25; very special Saturday. 55c
60 Dozen Men's Athletic Union Suits—In striped madras, nainsook and soisette; for hot weather wear. Values to \$1.50, at. 69c
About 300 Munsing Union Suits—"Run of the mill" quality in silk lisle and fine Egyptian cotton. Sold in the regular way at \$2.00 to \$2.50; Saturday, at. 98c
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Fraud Order Is Placed Against Three Concerns

Washington, Aug. 4.—As a result of an investigation, which is conducted at the request of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in their campaign for "truth in advertising," the Postoffice department today issued a fraud order against the International Automobile league, Inc., the International Automobile Tire company of Buffalo, N. Y., and A. C. Bidwell, president of both concerns.

The request for investigation was made to the Postoffice department by Merle Sidener of Indianapolis, chairman of the national vigilance committee of the advertising clubs. Postoffice department records show Bidwell had been indicted by a federal grand jury in Rochester, N. Y., charged with using the mails to further a scheme to defraud, and that he and two of his agents had been indicted by the grand jury at Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

Hearings on the complaints covered forty-six days and brought out testimony that Bidwell and his agents, soliciting members for the league at \$10 each, represented that the league had contracts with manufacturers of standard motor car accessories which enabled the league to sell them to members at dealers' and manufacturers' prices. Manufacturers of such products testified that the league had no such contracts and it was said that inferior accessories were offered instead.

The fraud order is based upon a series of other acts held to be illegal and with intent to defraud. Postoffice officials say the promoters of the scheme realized a fortune.

**Police Inspect
Cars Looking for
Some Explosives**
Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 4.—City authorities tonight sent 105 policemen to inspect all trains entering Jersey City, for munitions and explosives, because of the refusal of one railroad to stop shipments through the city, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the city committee after the fire and explosion on Black Tom island, Sunday.

The Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, Erie, and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroads agreed not to ship explosives to Jersey City. The Central Railroad of New Jersey, however, served notice that it would hold the city liable for all damages and losses due to the enforcement of the order.

**High Court Hears
Manchester Pleas**
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme judges are enjoying their vacations hearing the lawyers orate back and forth in the various suits covering the attempt of certain officials to oust Mrs. Emma B. Manchester as supreme guardian of the Woodmen circle.

Many suits covering injunctions and restraining orders have been heard, but today Arthur Mullen and Hallek Rose of Omaha, for Mrs. Manchester, and Attorney Brogan and another Omaha attorney, for the opposition, discussed another phase of the controversy.

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**Philbin Appears
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Lincoln, Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The war in Greeley county was transferred for an hour to the office of Governor Morehead this morning when P. H. Philbin, county assessor, accompanied by a friend, appeared before the board of equalization to give the assessor's side of the controversy between the county board and county assessor.

All members of the county board had appeared before the board a few days ago.
Philbin's friend, who would not give his name, said the trouble between Philbin and the board grew out of the failure of the board's attempts "to run Philbin."
According to the state board there is only about \$11,000 difference in the real estate valuation as reported by County Assessor Philbin and the reports sent in by the county board.

**Erisco Contractors
For an Open Shop**
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 3.—The General Contractors' association, which is part of the San Francisco Building Trade Employers' association, voted today for an open-shop policy. It was said also that other employers' associations were taking a vote on the open-shop question.

P. H. McCrath, president of the Building Trades Labor council, asserted that only a small number of building contractors were affiliated with the General Contractors' association. He said he did not look for any open-shop or lockout troubles in the building trades.
The Chamber of Commerce has announced it has a fund of \$600,000 available in its open-shop fight.

**Holdrege Will Give Feast
To School Garden Club**
Holdrege, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—For the purpose of creating interest in one of the most practical courses offered high school students, the Holdrege Commercial club is planning an elaborate banquet for members of the local School Garden club, comprising sixty-one members, who successfully complete the prescribed course. Silver and gold medals will be awarded. Vegetable sales by seven members of the club total thus far \$60.42.

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Notes From Beatrice And Gage County

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Dr. E. E. Sweeney of Filley came near losing his life yesterday when his car ran off a small bridge and upset, two miles south of Filley. Dr. Sweeney was caught under the car and severely cut and bruised, but managed to free himself. He was taken to Filley where he was given medical attention. The car was not damaged and was later driven back to Filley.

John Hecker, 22 years of age, and a son of Henry Hecker of the Pickering vicinity, sustained three broken ribs and internal injuries when a team attached to a wagon load of wheat ran over him.

Announcement has been received in this city of the death of Albert Malmo of the signal corps of Fremont, which occurred at San Antonio, Tex., from the wounds received in a fight with Mexican bandits. Malmo was about 40 years of age and formerly worked in Beatrice as a newspaper man.

The seven people who were injured in two automobile accidents here Wednesday, and who are in local hospitals, are recovering from their injuries.