

EQUALIZATION BOARD DIVIDES STATE IN GROUPS

Twenty-Two Districts Are Named for Purpose of Arriving at Equitable Valuation of Lands.

Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—That the state board of equalization has reached a plan which will enable the different counties to show a valuation which will be fair to each as compared with other counties, appeared to be the general opinion of the more than 100 assessors and county officials who have been meeting with the board the last three days.

Some of the assessors were not exactly satisfied, but even some of these admitted that the board had been able to place the assessment proposition upon a foundation which would be a good start for the future.

The board has placed the counties of the state in 22 groups. It has endeavored to class the counties so that each group will be composed of counties of about the same class of land. Douglas is in a class by itself as is also Washington.

Each class shows four sets of figures: The sale value of land in each county as furnished by the recording offices from July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1919; assessed average in 1919; average for county in 1920; and the average in county for 1919.

For instance group C, which comprises the counties of Butler, Colfax, Dodge, are classed on sale value running from \$190 an acre to \$90 an acre. Butler county, the lowest in the group, shows the average sale value in that county during the above period to be \$195.65 per acre. The average assessment in the county in 1919 was \$76.65 per acre, while the 1919 average was \$7.10.

On farm lands and improvements the percentage of sale value over the 1920 average for the county would be 53 per cent. On lots and improvements the percentage of increase was but 3 per cent. This would make a total increase on both kinds of property of 27 per cent.

Harding Is Told He Is Choice of Party

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Woman suffrage cause early made its appearance in the gathering crowds, but a plan of the women to picket the notification ceremony was abandoned. During the morning the senator had an appointment to receive a delegation from the national woman's party who wanted him to aid in securing favorable action by the Tennessee legislature on the suffrage amendment. He said he would be glad to listen to their requests, but would have no immediate reply to make.

Last night he saw a similar delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association and afterward sent a telegram to Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, head of the association, declaring that if any republican members of the legislature asked his opinion he would advise that the amendment be ratified at once.

The woman's party group, led by Alice Paul, declared their selves pleased at his action, but declined to present their petition as they had planned.

A feature of the day was a luncheon given by Dr. C. E. Sawyer, at his farm on the outskirts of Marion, to the members of the republican national committee and of the notification committee appointed by the Chicago convention.

Will H. Hays, the national chairman, was the presiding officer at the notification, for which the city had refitted its chaletauqua pavilion. The program included an invocation by Bishop William F. Oldham of the Methodist Episcopal church, the formal notification in speech by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Senator Harding's response and a benediction by Father Joseph M. Denning, pastor of St. Marys Catholic church here. A glee club came from Columbus to lead the assembly in singing the "Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

The Marion boosters cheered the senator until he consented to make a short talk, thanking them for their "show of neighborly interest" and enthusiasm.

Makes Short Speech. "I am going to make my speech later in the day," he said, "but I cannot let you go without saying how deeply I am touched by this tribute from the home folks."

Members of the Hamilton club of Chicago came up singing, "Good Morning, Mr. Harding," fashioned after the army marching song, "Good Morning, Mr. Zip," and presented the candidate with a resolution giving him honorary membership in the club. In response he declared there ought to be a similar republican organization in every street city.

"We do not give enough attention to our politics," he added, "for good government ought to be the first business of every citizen. And I think we do not pay enough attention to party. In this country we have too much of the rule of the individual and not enough of the rule of the great masses. I am especially proud to be a member of your club because it bears the name of the man who to my mind was the greatest constructive American statesman that ever lived."

Mrs. Harding Greeted. Long before noon the delegations began to pass on one another's heels, and the candidate had to abandon hope of shaking hands with all of those who came. He took his position on the steps of his porch and smilingly waved acknowledgments as the howling throng marched past.

He got an extra round of applause from one delegation when he led Mrs. Harding down the steps and presented her as "the head of this family."

One of the show spots of the procession was the American Republican club of Pittsburgh, in flowing black capes and high grey gloves and carrying star-spangled parasols.

Drys for League, But Not Against Reservations

Covenant With Interpretative Reservations Acceptable to Prohibitionists; Platform Denounces Two Major Parties for Silence on Liquor Question; Liberal Aid Is Pledged to Farmers.

Lincoln, July 22.—The prohibition party today adopted a platform favoring the league of nations, but expressing no opposition to reservations.

Advocating greater participation by women in federal agencies for bettering the condition of workers; promising farmers aid in equalizing prices; securing farm labor and cooperative marketing and demanding industrial courts to end industrial warfare.

The platform set forth the party's views as follows:

1. Prohibition.—Gives thanks for national prohibition, commendation of congress for enforcement laws, passed and of supreme court for upholding 18th amendment and enforcement law.

2. Nullification.—Denounces efforts of "organized liquor traffic" to nullify amendment by modifying enforcement act and condemns republican and democratic parties for platform silence on this point.

3. League of Nations.—Favors entrance of United States into league by immediate ratification of peace treaty "not objection to reasonable reservations interpreting American understanding of covenant."

4. Education.—Compulsory education; English language both in public and parochial schools.

5. Agriculture.—Pledges aid to farmers "in working out plan to equalize prices, secure labor and organize systematic co-operative marketing including public terminals, mills and storage facilities. Extension of parcel post to encourage direct traffic between producer and consumer."

6. Plank for Women. Women and Home.—Adopts program of national league women voters.

Bryan Refuses to Run On Prohibition Ticket (Continued From Page One.)

Bryan was first in one place and then another.

Cass Lake, Devils Lake and Crookston, Minn. P. Ennis and Bozeman, Mont., all claimed the nominee at different times during the day and once again the telegram was sent en route to Lincoln to personally deliver his reply to the convention, but no one could actually see him.

In the meantime hundreds of telegrams came in rapid fire succession to his office here, urging him to accept the nomination and telegram companies reported several hundred more dispatches to the various places where he was reported to be.

Complete Platform Draft. Meantime the platform committee, which early this morning was ready to present its tentative draft to the convention, went back into executive session to redraft certain planks so that a platform to suit Mr. Bryan could be adopted.

Late today the convention gave official approval to a draft which its sponsors declared Mr. Bryan "would be proud to run on." A new national committee with Virgil G. Hinshaw retained as chairman was elected and a resolution opposing military training was adopted. In addition to the national committee members announced today, John Gilb and Edgar Wilkins were chosen to represent Colorado. Several states were not represented in the convention and committee members were not chosen for them.

Favor Reservations. The platform declared for the league of nations "with reasonable reservations," federal legislation for industrial courts to prevent the public suffering from labor trouble, equal suffrage and the usual bone dry plank was adopted late today.

Virgil Hinshaw was re-elected chairman of the national committee.

May Select Woman. As a running mate for William J. Bryan, the nation's choice, Miss Marie Brehm, Los Angeles, Cal., stood out in discussions among the delegates.

Miss Brehm was one of the outstanding figures in the first day's session of the convention yesterday. She was chosen permanent chairman of the convention and after presiding with vigor over its deliberations early this morning yielded the chair and placed Bryan in nomination.

Early talk of "Billy" Sunday as a vice presidential possibility was brought to an abrupt stop by the evangelist's statement, made in Hood River, Ore., that he considered Senator Harding a satisfactory "dry" candidate.

Selection of the party's new national committee shows a larger proportion of women than usual as a result of the recommendation of the old national committee that each state select one man and one woman for membership on the committee, where practicable. Members of the committee are recommended by the state delegations and the selections are then submitted to the convention for ratification.

New Committee. Those chosen for membership on the new national committee are: California, H. A. Johnson, Miss Marie C. Brehm; Connecticut, Frederick G. Platt, E. L. G. Hohenhalt; Florida, John P. Coffin, Mrs. Charlotte Coffin; Idaho, Col. James E. Ingersoll; Dr. Mrs. Howard; Illinois, Robert H. Patton, Mrs. Marie N. Wilson; Indiana, Sumner N. Haynes, J. Raymond Schmitt; Iowa, Mrs. Ida B. Wise-Smith, A. MacEachron; Kansas, W. S. Grissell, Mrs. Nellie Skipper; Kentucky, Mrs. F. Beauchamp; Adam Carpenter; Massachusetts, John R. Lewis, William Shaw; Michigan, John F. Easley, Andrew Wood; Minnesota, W. G. Calderwood, Mrs. A. A. Taylor; Mississippi, B. F. Howard (one yet to name); Missouri, Mrs. Marie Hughes, H. P. Felt; Nebraska, J. A. Murray, G. C. Clark; New Jersey, James G. Mason, Will D. Martin; New York, Francis E. Baldwin.

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CONVENTION OF CANAL DEVOTEES ON AT DETROIT

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Congress Will Urge to Open Waterway to Atlantic.

Detroit, July 22.—Demanding development of the upper St. Lawrence river to provide an open waterway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, 1,500 delegates to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence tidewater congress assembled here today.

During the congress, which will continue through Saturday, speakers from 10 states will urge development of a tidewater route as a means of relieving congestion at eastern ports and developing the middle west.

Notables on Program. Among speakers on the platform are United States Senator Poinsett of Washington, Walter Parker of the Mississippi Valley association, and Governor Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, who will be read at the Saturday morning session.

The proposal to link the Great Lakes with the Atlantic by making the upper St. Lawrence river navigable is not a sectional, selfish movement, but one so broad and fundamental that it is a national necessity, said H. C. Gardner of Chicago, president of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence tidewater association, speaking at the opening of the tidewater congress.

Education Is Necessary. After reviewing the work of the association and the efforts of the international joint commission, that during the past several months has held hearings in Canadian and American cities, Mr. Gardner declared the future work of the association rested in education of the people of the two countries to the benefits that might be derived from the proposed improvement of the St. Lawrence.

"Development of the river will bring necessary relief to millions of Americans and Canadians," Mr. Gardner said. "Power will be developed, industry and agriculture made more secure and 100,000,000 tons of coal saved each year."

"The American people and their lawmakers must be made to realize that opening of the St. Lawrence is a national necessity."

Fourteen States Interested. Mr. Gardner pointed out that 14 states now are actively interested in the deep waterways project.

Hearings of the international joint commission, Mr. Gardner said, have shown a desire for the waterways improvement on the part of practically all citizens in the Great Lakes district.

"It is expected that further hearings before the commission will develop additional facts with regard to the present transportation blockade and crying need for relief," Mr. Gardner concluded.

Nebraska Vet and His Roll Escape Con Men (Continued From Page One.)

bered he would have to pass through Chicago and Omaha on his way home and feared the worst.

"Come with me," she said. "To a bank she led him, where his money, which represented the savings of 93 years, was deposited, and he received certificates of deposit and drafts on a Lincoln bank."

He kept in his pocket only enough cash to pay incidentals of his journey home.

Takes Cautious Smoke. At the men's waiting room in the depot he asked if he would be "punched" if he smoked.

Relief beamed from his face when he was told that it was not only permissible, but customary.

He explained that Nebraska's smoking laws are somewhat strict. While waiting for his train the old man walked out a side entrance of the depot, took a puff and fell down a bit of steps.

Station attendants took him to a doctor's office, where it was found he was unhurt.

During this episode, Mr. Kennedy refused to answer any questions, asking only to be taken back to the waiting room for fear Mr. Wright might wonder what had become of him.

Sturdily Built Irishman. The old gentleman is sturdily built, weighing about 170 pounds. He is five feet nine inches tall. He walks well and gets about easily except for mounting and descending stairs.

His face is still fresh colored and his shrewdness and clear thinking are apparent in his few remarks.

His recreation upon arriving at his home in Seward was to get out his old spade and start digging. Aside from now being an extensive traveler and temporarily a "man-about-town" in New York, Kansas City, Chicago and Omaha, Nebraska's genial Methuselah last week posed for the motion picture directors, who reeled him off immediately upon his return to "ih' hum town."

Game Warden Gere Active In Vicinity of Beatrice (Continued From Page One.)

Beatrice, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Jake Workman of this city was arrested on complaint filed by Deputy Game Warden Gere charging him with the illegal possession of a large seine and with fishing without a license. The seine was confiscated before Judge Ellis, Workman pleaded not guilty and his case was set for hearing August 2. He was released on bond.

Turner of Havocville pleaded guilty to having a seine and more than ten fish in his possession and was fined \$10 and costs which he paid.

Big Wheat Yield. Beatrice, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Phillip Groff, living in the Blue valley, northwest of Beatrice, threshed his wheat crop this week from 80 acres and secured a heavy yield. The grain went 36 bushels to the acre and tested 62 pounds to the bushel.

McLaughlin Finds Nebraska Favorable To G. O. P. Nominees

Washington, July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman McLaughlin of the Fourth Nebraska district reported on his return from his home state for a few weeks' work in Washington that crop conditions throughout Nebraska, Kansas and the adjoining states are most satisfactory.

He believes the wheat yield will be the largest, according to the acreage, in the history of the west. The fields in the southern part of Nebraska and northern Kansas, where threshing is under way, were yielding as much as 40 bushels to the acre. It will be the rare exception, he believes, for the yield to go below 20 bushels to the acre, and the general average will run from 25 to 30 bushels or more.

The corn has a splendid color, is well advanced, and the ground is especially cool. The rains, with reasonably good weather, makes it quite improbable that hot winds will visit the state this late in the year, so that the only possible damage to any extent to the corn crop will be from early frosts.

Oats is fair and alfalfa never was so good. Pastures are in good condition, and the general outlook for Nebraska from the crop standpoint never was better, he said.

Politically, the congressman finds republicans almost universally, and many democrats as well, lining up enthusiastically for Harding and Coolidge.

Hays Tells Drys Platform Is for "Law and Order" (Continued From Page One.)

Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—A telegram from Will H. Hays received today in reply to a query sent by Virgil G. Hinshaw, national committee chairman of the prohibition party, states that the proposed "law and order plank" in the republican platform was struck out by the platform subcommittee in Chicago as "meaningless" and was never presented to the full platform committee or to the convention.

In his telegram Mr. Hays said the subcommittee considered the supreme court's decision as to the constitutionality of the Volstead act, and the law and order plank superfluous. Therefore, he said, it was omitted from the platform.

The telegram added that "of course" the republican platform stood for law enforcement and that that fact "was made clear by the first plank of the republican platform, declaring for constitutional government."

A reply to the telegram is being drafted by the executive committee of the prohibition party.

Labor Problems on Farms Serious in Many Sections (Continued From Page One.)

From information received from many sources at the Exchange building at the stock yards the farm labor problem in the state of Nebraska is serious in many sections. In Dodge county there is an urgent appeal for men to handle the present harvest where hay cutting is going on in connection with the cultivation of corn. Men are being offered from \$70 to \$80 a month with room and board, but in most instances they want to work by the day.

The farmers in Buffalo county have met these demands for day work by offering 30 to 50 cents an hour for the time actually put in at work and farmers have expressed a willingness in nearly all parts of the state of paying 50 cents an hour for the best and more experienced men, but men who expect to do a little farm work as a part of their summer vacation will be paid only what they actually earn.

"Bargain's Circus" Draws Big Crowd to Plattsmouth (Continued From Page One.)

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Camp Fire organizations from a number of adjacent towns were in Plattsmouth to attend Camp Fire day of "Bargain's Circus," the combined business and pleasure community aroused being staged under the auspices of the Commercial club. A parade took place in the afternoon, Kezhekone camp of this city winning first prize, Waubesa camp of Glenwood, Ia., second, and Lithona camp of Union third. Various contests were also staged for prizes. Wednesday was auction day at the circus, and a large amount of stuff was sold from the American Legion dance pavilion on Main street. Thursday was Boy Scout day, similar in nature to Camp Fire girls' day.

Weeping Water Man Fined After Accident With Auto (Continued From Page One.)

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Tom DeWolf of Weeping Water, who drove an automobile into a buggy Friday night, injuring three persons and who was arrested when liquor was found in his wrecked car, was fined \$100 on the charge of unlawful possession of liquor. A charge of transporting liquor was dropped because of the small amount found.

Storm Damages Crops. Albion, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—A terrific wind and hail storm did a great amount of damage to growing crops, trees, and buildings in the vicinity of Boone. The following farmers suffered loss: Henry Smith, Howard Gillespie, Maricle Bros. and F. R. Smith.

A Regular Morning Dish of Grape-Nuts with cream or good milk makes a fine start for any day's work.

Grape-Nuts Needs No Sugar

Plattsmouth Thrilled by Stunts of Wire Walkers

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Ben Hankinson of this city, who for many years was one of the leading slack and tightwire performers of the "big tops" and who for a number of years has been out of the game, is giving his neighbors some real thrills, as he is busily engaged in the final work on his acts before resuming the life of an entertainer. During his activity in show circles, Dr. Hankinson and wife traveled as the Zarells, which stage name they will resume.

State Employee Injured in Accident at Table Rock (Continued From Page One.)

Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Word was received by the Department of Public Works that S. G. Walters, working as a rodmann on the road construction work near Table Rock, was run over Thursday and his leg broken.

Witnesses of the accident say that Walters was struck on the left hand side of the road when an automobile, driven by a woman, coasted down the hill, making no noise. The woman stopped, gave her name and number of her car and then continued her journey.

Allies Preparing to Give Military Aid to the Poles (Continued From Page One.)

Paris, July 22.—The allies have decided to take measures preparatory to giving military aid to Poland, if that should prove necessary, it was learned today.

Northwest Flourishing. Excellent hay crops are promised for Dawes county this season, said Alex Smith from that section, who was a visitor at the stock yards here. He said the extreme northwestern part of the state was looking the best in a score of years.

War on Speeders. Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The Plattsmouth police department is making war on speeders and daily picks up from three to eight law violators.

Bluffs Couple Married. Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Frank A. Berger and Mrs. Pearl Roberts, both of Council Bluffs, were married here Wednesday.

Governor to Speak. Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Governor McKelvie today went to Scottsbluff, where he will address the Platte Valley School of Commerce graduation class.

From the MEN'S SHOP

\$4 Pajamas, \$3.35 Faultless or Universal garments in all sizes, in white or colors, Friday for \$3.35.

\$1.50 Four-in-Hand Ties, Friday, \$1.15 Each Attractive ties of light summer silks.

\$2 Union Suits, \$1.65 A few styles that we are discontinuing. Splendid values.

Arrow Shirts, \$2.25 A special purchase of white or colored Arrow shirts with either soft or stiff cuffs.

Hose Supporters for Girls and Boys Velvet Grip supporters for children are priced from 25c to 40c a pair.

Daisy skirt and stocking supporters, 50c a pair.

Kern's Perfect supporters for boys are a combination of suspenders and hose supporters, priced from 65c to \$1 a pair.

Notions—Main Floor

A Charge for Alterations

Apparel—Third Floor

Japanese Blue Prints Reduced for Friday

Luncheon cloths, table cloths, scarfs and napkins made from the best of Japanese cottons and patterned in blue and black two tone effects.

\$3.00 forty-eight-inch cloths for \$2.39 \$4.50 sixty-inch cloths, Friday, \$3.39 \$5.75 seventy-two-inch cloths, \$4.39 \$2.00 twelve-inch napkins, doz., \$1.29

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Linen Section—Main Floor

Valparaiso Banker Placed on Trial for Fraudulent Reports

Wahoo, Neb., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The first round in the banking fight at Valparaiso was staged here yesterday before County Judge D. M. Parmenter, when E. E. Fike, cashier of the Nebraska State bank at Valparaiso, appeared for his preliminary hearing on the charge of rendering false reports to the department of trade and commerce on the calls issued February 14, 1920.

Fike was appointed receiver for the Valparaiso State bank which was closed by order of the state banking board after the discovery of the shortage alleged to have been due to the management of E. E. Fike, which cost the state guaranty fund more than \$200,000 and later organized the Nebraska state bank and became its cashier.

The prosecution is in charge of County Attorney H. A. Bryant and Fike is being defended by D. N. Hendricks of Wahoo and E. E. Perry of Lincoln.

Cass County Republicans Perfect Campaign Machine (Continued From Page One.)

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—The republican county central committee met at Weeping Water and perfected organization for the coming campaign by re-election of James M. Tegarden of Weeping Water as chairman and the selection of Attorney Will Robertson of this city as secretary. There were many women delegates in attendance and the gathering was optimistic regarding success at the polls. With the exception of the county treasurer present court house officials are all republican.

Fremont Minister Resigns. Fremont, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Rev. F. C. Schuldt, pastor of the Salem Lutheran church of this city, has resigned accepting a call to the Lutheran church at Fontenelle, Neb. Rev. Mr. Schuldt has been pastor in Fremont for 13 years, and is one of the most popular ministers of the city. His resignation will become effective September 1.

Recall Old Pastor. Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Rev. A. G. Howell of Gillette, Wyo., has answered a call to become pastor of the Christian church of this city, which has been without the services of a pastor for several months. Mr. Howell was pastor here a number of years ago.

Cass County Farmers Plan To Store Big Grain Crop (Continued From Page One.)

Plattsmouth, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Wheat threshing is now on in this vicinity and all the early threshers announce excellent yields. The crop is of the finest quality and came through to harvest without a blemish. A shortage of threshing outfits has caused many farmers to purchase small individual type machines, and as a result of warnings by the state railway commission relative to a shortage of shipping facilities many have built additional granaries in which to store their crop.

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Kearney Potatoes Put on Market and Bring Record Price

Kearney, Neb., July 22.—(Special.)—Kearney marketed the first of its potato crop Wednesday when Lantz and Peaker shipped a carload of Ohio to Douglas, Wyo. They sold for \$3.60 a bushel. This is believed to be a record price, field run, for Nebraska potatoes. The majority of local growers will not start digging for another week and possibly not until the first of August. The potatoes are now running to size. It is estimated the average acre yield will be better than 200 bushels, while some place the estimate as high as 250 bushels. Because of the spud quality in this region a special grade