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DECATUR TAXES RAISED

Land Values Raised 20 Per Cent on 1913 Valuation. 15 Cents Less Than 1914 Valuation.

The state executive council Monday fixed the levy for taxes collectable in 1916 at 4.5 mills for state purposes. This is a reduction of .4 mill under the levy made last year.

After equalizing values of property in the state, the total net taxable value is \$940,416,552. This is an increase of \$8,000,000 over last year.

The total of moneys and credits reported for taxation is \$270,000,000. In fixing the state tax levy, the council arranged the rates so as to produce \$150,000 for capitol extension; \$1,966,600 for the state educational institutions and \$2,100,000 for general purposes.

The levy for capitol extension will be .17 mill; for educational institutions 2.11 mills; for general state purposes 2.22 mills—the total being 4.5 mills. The reduction in the total levy is mainly due to the capitol extension act which provides for \$150,000 revenue annually for the next eight years. The levy previously had been a half mill.

The council adjusted all the assessments but did not adjourn as a board of review so as to give an opportunity of making corrections. If the figures do not work out as expected.

The values of live stock which were fixed in 1913 were continued without change. Wherever counties reported assessments under that scale, orders were issued to raise the valuations.

In equalizing the values of real estate, the council stood pat on its action of 1913 in raising values.

Forty-one counties reported assessments higher this year than they were two years ago. The council permitted these to stand without change, with the exception of O'Brien county. The assessors in that county reported assessments raised from an average of \$76.83 to \$82.50 an acre. The council thought this was out of proportion to the values in other counties. Therefore a 5 per cent reduction was authorized.

The counties which reported assessments this year higher than two years ago were: Audubon, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Dickinson, Dubuque, Emmet, Franklin, Grundy, Hancock, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Keokuk, Linn, Louisa, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, O'Brien, Polk, Ringgold, Sac, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Wright.

The counties which reported assessments slightly under the 1913 figures, but which the council did not change, were: Adair, Benton, Buena Vista, Cass, Cedar, Guthrie, Hamilton, Henry, Jasper, Jones, Kosciusko, Lucas, Palo Alto, Poweshiek, Scott, Shelby, Tama, Washington, Woodbury.

The following table shows the average value per acre in each county, as adjusted by the council:

Table with 3 columns: County Name, 1915 Value, 1914 Value. Lists counties from Adair to Monroe with their respective values.

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In the above table the levy for Decatur county the raise is shown to be 20 per cent. This raise is on the 1913 valuations and is lower than the 1914 levy, which was a raise of 21 per cent over the 1913 levy.

The railroad assessments were left practically the same as they were in 1913. The Wabash was raised from \$4,832 to \$5,000 a mile and the Santa Fe was raised from \$25,500 to \$26,000 a mile.

The assessments of the express, telegraph and telephone companies remain the same. However, the Iowa Telephone company increased its investment in this state so that it now has 12,000 miles, while it formerly had 9,000 miles of line taxable. This causes a big increase in the amount of taxes the Iowa Telephone company will pay.

Moving Big Stone.

Last Thursday evening the people of Leon had the pleasure of seeing one of the biggest stones of this county brought to town. If you have ever heard two big engines trying to pull a long heavy freight train over a stiff grade you have some idea of the noise made by the two engines which were pulling this big rock from Capt. J. D. Brown's farm 2 1/2 miles north of Leon.

Boy Badly Hurt.

The 10-year-old son of Carl Scott, who resides on the Bowsher farm northwest of town, was brought to Dr. I. M. Lovett's office Tuesday morning suffering from a severe cut just above one of his heels, accidentally inflicted with an axe in the hands of an older brother.

Clarence Coen Resigns.

Clarence Coen, the expert salesman who has been employed by F. S. Stewart at the Big Furniture Store, has resigned and will go to Creston about the middle of August and will be employed there by the McGregor Furniture Co.

Store Improvements.

G. B. Price, the north side clothier, is all the time trying to outdo himself in the way of improving the interior of his store, the past week putting down some heavy linoleum which gives one the impression he is walking on a soft carpet.

Lewis Snare Dead.

Lewis Snare, of Decatur, died Sunday at the age of 80 years. He came to Decatur from What Cheer, Iowa, about a year ago. The funeral services were held at the Christian church in Decatur Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Claude Perkins, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins, Seriously Injured By Runaway Horse.

Claude Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins, of Morgan township, was thrown from a horse Monday evening and seriously injured while riding around near the Perkins home.

Claude, who is about twelve years old, together with Charles Barr, who is about the same age, were riding horse back near the Perkins home when Claude's horse became frightened at something, throwing him to the ground. Charles got help as quickly as he could after finding that Claude was hurt badly.

Gypsies in Leon.

Last Friday a band of gypsies stopped in Leon for a few provisions and to see what else they might get their hands on. This is the same bunch that were in Leon two years ago and were at that time taken in by the police for several depredations.

Henry VanNostrand Buys Grocery.

Word was received in this city the first of the week by George Hamilton that Henry VanNostrand, of this city had purchased the grocery store of Smallwood & Conroy, at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Do Not Take Wrong Mail.

The postal authorities at Washington, recognizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in the wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 on persons taking mail out of an office other than their own and not returning it immediately.

Band Concert July 24th.

March—"German Fidelity." Fisher. Selection—"Melodies From the Opera." Beyer. March—"The Show Boy." Huff. Overture—"The Grand Slam." Writmark.

Mrs. Wade Fulton Has Hip Broken.

Mrs. W. H. Fulton, who resides north of town, had the misfortune to fall and break her left hip Sunday afternoon. She was walking in the yard when she tripped on something, falling and breaking her hip.

Satisfactory Settlement.

Last week I received a draft in full to cover the amount of loss caused by lightning killing a mule. This is a perfectly satisfactory settlement and I am glad of the opportunity to recommend Pease & Pease to any person desiring reliable insurance.

Commander-in-Chief Palmer Coming to Leon.

Commander-in-chief Gen. D. J. Palmer, G. A. R., of Washington, Iowa, Adjutant General Geo. A. Newman, G. A. R., of Des Moines, and Adjutant General Guy S. Logan, of Ft. Des Moines, who is also commander of Ft. Des Moines, will be in Leon on September 9th and 10th, to be with the local Post as a baked bean supper and a good old fashioned camp-fire and story telling.

In Family Reunion After Twenty Years.

San Francisco, July 17.—The Ohio pavillion at the exposition was the scene of an interesting family reunion, four brothers and sisters who were born in Crawford county, Ohio, meeting for the first time in twenty years.

New Serial Starts at Idle Hour Theatre.

The Idle Hour Theatre will show Thursday evening of next week the first installment of the Vitagraph company's remarkable moving picture serial, "The Goddess."

Another Big Rain.

Saturday night and Sunday Decatur county and surrounding counties had another big storm and heavy rain, causing the rivers and all small streams to overflow their banks.

Miss Louie Lindsey Married.

The past week friends and relatives received the announcement that Miss Louie Lindsey, of Rice, Arizona, and Mr. Charles Nelson, of Globe, Arizona, had been married on July 29th, expecting to make their future home at Globe.

Notice!

All persons interested are requested to meet at Bethel cemetery at 9 o'clock on Wednesday, July 28, at 9 o'clock to clean up the cemetery. Bring all necessary tools and your dinner and let us have a full turn out and a good time.

Leon Will Have Circus.

Leon will have a circus this year. Yesterday it was announced that Yankee Robinson and his circus of fifteen cars will be in Leon on Friday, August 20th. This is the same show that was in Leon two years ago.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

J. McWarren, of Edon township, suffered a broken leg last Friday when he fell off a hay-ricker. Cora and Martha Smith were in jail at Leon, accused of burglarizing the home of Wm. Webster, in Edon township.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Gibson are rejoicing over the arrival of another boy at their home and Jap is thinking of applying for an increase of pension. Mr. Clinton G. Cook and Miss Elvina Renner, both of Leon, were married at the home of Mrs. Walker at Davis City on July 17th, Rev. J. A. Haynes officiating.

Mr. John Murry, living near Van Wert, died on last Saturday of dropsy of the heart. He was 60 years of age, and one of the early settlers of Decatur county. He was the father of Mr. C. M. Murry, our implement dealer, and had resided near Van Wert since 1854.

Mrs. W. P. Hall returned to her home at Denver, Colorado, Monday, after a visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. McClelland, in this city.

S. R. Lowe, of the Arlington Hotel at Osceola, was visiting in this city Tuesday.

Misses Clella Bashaw and Grace Albaugh returned from a visit at Centerville Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy Ray returned this week from a visit with her sister at Plattsburg, Mo.

Mrs. F. N. Arney visited the past week with her daughter, Mrs. George Kramer, at Green City, Mo.

Miss Lillian Howard came down from Murray Monday to visit a couple of weeks with friends in this city.

Mrs. J. A. Caster will leave the latter part of this week for a month's visit with her parents at Hanover, Ohio.

R. L. Parrish and family and Dr. H. R. Layton and family started for Lake Okoboji to remain until September.

L. S. Robinson, wife and son, and Misses Mate Mills and Lulu Mowatt, of Glenwood, came Friday evening for a visit with relatives and friends in this city.

The Reporter received a letter from Leonard S. Perdew ordering the paper sent to him at Lander, Wyoming.

Gen. B. M. Prentiss was announced as the principal speaker at the Garden Grove Old Settlers reunion. Joe Mullin, of near Garden Grove, had his leg broken by his horse falling on him.

Lee Watkins and Fred Breckenridge were preparing to start the first newspaper at Van Wert.

Republican prohibition is a success in Leon—like the old woman kept tavern! With two open saloons, night made hideous with drunken brawls, and drunken men arrested and put in jail, it is a real nice state of affairs. And the town or county pays all expenses. How do you like it?

California Trip Contest Closes July 31.

The big California trip contest conducted by G. B. Price, the north side clothier, closes Saturday, July 31st. Interest has been at the fever heat the past week and is growing warmer each day.

Getting Ready for Commercial Club Picnic.

The committee appointed on arrangements recently by the Leon Commercial Club for the big picnic which is scheduled to be pulled off on August 11th, had a meeting the first of the week and made further plans for the big event.

Well Pleased.

Bell & Painter are sure well pleased with the way the public are reading their advertising. Last Saturday they had a second cherride day and dispensed fifty-two gallons, the previous cherride day being less than fifteen gallons. This is a new drink and is taking well with the people of this vicinity.

New Court Cases.

Belle Hinds vs. William M. Hinds. Plaintiff, who states that she was married to the defendant December 10, 1882, and lived with him until April 27, 1913, asks that she be granted a divorce, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and failure to support. She also asks \$100 as temporary alimony and \$1,000 as permanent alimony.

Wm. J. Harrow et al vs. Joseph S. Harrow et al. Action to confirm shares of heirs in the estate of Sarah P. Harrow. S. A. Gates, attorney for plaintiff.

George A. Hoagland & Co. vs. H. D. DeKalb. Plaintiff claims the sum of \$114 is due them for lumber sold defendant and ask judgment for that amount. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiff.

Syndicate Clothing Co. vs. William McKern. Plaintiff claims that they cashed a check for \$25 executed by defendant to Kirk Cooper and that the defendant stopped payment thereon. They ask judgment for \$27.75 with interest and costs. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiff.

John Heidlebaugh vs. G. C. Ramsey and Mrs. G. C. Ramsey. Plaintiff claims that defendants are indebted to him for goods sold them. He asks judgment for \$50.39 with interest and costs. Baker & Parrish, attorneys for plaintiff.

John Heidlebaugh vs. Westfall & Westfall et al. Plaintiff claims a balance due on rent of building in Weldon which he claims was leased to defendants and sub-leased by them without his consent. Judgment is asked for \$420 with interest and costs. V. R. McGinnis, attorney for plaintiff.

Marion Woodard vs. A. C. Woodard et al. This is without doubt the largest partition suit ever filed in Decatur county. Suit is brought to confirm shares of heirs of the late Wm. Woodard to the Woodard estate. Plaintiff asks that if real estate cannot be equitably divided that a sale be ordered and a division of the proceeds made. The real estate includes something over a 1,000 acres of land. C. W. Hoffman, attorney for plaintiff.

Autos Must Have Lights and Number Plates.

During the past week there have been several complaints made and information filed concerning the owners of automobiles operating them without the proper number plates and without the proper signal lights after dark. This is in violation of the state auto laws and sheriff Lorey and a number of other peace officers have been on the lookout and last week there were nine different persons taken into Justice Warford's court Monday to answer to the charges made against them.

Most of these cases the owner or operator of the automobile was not to blame, as in one instance the state officials refused to issue the new number plates until the fee for the plates of last year had been paid, the car having been registered for several years previous but not last year. In the meantime the motor number had been lost from the engine. This car was not used all last year and was not required to have a number. The owner went to Des Moines and explained matters in detail as he had done on several occasions by letter and the state officials promised to straighten things up for him.

The officials are on the lookout and "Duffy" says if the owners or operators of cars do not want to be taken before the court they had better get busy and get their cars labeled properly with the right numbers and to use their lights at night. Several cars have been seen on the streets at night without any lights whatever and others with only one light. This practice is dangerous to the driver of such cars as well as to the pedestrian.

Buys Jones Produce House.

Frank G. Coleman, who has been closely connected with the poultry and produce business for the past twelve years, has purchased the poultry and egg establishment of M. S. Jones located across the street south of Hansell's big store. Mr. Coleman is a hustler and a man off wide experience in this line and will make a success of the business. Mr. Jones will take a rest from active business for a short time. He has earned his vacation and during the time he has been conducting this business has built up quite a large trade and has been one of the main factors in keeping the prices up for the farmer.

The Letter "E."

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time.

But we call his attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no heat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and devils it there would be no editors, without nor news.—Charleston Gazette.

Notice!

Regular meeting of the W. R. C. at the G. A. R. hall Saturday, July 24 at 2:30 p. m. Light refreshments will be served by Mrs. Sarah Bethards, Mrs. S. J. Stump and Mrs. Jeanette Rumley.