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TAX AGENTS ARGUE WARMLY

Expert Polleys Presents a Method Full of Possibilities.

SOME EXAMPLES WORKED OUT

Expert Mulligan of the Rock Island Says Deficit is Not Taxable and Shows His Road is a Loser.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, May 20.—(Special.)—It is very evident that the State Board of Assessment is going to get some valuable information from the various tax agents of the railroads who are here, or have been here, making arguments for a decrease in the assessment of the roads. And, incidentally, if other states are on the lookout, they will be able to get some information which will be of value to them. T. A. Polley of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul & Omaha has started the ball by proposing to the State Board of Assessment a composite, or "automatic," theory for the assessment of all railroad property.

By three methods which he used Mr. Polley was able to reach a valuation of his line in the neighborhood of the figures of the census bureau. He then proposed a plan evolved from the three methods. Under this plan his road would be reduced in Nebraska from an actual value of \$42,500 a mile to \$27,542 a mile.

Should Mr. Polley use his same plan in his argument to the Iowa State Board of Assessment his road would be increased from \$28,000 to \$21,750. The gross earnings of \$3,415.75 per mile, capitalized at 4 per cent, would make the value of his road in Iowa \$110,740. The net earnings of \$7,333.48 a mile, capitalized at 5.56 per cent, would make the line worth \$133,700. Adding the two values and dividing by two, would make the value of the road in Iowa \$122,220. This calculation does not include a small branch line in Iowa, which would make very little difference in the result, it being some sixteen miles in length and valued at \$23,000 a mile.

What State Figures Show.
According to the reports of the state auditor, this road, which is a part of the Northwestern system, has got off easier than any of the other roads in the matter of having its assessment increased. In 1903 the auditor's report shows the Minneapolis & Omaha road was assessed at \$3,500 a mile. It was increased in 1904, when the big raise was made in all railway property, to \$5,500, or 57 1/2 per cent. Since that time the assessment of this road has not been changed, although the assessment of other property and other railroads has been largely increased.

During the same time the Burlington main line has been increased 82 per cent and its branch lines 35 per cent, the Union Pacific main line has been increased 113 per cent and the Omaha & Republican Valley branch 153 per cent and the Kearney branch 119 per cent. In the four years following the big increase the Burlington main line has been increased, according to the auditor's report, 10 per cent, the branch line 53 per cent and the Union Pacific main line 34 per cent, the Omaha & Republican Valley branch 41 1/2 and the Kearney branch 38 per cent. The Northwestern proper in the five years was increased 34 per cent and in the last four years 3 per cent.

Three years ago Peter Mortensen, then state treasurer, made an effort to increase the valuation of the Northwestern, but he was unable to get the majority of the board to stand with him.

Mulligan Argues Warmly.
J. W. Mulligan, assistant tax agent of the Rock Island, made a plea for his road to the board this morning and he attacked the right of the board to place a value upon the franchise of his company. Notwithstanding the law requires the board to do this, Mr. Mulligan says the board has no right to do so, but it is a legitimate subject of taxation, in the fact that nobody has ever been able to put a value on a franchise and then give a sensible, logical or coherent reason for his conclusion.

The tax agent said the state practically admitted that the physical value of his line was \$28,000 a mile, but it permitted the road to earn only \$60.49 a mile, which on the basis of the net earnings would make the value of the line only \$13,415.75 a mile.

The Rock Island in Nebraska earned in 1907 \$1,521.49 net per mile and in 1908 it earned \$1,228.73 net per mile, according to the statement of the tax agent.

Hope for Royal 'Chauffer.'
The state board of health, retiring, is very much wrought up over the appointment of Dr. Arthur Carr as a member of the board, and for that reason they may put it up to the members of the state board of health to appoint Dr. F. W. Tucker to succeed Dr. Wilson as state health inspector.

It has been the general opinion among the health inspectors that Governor Shallenbarger had intended to appoint Dr. Tucker to this place and there is no doubt Dr. Tucker would like the place and around the democratic state headquarters there is an impression that the doctor earned some place.

The great question which he should have answered is whether he should be "Chauffer," which position he filled so admirably before and after the election. With a royal "chauffer" it is probable the state would save money compared with the rate charged for royal hacks and carriages. Besides, should an accident occur while he is on duty, being a licensed physician, could treat the royal patient himself.

But not considering the job of royal "chauffer," the board of secretaries is empowered by law to recommend three physicians to the state board for appointment as health inspectors. The board members are of the opinion that the best person to Dr. Tucker, so if they include the doctor in their recommendations it will be up to the governor to either turn the Lincoln doctor down cold or follow out the doctor's desires and appoint him. Either way the governor acts will disappoint some one.

Colonel Eberly's Staff.
George A. Eberly of Stanton, recently elected colonel of the First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, has appointed the following staff officers, whose selection has been approved: Jerome A. Lilly of Omaha, regimental adjutant; William E. Keise of Winnebago, regimental quartermaster; Del F. Lough of Omaha, regimental commissary; Rev. Fletcher M. Sisson of Nebraska City, chaplain.

Capital News Notes.
Treasurer Dayton has received a communication from Mrs. Eva Harrison of New York, Me., asking if he can give her any information as to the whereabouts of Isaac S. Boss, who is supposed to have lived in Lincoln. Mrs. Harrison wants information about Boss whether he is alive or dead, but so far the treasurer has been unable to get any information.

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Get Six Cents and Run Safe.
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It is not thought that the burglar succeeded in opening the safe. A small amount of money was in the safe. A strong electric light is situated right in front of the laundry building, but this did not deter the miscreants.

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HALF-MINUTE STORE TALK

A man in Billings, Mont., read in our ads that we guaranteed patent leather shoes. He wrote to us. Said he was looking for just such a store. Told us his size and wanted us to send two different styles to be sure. Said he'd pay express both ways to be on the safe side of this patent leather question. This little incident is related to show to what extremes some men will go to get our kind of store service. Think it over Mr. Omaha Man! It won't cost you a cent of express charges to get the kind of service this man so highly esteemed.

THE NEW STORE.

King-Swanson Co.
16 S. HOWARD ST.
THE HOME OF QUALITY CLOTHES.

We Want You to See Our Spring Neckwear

You'll not see anything like it in town—not the commonplace patterns found scattered in every store, but exclusive things. The only common thing about ours are the prices, and we think we are safe in saying that once you select a few ties from our line and you note the difference, we'll be pretty certain of your future necktie business.

50c, 75c, \$1.00 and Up

Mothers, Come and See

We've picked out XTRAGOOD clothes for boys as the finest in existence. Come and see if we're right.

We selected this line because the makers—Ederheimer-Stein—are America's foremost tailors for boys.

We selected them because XTRAGOOD styles are distinctive. One can always pick them out in a crowd.

We selected them because all XTRAGOOD trousers are lined, to double their wear. Because all XTRAGOOD suits contain one-third more cloth than the usual. That shows in the drape, and the boys don't outgrow them.

An XTRAGOOD suit will outlast two common suits. Don't buy a suit for the boy till you see them.

J. L. Brandeis & Sons

\$50.00 Porcelain Lined Bohn Syphon Refrigerator Given Away At 4 P. M. Saturday, May 22d

Mr. W. B. Bohn, representative for the celebrated BOHN SYPHON REFRIGERATORS, is giving a practical demonstration of their Refrigerators at our store on May 20th, 21st and 22d.

All are invited to attend. At 4 P. M. Saturday, May 22d, there will be one porcelain lined BOHN SYPHON DRY AIR REFRIGERATOR given away entirely free of charge to some person who has attended this demonstration during its three days of progress.

Lace Curtain Sale Monday Miller, Stewart & Beaton

413-15-17 South 16th Street

Courtney's

OMAHA'S PURE FOOD CENTER.

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT SPECIALS—FRIDAY

Spinach, per peck.....	5c	Radishes, dozen bunches....	10c
New Potatoes, per pound.....	4c	New Sweet Corn, dozen ears..	75c
Corn Flakes, 3 pkgs.....	25c	Lettuce.....	5c
Lemons, per dozen.....	15c	Large Sweet Oranges, dozen..	38c
Bananas, per dozen.....	10c		

FISH SPECIALS—FRIDAY

3,000-lb. strictly fresh Baby Halibut, per pound.....	10 1/2c	1,000-lb. Lake Trout, per lb.....	15c
1,000-lb. Lake Winnipeg White Fish, per pound.....	15c	1,500-lb. Flounders, per lb.....	15c
2,400-lb. Fresh Dressed Buffalo, per pound.....	15c	1,000-lb. Fresh Dressed Buffalo, per pound.....	10c
1,000-lb. Choice Brook Trout, per pound.....	10 1/2c	Extra large fat Norway Herring, per 100.....	25c
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COFFEE DEPARTMENT.

FRIDAY—Each purchaser of Coffee at the Counter will receive FREE a 16c package of the famous "TEYONA" India Tea—Himalayan grown, with a most delicious flavor and delightful bouquet. The best 40c Tea ever offered you, good hot or iced. An Ideal Tea.

RUPTURE

Rupture of men, women and children can be cured in a few days without a surgical operation, loss of time or pain. The cost is governed by the size of the rupture and the patient or guardian, not to be paid until the cure is completed. Thousands of ruptured people have accepted these terms during the past 18 years and all are completely satisfied. Write or call for further information. DR. FRANK H. WRAY, 205 Bee Building, Omaha.

Statue of Patriot Will Be Unveiled

Prominent Speakers Laud Memory of John Witherspoon, Former President of Princeton.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—In memory of his illustrious services as a patriot, philanthropist and theologian, a handsome statue will be dedicated here today to Rev. John Witherspoon, famed as a Scotch Presbyterian minister, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental congress, and once president of Princeton university.

The statue, which has been erected on the triangle formed by Connecticut avenue and Eleventh and N streets, directly in front of the Church of the Covenant, is of bronze and represents Witherspoon in oratorical attitude. The statue is mounted on a marble pedestal, upon the front of which is written in bronze letters: "John Witherspoon, 1772, Scotland; 1791, Princeton."

Mehmed Regrets Armenian Riots

New Sultan, in Address to Parliament, Says Disturbances Will Not Occur Again.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 20.—The members of the Chamber of Deputies took oath this afternoon in the presence of the sultan to uphold the constitution of Turkey and to protect the sultan and the rights of the nation.

HYMENEAL

Miss Rose Bernack, daughter of James Bernack and Janet Beck, were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Wednesday morning at his residence.

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Live Toad in Concrete Floor

Pierre Man Finds Reptile Alive After Having Been Encased in Cement a Year.

PIERRE, S. D., May 20.—(Special.)—A toad alive and able to hop around was rescued by J. C. Merrill today from a solid concrete floor in which it had evidently imbedded a year ago when the floor was laid.

While in his cellar Mr. Merrill noticed a spot in the concrete flooring which appeared to be cracked and bulged up. He stirred it with a stick, and finding it was shaly loose, proceeded to investigate the cause. On breaking off the loose concrete he found a toad, lively and ready to hop about the cellar as soon as he was released from his prison. Thinking the reptile might have come up through the concrete from below he cleared out the place and found it solid below the roasting place of the toad. He has come to the conclusion that the toad was mixed in the concrete when it was laid more than a year ago, and has been cased in cement from that time until now, when cracking cement released him.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE WILL BE TESTED BY LAKE STEAMER

Boat Equipped with Instruments Will Be Kept in Communication with Three Ports.

MANITOWOC, Wis., May 20.—Wireless telegraph, a lake boat will have its first real test today from the new steamer United States of the Indiana Transportation company on its maiden trip to Chicago. The steamer left here at 7:30 o'clock this morning with a party of nearly 100 on board, including Dr. Lee DeForest, who is connected with the wireless system with which the steamer is equipped.

FIVE TRY SUICIDE, TWO FAIL

Pittsburg Has High Carnival of Crime for Short Time Thursday Morning.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 20.—Three persons succeeded in taking their lives, two made failures, and a colored man attempted to kill a woman companion by shooting in this city early today.

George Phillips of Greensburg, Pa., took carbolic acid and then threw himself in front of a passenger train.

The bodies of two men were taken from the river, both, it is said, having committed suicide.

Ethel Atkins, a negro, of Cleveland, was shot and seriously wounded by Walter W. Jontell, also of Cleveland. The couple arrived here yesterday.

Miss Tessie Gallagher, 22 years old, took carbolic acid early today. Her condition is critical.

Harry Quillen, a bridegroom of twenty-four hours, attempted suicide last night by drinking lye and then jumping into the river. He was hauled out.

BORROWED PASS, NO DAMAGES
Court Holds Girl Who Sued Rock Island Was Trespasser and Damages Case.

IOWA CITY, Ia., May 20.—(Special.)—The Rock Island railroad won in the case of Ruth Denny, who alleged \$20,000 damages from injuries received in a wreck while riding on a pass and impersonating another girl. The railroad, through Attorney Carroll Wright and Parish, contended the girl was a trespasser and Judge Howell dismissed the case yesterday morning.

ONE IN THREE

Every Third Person Poisoned by Coffee.