

MAKE RAILROADS PAY LOCAL TAXES

Assessor Confers with Douglas Delegation Over Measure that Will Increase County Revenues.

MEANS \$100,000 DURING YEAR

County Assessor Harry Cousman has proposed to a delegation of members of the legislature that an attempt be made to collect more than \$100,000 annual county, school and state taxes on railroad property in Omaha. County Attorney Mahoney has been furnished data secured as a result of an investigation made by Mr. Cousman and Deputy Assessor Frank Mahoney, and will write a bill to be introduced in the legislature, which, if passed, is expected to add between \$50,000 and \$75,000 annually to the revenues of Nebraska counties, school boards and the state.

The county assessor's investigation promises to be the most important development in railroad taxation in Nebraska since the late Edward Rosewater made his winning fight to secure a terminal taxation law.

Too Much in Right-of-Way.

That by the simple expedient of listing large and valuable properties in Omaha alone as parts of their right-of-way, the five principal railroads are being annually evading \$5,000 county taxes, \$49,427 school taxes and \$15,770 state taxes is one of the discoveries made as a result of the county assessor's investigation. Properties outside right-of-way are subject to the assessor's valuations.

The basis for these figures is a comparison, according to the 1914 levies, of the valuations of the railroads' Omaha properties inside their right-of-way based on the state valuations, which according to the present law must be used in computing taxes, and the valuations placed on the same properties by the county assessor for terminal taxation purposes.

Some Discrepancies.

The greatest discrepancies exist in the case of the Union Pacific, which, according to Mr. Cousman, is paying city taxes on Omaha property on a valuation of \$7,744,000, made by the local authorities and county, school and state taxes on a valuation of only \$955,000 returned by the state authorities, and in the case of the Burlington, whose corresponding valuations are \$2,792,225 and \$443,300.

"The point is," said Mr. Cousman, "that under the present law the railroads are allowed to list whatever properties they desire as a part of their right-of-way. We are compelled to accept the state valuations for all properties 'inside right-of-way,' so far as county, school and state purposes are concerned. We are able to collect only city taxes on what appears to us who are right here in Omaha, to be the actual valuations."

Table of Valuations.

The following table prepared by Mr. Cousman, based on the 1914 levy, shows the difference in valuations, which result, according to him, in the evasion by the railroads of more than \$100,000 taxes annually and shows the amount lost each year by Douglas county, the Omaha school board and the state:

Railroad	Valuation	Assessor's Valuation
Burlington	\$2,792,225	\$443,300
Missouri Pacific	\$7,744,000	\$955,000
Northwestern	\$1,500,000	\$150,000
C. & N. W.	\$1,500,000	\$150,000
Union Pacific	\$7,744,000	\$955,000

State valuations would be increased, \$2,350,000; county tax, \$77,000; school tax, \$49,427; state tax, \$15,770.

Designate Right-of-Way.

A bill to designate just what a railroad right-of-way shall consist of, precisely how wide it shall be and how its valuation per mile shall be estimated, is the remedy sought by Mr. Cousman. A bill along these lines is to be drawn by County Attorney Mahoney.

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Cousman, "there is no reason why we should not have a terminal taxation law affecting county, school and state taxes, such as the one which enables us to collect city taxes on reasonable valuations, so-

South Omaha High Girls' Basket Ball Five



SOUTH OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

University of Omaha in the Midst of the Mid-Winter Exams

Mid-term examinations will commence Tuesday at the University of Omaha and will continue the week of the examinations will be held throughout the week, instead of during forenoon, as was previously the rule. Miss Kate McHugh, professor in modern poets and Shakespeare, who has been absent the last few weeks because of being quarantined, will be on hand Thursday to give examinations to her classes.

Following the examinations registration for the coming term will take place. An increased attendance is looked for, as many of the South Omaha and Omaha High school graduates are expected to enter. Many of the high school graduates were visitors at the university Thursday and Friday afternoons.

The University of Omaha Notes.

William Thompson, a freshman at the University of Omaha and president of last year's mid-term graduating class of the Omaha High school, delivered an address at the class banquet Wednesday evening.

Father Judge of the Sacred Heart church presented the school library with a sixteen-volume Catholic encyclopedia. The books were received Tuesday.

Members of the academic classes gave a farewell banquet to Rev. F. D. Tyner Saturday afternoon. He will leave the University of Omaha teaching staff to accept a call to a Minneapolis church. No successor has been named.

The try-out to represent the school at the Nebraska state peace oratorical contest given under the auspices of Doane college at Crete, this year will be held January 29 in the University gymnasium. Six contestants will enter.

New classes in ethics and public speaking will be held for the beginning of the new semester.

A party was given Saturday evening at the house of Miss Ruth Peters to the freshmen class for selling the largest number of tickets to the musical given for the library fund.

The January issue of the Gateway will be out the latter part of next week. Members of the trustees of the University of Omaha entertained Dr. Charles Dabney, president of the University of Cincinnati, Saturday afternoon at the University club.

After several weeks inactivity the bicentennial debating club will commence work on several interesting subjects, following the end of the examinations.

C. Wakely of the Board of Education, addressed the University law students Wednesday evening at the Young Men's Christian association on "Civil Law and Its Effects on Common Law."

Thursday the University Co-ed basketball team will play the Florence high school in the University gym.

Wheat Price Falls, But Omaha Market is Strong as Before

While wheat on the Omaha exchange did not reach the high mark of Friday, it was fully as strong, prices being from \$1.30 1/2 to \$1.35. These prices were paid for regular grade No. 2 hard, while the fancy price, \$1.35 1/2, was for a variety of choice Turkey red, a variety that seldom gets onto the market and then in only small quantities.

Omaha was outbidding Chicago for corn from as far east as central Iowa, the price being unchanged to 1 cent higher. The range was from 70 1/2 cents to 75 cents per bushel, the last named price being a new top on corn. This was for No. 2 white, several cars of high grade coming in from out in the state.

Omaha receipts were not heavy, consisting of twenty-seven cars of wheat, 542 of corn and thirty-two of oats.

Trotter, Pioneer Stage Driver, Dead

William Trotter, pioneer stage driver and frontiersman, died at Boulder, Mont., last week. For many years he drove the overland stage from Keokuk to the coast.

During the early '90s Trotter was with Colonel William Cody ("Buffalo Bill"). As the construction of the Union Pacific and other railroads cut down the stage routes, Mr. Trotter moved westward, finally locating in California, where he conducted several hotels. In his staid days he made the acquaintance of many high officials, civil and military. He estimated that he had driven stages a distance of 250,000 miles, or ten times around the globe.

Mickel to Preside at Chicago Meeting

George Mickel of the Nebraska Cycle company has gone to Chicago to preside at the convention of the National Association of Distributors of Talking Machines, of which he is president. There are 204 men enrolled in the association and during the past year they transacted \$100,000,000 worth of business. The talking machine business is said to be larger than the piano industry today, both in number of machines produced and the sum total of business transacted.

BOOSTING FOR CONVENTION

Omaha Letter Carriers in the Show Business This Week in an Effort to Raise Funds.

HOLD FORTH AT AUDITORIUM

Every afternoon and evening this week at the Auditorium, the Letter Carriers' of the city will play host to the public. There and then the carriers are putting on a show, the proceeds of which will be used for financing the convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers that will be brought to this city in September.

It is going to take a lot of money to handle the big convention in a proper manner, and the putting on of a show at the Auditorium is one method that the local men have hit upon to raise some of the necessary cash.

Each afternoon and evening the Omaha men assert that they will furnish three hours of good, wholesome amusement, interspersed with features that will be interesting, entertaining and right up to date.

For several weeks the Omaha men have been combing the country for big talents, and they feel confident that they have been able to secure about the best. On their bill they will have six big, refined vaudeville stunts, the Gulger Goats, the Pepper Twins, the Tri-State quartet, the American Trio, the Three Greens and Cameron, the Iron Jaw. Last, but not least, 20,000 school children of the city will take part in the program at each performance.

Omaha Boys and Girls in Movies.

The Omaha boys and girls will be seen each afternoon and evening, not that they will all be on the stage in the flesh and blood, but they are going to be there in the movies. There will not only those of the public, but also the youngsters from the parochial schools, and in all instances the children of all schools will be accompanied by their teachers.

The probabilities are that there is not a parent in the city who will miss these shows, for if they attend they will be enabled to see just how their young hopefuls acted when they posed for the movie.

Those persons who have seen the films in action assert that they are most wonderful productions and that in not one of them is there any still life. Everything is snappy and goes from start to finish. The High School cadets appear on dress parade.

The pupils of the grade schools appear in their fancy drills, doing school work, playing their games, and even the little tots of the kindergarten get into the movies, showing just how they perform when in their rooms in the respective schools.

The moving picture features are worked in between the vaudeville acts, so that there will not be a dull minute from the time the curtain goes up on the first act until it is rung down at the close of the entertainment.

While in the business of securing moving pictures, the letter carriers did not let the operators stop after they secured the school children. They kept them right on working until they got good pictures of how the daily round is conducted in numerous of the big wholesale and retail establishments, in public places and the manufacturing establishments of Omaha and South Omaha.

At the Packing Houses.

On one reel will be shown the conduct of business in the Union Stock yards and the packing houses of South Omaha. On this reel will be seen the parade of the commission men, the employes and many other features in connection with the stock yards and packing industry that heretofore, so far as the public is concerned, has been on the order of a sealed book.

The carriers themselves get into the movies, for the film will show them starting out on their routes delivering mail. It will show them as they make their rounds and it will also show them in the office, working up the mail and getting it ready for delivery. This feature will give the public something of an idea of how the work is conducted.

One of the reels will show Postmaster Wharton in his office and then further along will be shown all of his assistants, busy at work, and in this way the public will get something of an idea of the daily routine connected with conducting a postoffice. In the movies the postmaster has permitted all of his assistants and the office employes to pose in front of the camera. Thus a lot of familiar faces are going to be shown.

Last Flag day the Omaha Elks went into a parade, but there are a lot of people who did not see them. They made a fine appearance and it so happened that the moving picture man caught them in action. Their film will be shown at the Auditorium.

Parks and Residences.

Scenes in the Omaha parks, all of the moving variety, together with a large number of public buildings, private residences and activity on the busy streets will be featured.

By no means will everything be local. There will be 900 feet of film of the San Francisco exposition, showing a number of the buildings, the parking, interiors

and the most wonderful thing in the world is love expressed in the helpless infant. And among those aids and comforts for expectant mothers is the well known "Mother's Friend."

This is an external application to enable the abdominal muscles to become more pliant, to expand naturally without undue pain from the strain upon cords and ligaments.

In almost every settled community are women who have enjoyed the blessing of this famous remedial and helpful embrocation. Their daughters have grown up to learn of its splendid assistance.

Applied as directed upon those muscles involved it soothes the fine network of nerves with which all the muscles are supplied. Thus a great share of the pains so much dreaded may be avoided and the period of expectancy passed through in ease and comfort.

Anything that adds so much comfort to a little book sent by mail such useful information is given to inexperienced mothers. It tells how to use "Mother's Friend" and how to avoid taking drugs. Get a bottle to-day and give for book to Bradfield Regulator Co., 509 Lamar Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. Be sure you get "Mother's Friend."

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WILL PLAY AT MAIL CARRIERS' VAUDEVILLE SHOW.



One of the Green and Miller Trio At the Auditorium

The long line of women is shown entering the Hipp theater, where one of them is distributing ballots. It chances that the Hipp is situated next to the Gayety theater, where the "Merry Widows" was the drawing card at the time that these pictures were taken. There is a huge sign in evidence to that effect, but only the word "widows" shows above the heads of the patient line of suffragists.

Zero Weather Curbs Ardor of Ice Cutters

Below zero weather was a bit too severe for the ice cutters and the forces on the lakes and reservoirs were considerably below the normal. The cold of Friday night added close to an inch to the thickness of the ice and at the same time added to its solidity. At this time ice fully fifteen inches thick is being cut and stored on still water, where it is fully exposed, it runs to eighteen inches.

Ingersoll Guest of Real Estate Men

Thomas S. Ingersoll, executive secretary of the National Association of Real Estate exchanges, was the guest of honor at luncheon with a half dozen Omaha real estate men at noon Saturday at the Commercial club.

Ingersoll is a Minneapolis real estate man. He was in Council Bluffs Friday night for a banquet of realty men from here. He will go back to Minneapolis from here. He asserts that a large delegation from Minneapolis will go through Omaha to the national association meeting at Los Angeles next summer and will likely stop for a visit in Omaha.

Parent of Runaway Draws Thirty Days

D. W. Irwin, 1213 Chicago street, was given thirty days suspended sentence in police court on a charge of being drunk and abusing his wife.

Irwin is the father of Georgie Irwin, the 10-year-old youngster who was picked up in the lobby of the Brandegee theater building Thursday morning with Madge Spatz, a schoolmate with whom he had run away.

"Announcements" ads bring good results.

GERMANS MUST TAKE PRIZE TO SEA OR INTERNE IT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The steamer Farn, a British collier brought into San Juan, Porto Rico, as a German prize by a crew from the cruiser Karlsruhe, must put to sea or be interned during the war. The State department holds it will be dealt with as a naval tender.

SUFFS HAVE A MOVIE SHOW

Open Office to More Effectively Handle Their End of "Your Girl and Mine" Production.

SEE THEMSELVES IN MOVIES

Mrs. Draper Smith, president of the state suffrage organization, and her committee, including Mrs. G. F. Cooper, Mrs. James Richardson and Miss Daisy Doane, have taken desk space in the offices of the World Film corporation for the next three months to more effectively manage the suffragists' work in connection with the production of Mrs. Medill McCormick's suffrage movie, "Your Girl and Mine." One of these women will be in charge every day while the film is being shown in the state.

The first showing of the film will be in Falls City, Lincoln and then in Omaha for four days beginning February 25 at the American theater. For each block of 5,000 tickets sold a prize of \$100 is being offered by the film company.

"I am sure Omaha will carry off the prize, and am hoping that Lincoln, too, will be able to win an additional \$100," said Mrs. Smith. The proceeds of the prizes won by towns throughout the state will go to the state suffrage organization's treasury.

Mrs. Halleck Rose, who was a member of Mrs. McCormick's national committee, representing Nebraska, has resigned from this position, her place being filled by Mrs. Smith.

Local suffragists will meet Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Young Men's Christian association, when coupon tickets to be sold by the women will be distributed. Following this the women will go in a body to the Auditorium, where they will see the pictures taken of themselves last Saturday for the letter carriers' moving picture show.

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ACTRESS SUES WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

Miss Stella Doyle, known on the stage as "Mlle. Greca," has brought suit in district court for \$11,000 damages against the Western Union Telegraph company, alleging that the contents of a telegram which she sent while in Kansas City on January 6 was revealed by the company.

The telegram read: "Wire me \$5 at once. Act split. He took everything. Need it for room rent and baggage. Will be home tomorrow night. Have ticket."

When the contents of the telegram became known, Miss Doyle alleges, an attempt was made in Kansas City to attach her baggage. She was prevented from filing a contract at \$12 a week and the incident caused damage to her health, she asserts.

HYMENEAL

Lausten-Gibson.

Miss Nellie Gibson and Mr. Charles C. Lausten were married at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. Charles W. Savigde.

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A great big, full pint of laxative cough syrup of the finest quality known to the medical world can readily be made by any woman or even child. To a pint of granulated sugar add a half pint of boiling water; stir and cool. Obtain at drug store 2 1/2 ozs. Essence Mentho-Laxene, empty it into a pint bottle and fill up with the syrup. A teaspoonful every hour or two will check or stop a cold in the head, and cure any cough that is curable. It will pay any family to keep it always in the home to avoid the disease due to colds, such as pneumonia, bronchitis, sore throat, diphtheria and consumption. It is marvelously quick in action and permanent, too.—Advertisement.

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Stuart's Calcium Waters have a reputation for blood purifying that no doctor in the world can approach. Literally, hundreds of thousands of men and women have demonstrated under every test of skin and blood diseases that these little pleasant, harmless waters have the means of curing them.

They have proven this to their own satisfaction and by their words of praise they have made Stuart's Calcium Waters the most sought after blood, skin and beauty remedy in the world.

Every drug store in this country worthy of the name carries them in stock, where you may obtain a box. Price 50 cents. Surely you can see that what they have done for others they can do for you and you should buy a box today. One week after using them you will be astounded at the change you will readily see. A small sample package mailed free by addressing Stuart's Co., 15 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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\$250 Boston, Upright, on sale at.....	\$ 55	\$500 Schubert Player Piano, on sale at.....	\$200
\$275 Fischer, Upright, on sale at.....	\$ 75	\$550 Schuch & Warren Player Piano, on sale, \$220	
\$300 Kimball, Upright, on sale at.....	\$ 85	\$600 Schmoller & Mueller Player Piano,	
\$275 Schrimmer, Upright, on sale at.....	\$100	on sale at.....	\$350
\$450 Chickering & Sons, Upright, on sale at.....	\$115	\$700 Styvesant Pianola Piano, on sale at.....	\$400
\$400 Steger & Sons, Upright, on sale at.....	\$150	\$550 Majestic Electric Player, on sale at.....	\$150
\$335 Kimball, Upright, on sale at.....	\$120	\$400 Planette Nickle in Slot, on sale at.....	\$125
\$900 A. B. Chase, Grand, on sale at.....	\$225	\$250 Chase & Baker, Cabinet Player, on sale, \$ 25	
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