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WAR NEWS

Washington, July 13.—Gen. Shafter thinks that almost the entire Spanish army have fled from Santiago while the officers were dickering for surrender. They are supposed to have gone west. When our men advanced on the enemy they found hundreds of dummy guns made of wood, and placed in position for a blind. The city is entirely surrounded. No trouble to capture it now. Gen. Miles and staff have landed. There are now 27,000 available men at Santiago.

Under date of the 12th, Gen. Shafter says: Assisted by the navy we bombarded the city Sunday evening for three hours, doing enormous damage. The Vesuvius, Iowa, Indiana, Bro'ol'n, New York and others, participated.

He further states that a flag of truce has been up since 2 o'clock, considering proposition for surrendering.

Subscriptions to the war loan now amount to $59,035,000.

After Santiago falls our troops will advance on Porto Rico.

It is officially stated that Spain is ready to sue for peace provided we accept Cuba only, for all of our trouble. This, Uncle Sam will not do. We demand all of Spain's possessions this side of the pond. Our indemnity at this writing amounts to about $240,000,000.

For the destruction of Cervera's fleet Schley and his men will receive from our government $263,700 as prize money.

Washington, July 13.—Adjutant General Corbin today received from Gen. Shafter a revised and corrected report of the casualties before Santiago on July 1, 2, and 3, viz: Total number killed 231, of which 23 were officers and 208 privates; 80 officers were wounded, also 1,023 privates. Total number wounded 1,103. Missing 81, making a total of 1,415.

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Timber Culture, Final Proof---Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES Land Office, Fargo, North Dakota, June 7, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that Louise V. Rugg, widow, and heir of Charles Rugg, who made T. E. No. 1, deceased, has filed notice of intention to make final proof before U. H. Gillespie, clerk of the district court in and for Steele county, North Dakota, at his office in Sherbrooke, Steele county, North Dakota, on the 6th day of August, A. D., 1898, on timber culture application No. 12977, for the south one-half of the northwest quarter and lots three and four of section No. 2, in township No. 144, range No. 55. She names as witnesses:

Lucius C. Day of Hope, Steele county, North Dakota, John Lee, of Hope, Steele county, North Dakota, Rice Jackson of Hope, Steele county, North Dakota, Fred H. King of Hope, Steele county, North Dakota.

CHAS. N. VALENTINE, Register.

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COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS.

Official Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of Steele County.

County Official Proceedings of the Board of Review and Equalization, for the Year 1898.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 5, 1898.

County board of review and equalization met at 11 o'clock a. m., in the office of the county auditor. Present O. W. Williams, chairman; Laor King, G. O. Johnson, H. J. Rindy and R. B. Cochrane, county commissioners, and Charles G. Boise county auditor.

On motion O. W. Williams was elected chairman of said board.

The board then proceeded to take the oath as members of the board of review and equalization of Steele county, to equalize the real and personal property assessment of said county for the year 1898, and filed the same.

No one appearing to present any application to correct their assessment, the board at 12 o'clock meridian, adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Approved July 6, 1898.

O. W. Williams,
Chairman.

Attest:
Charles G. Boise,
County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 5, 1898.

County board of review and equalization reconvened at 1:30 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present O. W. Williams, chairman; and Laor King, G. O. Johnson, H. J. Rindy and R. B. Cochrane, commissioners, and Charles G. Boise, county auditor.

The board then proceeded to examine the assessment rolls and lists of the various assessment townships or districts in the county.

After comparing the assessment of real estate and personal property, as returned by the assessors of the various townships, the board proceeded to equalize the assessment of the various townships in the county.

R. R. Fisher appeared before the board and presented an application for a reduction of the assessment of the sw ¼ of section 6, twp 144 n, range 56 w, in the amount of 50 per cent.

After considering the evidence submitted, and the board being satisfied that the assessment of said tract was unjust, on motion it was ordered that the real estate valuation of the sw ¼ of section six, (6) township one hundred and forty-four, north, of range fifty-six, (56) west, be, and the same was reduced in the amount of 50 per cent.

For the purpose of equalization, the valuations of lands exclusive of structures, were on motion increased in the following townships: Norway 15 per cent, Westfield 15 per cent, Enger 5 per cent, Golden Lake 10 per cent, Highland 10 per cent, Primrose 10 per cent, Sherbrooke 10 per cent, Easton 15 per cent, Green view 20 per cent, Riverside 10 per cent, Colgate 10 per cent, Hope township 10 per cent and Willow Lake 10 per cent.

The valuations of lands exclusive of structures, were on motion, reduced in the following townships: Newburgh 5 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Broadlawn 15 per cent.

On motion the valuations of structures on lands were increased in the following townships as follows: Westfield 30 per cent, Norman 10 per cent, Highland 40 per cent, Riverside 33⅓ per cent, Hope township 50 per cent, Willow Lake 33⅓ per cent.

On motion the valuations of structures on lands were decreased in the following townships as follows: Primrose 10 per cent, Edendale 25 per cent, and the Incorporated Town of Hope 15 per cent.

On motion the valuations of structures on the original townsite of Sharon in the township of Norman, were increased 20 per cent.

At 6 o'clock p. m., on motion the board of review and equalization adjourned to Wednesday July 6, 1898, at 1:30 p. m.

Approved July 6, 1898.

O. W. Williams,
Chairman.

Attest:
Charles G. Boise,
County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 6, 1898.

Board of review and equalization convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present O. W. Williams, chairman; Commissioners King, G. O. Johnson, H. J. Rindy R. B. Cochrane, and Charles G. Boise, county auditor.

The minutes of the meeting of July 5, 1898, were read and approved.

The board proceeded to equalize the personal property assessment of the county for the year 1898.

For the purpose of equalizing the valuations of horses one year old, were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 20 per cent Norman 10 per cent, Enger 12 per cent, Highland 6 per cent, Bergen 3 per cent, Sherbrooke 25 per cent, Easton 4 per cent, Greenview 5 per cent, Edendale 5 per cent, Lincoln 9 per cent, Colgate 9 per cent.

The valuations of horses one year old were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Norway 20 per cent, Westfield 2 per cent, Golden Lake 20 per cent, Primrose 2 per cent, Melrose 15 per cent, Riverside 12 per cent, Broadlawn 8 per cent, Hope township 15 per cent, Willow Lake 2 per cent, Incorporated town of Hope 12 per cent.

The valuations of horses two years old were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 13 per cent, Westfield 11 per cent, Norman 12½ per cent, Enger 1 per cent, Golden Lake 4 per cent, Bergen 27 per cent, Easton 3 per cent, Edendale 16 per cent, Willow Lake 5 per cent.

The valuations of horses two years old were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Norway 10 per cent, Highland 1 per cent, Primrose 8 per cent, Sherbrooke 31 per cent, Greenview 6 per cent, Lincoln 3 per cent, Melrose 26 per cent, Riverside 15 per cent, Broadlawn 10 per cent, Hope township 2 per cent, Incorporated Town of Hope 10 per cent.

The valuations of horses three years old and over, were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Westfield 34 per cent, Enger 7 per cent, Highland 2 per cent, Bergen 43 per cent, Sherbrooke 17 per cent, Easton 9 per cent, Colgate 2 per cent, Hope township 43 per cent and Willow Lake 31 per cent.

The valuations of horses three years old and over on motion reduced in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 6 per cent, Norway 5 per cent, Norman 4 per cent, Golden Lake 11 per cent, Primrose 1 per cent, Greenview 5 per cent, Edendale 8 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Riverside 13 per cent, Broadlawn 32 per cent, and the Incorporated Town of Hope 2 per cent.

The valuations of stallions kept for service were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 73 per cent, Norman 44 per cent, Enger 44 per cent, Highland 20 per cent, Primrose 14 per cent and Edendale 11 per cent.

The valuations of stallions kept for service were on motion reduced in the following townships as follows: Norway 5 per cent, Riverside 28 per cent, Broadlawn 28 per cent Colgate 5 per cent and Willow Lake 18 per cent.

On motion the board of review and evualiation adjourned to Thursday July 7th 1898, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Approved July 7th 1898.

O. W. Williams,
Chairman.

Attest:
Charles G. Boise,
County Auditor.

Sherbrooke, N. D., July 7th 1898.

Board of review and equalization convened at 1:30 o'clock p. m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present O. W. Williams chairman, Laor King, G. O. Johnson, H. J. Rindy and R. B. Cochrane county commissioners, and Charles G. Boise county auditor.

The minutes of the meeting of July 6, 1898, were read and approved. The equalization of personal property was continued.

The valuations of cattle one year old were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 4 per cent, Westfield 12 per cents, Enger 16 per cent, Bergen 14 per cent, Primrose 19 per cent, Sherbrooke 44 per cent and Edendale 12 per cent.

The valuations of cattle one year old were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Norway 18 per cent, Golden Lake 4 per cent, Highland 1 per cent, Easton 8 per cent, Greenview 4 per cent, Lincoln 17 per cent, Melrose 20 per cent, Riverside 11 per cent, Broadlawn 10 per cent, Colgate 4 per cent, Hope township 18 per cent and Willow Lake 4 per cent.

The valuations of cattle 2 years old were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Norman 1 per cent, Enger 7 per cent, Golden Lake 24 per cent, Highland 2 per cent; Bergen 5 per cent, Sherbrooke 26 per cent, Greenview 4 per cent, Edendale 10 per cent, Lincoln 1 per cent, Riverside 3 per cent, Colgate 15 per cent and Willow Lake 2 per cent.

The valuation of cattle two years old were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Norway 13 per cent, Westfield 5 per cent, Primrose 2 per cent, Easton 6 per cent, Melrose 21 per cent, Broadlawn 2 per cent, Hope township 15 per cent and Incorporated Town of Hope 31 per cent.

The valuations of cows three years old and over, were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 6 per cent, Westfield 11 per cent, Enger 3 per cent, Golden Lake 28 per cent, Highland 7 per cent, Bergen 10 per cent, Riverside 2 per cent, Colgate 19 per cent and Willow Lake 5 per cent.

The valuations of cows three years old and over, were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Norway 10 per cent, Norman 3 per cent, Primrose 4 per cent, Sherbrooke 3 per cent, Easton 6 per cent, Greenview 2 per cent, Edendale 12 per cent, Lincoln 13 per cent, Melrose 10 per cent, Broadlawn 13 per cent, Hope township 15 per cent and the Incorporated Town of Hope 17 per cent.

The valuations of work oxen were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Westfield 14 per cent, Highland 10 per cent, Easton 14 per cent and Riverside 14 per cent.

The valuations of work oxen were on motion decreased in the township of Norman 10 per cent.

The valuations of all other cattle three years old and over, were increased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 20 per cent, Enger 55 per cent, Golden Lake 15 per cent, Primrose 28 per cent, Edendale 15 per cent and Colgate 45 per cent.

The valuations of all other cattle three years old and over, were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Westfield 14 per cent, Norman 24 per cent, Sherbrooke 14 per cent, Easton 40 per cent, Greenview 3 per cent, Melrose 32 per cent, Riverside 28 per cent and Broadlawn 3 per cent.

The valuations of mules and asses one year old were on motion increased 15 per cent in Bergen township.

The valuations of mules and asses one year old were on motion decreased 38 per cent in the township of Broadlawn.

The valuations of mules and asses three years old and over, were on motion increased in the following townships as follows: Norway 55 per cent, Westfield 33 per cent, Norman 5 per cent, Enger 7 per cent, Easton 3 per cent, Edendale 70 per cent, Melrose 7 per cent, Hope township 42 per cent and Willow Lake 14 per cent.

The valuations of mules and asses three years old and over, were on motion decreased in the following townships as follows: Newburgh 5 per cent, Golden Lake 20 per cent, Highland 19 per cent, Primrose 9 per cent, Sherbrooke 19 per cent, Lincoln 9 per cent, Broadlawn 29 per cent and Colgate 14 per cent.

On motion the board of review and equalization adjourned to Friday, July 8, 1898, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Approved July 8, 1898.

O. W. Williams,
Chairman.

Attest:
Charles G. Boise,
County Auditor.

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