

ASSESSMENT ROLL SHOWS INCREASES

Assessor States Reasons For Advance in Value in Business Section.

MAIN STREET A FEATURE.

Skyscrapers and Their Effect on Realty—Equalizing Rates in Residential and Uptown Districts.

Another raise in the assessed valuation of Main street property is imminent. When County Assessor Campbell M. Brown made his annual assessment last January, he increased the valuation of Main street business property, and, in fact, all business property in the district comprised between South Temple and Fourth South streets, approximately 15 per cent. The greatest increase was made on Main street property between First South and Third South streets, the increase reaching in some instances 30 to 40 per cent. In so doing Mr. Brown gave out that he was merely following the trend of market values and the assessment including the last increase, did not average more than 50 per cent of the property valuation.

The center of business, according to the figures of the assessor, is now located at the corner of Second South and Main streets. Walker's bank corner is assessed at the rate of \$1,200 per front foot, which is the highest figure reached by any property on the rolls of the assessor. Across the street south, is the White House corner, which is assessed at \$1,150 the front foot, and this valuation is maintained practically all the way along Main street until Third South is reached, where the Clift House is assessed at the same rate. This property four years ago was considered to be worth conservatively \$600 per front foot, but at present it is said to be worth \$2,000 per front foot for it has been declined.

AT JUDGE CORNER.

The Judge building, at the southeastern corner of Main and Third South, has raised the value of that corner from \$300 per front foot three years ago to approximately \$2,000 per front foot at the present, although the assessment of the corner for this year was made with the idea in view that the building was in process of erection and was bringing no revenue to the owner. By another year it will be producing revenue and may be raised accordingly, and the same is true in regard to the Newhouse buildings.

Another fact is brought out by going over the assessor's figures, and that is that the east side of Main street is not considered as valuable for business as is the west side, and assessments were made with this point also in view. Property on Third South street, between Main and State, has been raised from \$300 per front foot to \$800 per front foot, as the increase in the value of property on this block has been remarkable.

EQUALIZATION IN JUNE.

The McCormick bank corner, at the intersection of Main and First South streets, was assessed at \$750 per front foot but property has recently changed hands in that neighborhood for a consideration of \$1,500 per front foot, which makes the assessment only 50 per cent of the value.

Commissioner Cosgriff has expressed himself as being in favor of further raising the assessments on the business property throughout the city, as the rate is not considered proportionate to that at which residential property is assessed. The commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization, will meet on the first Monday in June, when the raise, if any, will be made. The board will remain in session during the month of June, the law requiring that its labors be completed by the fourth Monday in that month. The board consists of the county commissioners and the county auditor.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

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VALENTINE WANTS NEW WAGON.

Council Committee Favors Scheme—Liberty Park Protest Received.

The fire department is to have a new combination chemical engine and hose cart, if the recommendation of the council committee on fire is approved. Chief Vale of the department appeared before the committee last night and asked that the apparatus be purchased, and after some consideration it was decided to recommend that it be done. The wagon will cost \$1,800, bringing with it 1,500 feet of regular hose 2 1/2 inch capacity chemical hose, and 40 gallons for chemical extinguisher.

The municipal law committee of the city council last evening discussed the plans of a number of residents residing near the eastern borders of

Liberty park, where it is proposed to place the tracks of the street railway in the center of the street. Some years ago a strip 18 feet wide was added to the street of the park area, and the car tracks were laid in the center of the widened thoroughfare. It is the intention of the council to have the tracks moved back into the center of the original 66 foot street, and the taxpayers in the vicinity are indignantly protesting against such action. The committee took no action in the matter, preferring to leave it for the consideration of the city council.

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SIDEWALK ADVERTISING.

Business Man Objects to Near Approach to Vandalism.

Ancient the pernicious habit so frequently indulged in of marking the sidewalks with paint or colored chalk, for advertising purposes, Grant Hampton, of the Consolidated Wagon and Machine company, writes to the "News" as follows:
"It occurs to me, and you may voice the view, that when advertising becomes in a measure vandalism, such advertising should be discouraged. Every once in a while our sidewalks are marked up with some crude advertisement. Is it right that sidewalks which property owners put in at considerable expense and spend much time to keep clear, be so disgraced? I believe it is much more dignified, and better results will follow, to buy space in newspapers. A sidewalk advertisement is bound to offend a large number of property owners and thereby thwart the very object the advertiser has in mind."

Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuffs, for they contain cocaine. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat, which are made with mercury merely dry up the secretions and leave you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real remedy, not a delusion. All druggists, 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York.

Dance Wandamere, tonight 25c.

DEATH OF O. N. WITZELL.

Veteran Musician Succumbs to Complication of Disease.

O. N. Witzell, one of the oldest musicians in Salt Lake died last night at the L. D. S. hospital at the age of 68, from Bright's disease and dropsy, complicated by blood poisoning. Mr. Witzell had been a resident of this city 40 years. He is survived by a widow and two sons. He was a repairer of musical instruments by trade, and for many years was with the Calder, Clayton-Danvers Music companies, in that capacity. He was also an excellent stringed bass player.

Several weeks ago, while repairing a talking machine, the mainspring flew out and cut Mr. Witzell's finger. This was followed by blood poisoning. The finger was amputated, but this failed to save the man's life.

The funeral will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. from the residence, 659 Fourth East street. The musical union, of which the deceased was a member, will attend.

TO INSPECT PLANT.

The following invitations are being mailed today to prominent citizens:
The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company invites you and your friends to inspect its new building and equipment Saturday, May 9, 1908, between 1 o'clock and 11 o'clock p. m. The company has installed all the best appliances known to the art today, and is sure that a visit to the building will interest you and give you new ideas regarding the intricate apparatus employed and the unceasing efforts made to give you good telephone service.

EXCURSION TO OGDEN.

Sunday, May 3rd, via Oregon Short Line. Trains at 7:10 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. 12:35, 1:00, and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Ogdén 2:05, 5:10, 5:55 and 8:10 p. m. Round trip, \$1.00.

NURSES ARE GRADUATED.

Class of Thirteen Receive Diplomas Upon Completing Course.

Interesting exercises celebrated the graduation of 13 nurses by the L. D. S. hospital last night, the affair taking place at Barratt hall. Dr. J. S. Richards, medical instructor at the hospital, presented the diplomas. An orchestra under Prof. Clive, and a chorus led by Prof. Evan Stephens furnished delightful music. After a number by the orchestra, the graduates, gowned in dainty white uniforms with caps, marched to the stage to receive the award for their three years' training. C. W. Nibley was chairman and gave a short address following the opening prayer, and President Joseph F. Smith then addressed the class, congratulating them and speaking of their noble mission they were now fitted to perform, and the many avenues for good opened to them through their training. "Rest, Anthon H. Lund also made a few encouraging and appropriate remarks. After the exercises, a reception and dance was given at the Lion House by the directors of the hospital in honor of the graduates, which was attended by many of the nurses and those interested in the institution. Refreshments were served and a delightful time spent by all.

The names of the graduates are: Misses Jane Roberts, Lettie Sorenson, Martha Bullock, Myrtle Brandley, Marcella Wing, Parna Bagley, Elva Roberts, Ella Gantz, Maud Brown, Vera Sohlen, Agnes Hogan, Minnie Wheeler, and Mrs. Jennie Shields.

CRITICAL AUDIENCE PLEASED.

"In a Persian Garden" Well Received in Congregational Church.

The First Congregational church was well filled last evening when "In a Persian Garden," a song cycle for quartets, was given by Mrs. Stanley M. Price, soprano, Miss Edna Cohn, contralto, M. J. Brines, tenor, Hugh W. Douglass, baritone, with Miss Judith Evans at the piano. It was a very artistic performance. The cycle was preceded by a brief special program of solo work from the artists, which was up to their usual standard of excellence, and deservedly well received. Miss Evans' piano numbers evidenced a technical accomplishment that was a gratifying surprise to such of her friends as had not heard her lately in piano solo performance. The song cycle includes excerpts from the Rubáiyat of Omar Khayyám, with the score by Liza Lehmann. The music is arranged for solo and ensemble, in full sympathetic accord with the noted classic and was given with a spirit and intelligence of interpretation that was very pleasing. All the singers were in good voice and acquitted themselves with credit.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BONDS GO RAPIDLY

Last Night's Smoker a Scene of Enthusiasm Rarely Surpassed.

BUILDING FUND NOW ASSURED

Contributions Roll In So Fast Record Has a Hard Time to Put Them in the Minutes.

How to raise money was demonstrated by the Commercial club last evening. A smoker to boom its new building fund brought forth \$31,500 for the club's new home. As \$6,500 had been subscribed previously, the fund before midnight last night had reached \$17,000. Estimates upon the probable cost of the home to be built upon the ground given the club by Samuel Newhouse are all somewhere near \$200,000. From the enthusiasm shown at last night's smoker and from the way the enthusiasm became substantial in the shape of contributions and donations, no obstacles are anticipated in raising the \$82,500 still needed.

SCRAMBLE TO SUBSCRIBE.

Speeches were made by Mayor J. S. Bransford, Judge W. H. King, W. J. Halloran and Judge E. F. Colburn. It was just at the conclusion of President Halloran's speech that Henry Simon jumped to his feet and told somebody to put Simon brothers down at \$1,000. Others shouted out contributions and a scramble to take up subscriptions ensued. During the evening the Christensen orchestra was heard and M. J. Brines and others rendered solos and monologues. Snyder and Buckley from the Orpheum were over to do a turn and others contributed to the fun of the evening. Kegs of beer and corn cobs were kept busy, also. At 10 o'clock an informal banquet began. During the speeches checks were given for Samuel Newhouse and others who are busy making Salt Lake a greater Salt Lake.

BREAK GROUND SOON.

With all the money needed to erect a palatial club building practically assured already, the lot which lies east of the lower Newhouse skyscraper will soon be broken and another elegant structure will be begun without delay. The building will be a beauty, six stories high and will be right at home among all the sky-scrapers now being erected.

Prolonged cheering was brought out by President Halloran who, when speaking for the club, said: "We will start the building this morning. We get all the money needed in sight and I feel from what I have seen tonight and before this evening that 60 days is more than enough time to figure for every cent being obtained. There will be no delay."

SOME CONTRIBUTORS.

Some of the contributions subscribed at the smoker last night were: Louis Simon, \$500; Henry Simon, \$500; Herbert Penrose, \$1,000; Sig Simon, \$500; Irrigation Lands company, by W. D. Livingston, \$1,000; Greenwood Furniture company, \$500; D. Miller, \$1,000; Leon Sweet, \$500; Morrison & Merrill company, \$1,000; Joseph Eldredge, \$200; W. R. Hughes, \$100; Walter J. Sloan, \$100; B. P. Redman, \$100; William Hill, \$100; E. P. Phelps, \$100; W. E. Bailey, \$200; G. H. Smith, \$100; Junius Young, \$200; C. W. Johnson, \$100; Robert Forrester, \$200; W. T. Cooke, \$100; W. S. Zarring, \$200; E. W. Kelley, \$500; C. C. Daley, \$500; J. M. Willey, \$500; J. S. Free, \$200; A. Voorsanger, \$100; E. F. Hanna, \$200; C. S. Williams, \$100; T. W. Whiteley, \$200; K. C. Keyes, \$100; D. F. Culver, \$200; P. J. Moran, \$5,000; D. H. Christensen, \$100; D. Margottis, \$100; Mr. Jevne, the billiardist, \$100; O. D. Banks, \$100; T. W. Williams, \$100; E. L. Carey, \$200; Alex. Colbath, \$500; E. W. Whitney, \$100; W. J. Craig, \$500; F. T. Vincent, \$100; E. R. Bray, \$100; J. L. Priest, \$100; W. J. Burton, \$1,000; H. J. Hayward, \$500; A. H. Laffey, \$200; J. Q. Critchlow, \$300; C. F. Warren, \$100; Frank A. Lowe, \$100; J. B. Dunn, \$100; Orvin Morris, \$200; Marcus Harris, St. Louis, \$200; E. Pierce, \$100; H. Lewis, \$100; F. A. Starkweather, \$200; U. U. Hickey, \$100; George T. Alder, \$100; Mr. Robinson, \$100; Will G. Farrell, \$100; G. W. Peck, \$200; Dr. Fred Stauffer, \$500; A. J. McDonald, \$500; George Rust, \$100; Bismarck Snyder, \$100; James A. Cunningham, \$500; D. G. Bolton, \$200; Ware & Freganica, \$1,500; George W. Goddard, \$100; C. E. Clow, \$1,000; the Salsbury company, \$2,000; J. T. Smith, Jr., \$100; S. H. Love, \$200; L. V. Shearn, \$100; R. A. Keyes, \$1,000; Michael Gibbons, \$100; W. A. Coote, \$1,000; John M. Hayes, \$100; S. T. Hayes, \$200.

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TO LAY CORNERSTONE.

Second Ward Chapel Site To Be Scene Of Gathering Tomorrow.

The cornerstone of the Second ward chapel will be laid tomorrow, May 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. Patriarch James Leach officiating. The chapel is being built on the exact spot where Patriarch Leach took up his abode of property 80 years ago, and the cornerstone exercises will be held on the ninety-third anniversary of his birthday. The new meetinghouse will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 when completed, and will be an ornament to the city and a credit to the ward.

An appropriate program has been arranged for the ceremony tomorrow, which is as follows:
Opening hymn, "Our God We Raise to Thee".....Congregation
Prayer.....Counselor George Bowles
Singing, "Far Away".....
.....Sunday School Children
Address.....Bishop Heber C. Iverson
Biographical sketch of Patriarch James Leach.....J. Frank Brantling
Laying of cornerstone.....
.....Patriarch James Leach
Remarks.....Member First Presidency
Hymn, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet".....Congregation
Benediction.....Counselor R. H. Skidaway

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PROTEST AGAINST TAX

Telephone Companies Designate Attempts of "Americans" as Impudence and Prepare to Fight.

Before a meeting of the license committee of the city council held last evening, Manager Murray of the Bell Telephone company emphatically protested against the imposition of the proposed telephone tax, claiming that it was gross discrimination. "The highest license paid by any firm in this city," said Mr. Murray, "is \$1,200, and according to the demands of the license committee the telephone company would be required to pay the sum of \$4,806 per year."

The license which the city may collect under the special ordinance is a tax of \$1 per year on every telephone instrument the rental for which is in excess of \$50 per year, and 50 cents on each telephone bringing less than that amount. The Bell company has not been paying any tax to the city, but has supplied it with 40 free phones for the city offices.

City Atty. H. J. Dintony, who was present, when asked for an opinion, stated that the tax could be collected. Waldemar Van Cott, who was present in behalf of the Independent company, took the same ground in regard to the tax as Mr. Murray, and intimated that he thought the tax could be defeated in the courts. He said that although in a court decision in Ogden had since expressed doubt and he believed the decision would be reversed. The committee instructed the representatives of the telephone companies to get the matter before it in more definite shape, and Mr. Murray, Mr. Van Cott promised to have propositions in writing to submit to the city council meeting Monday night.

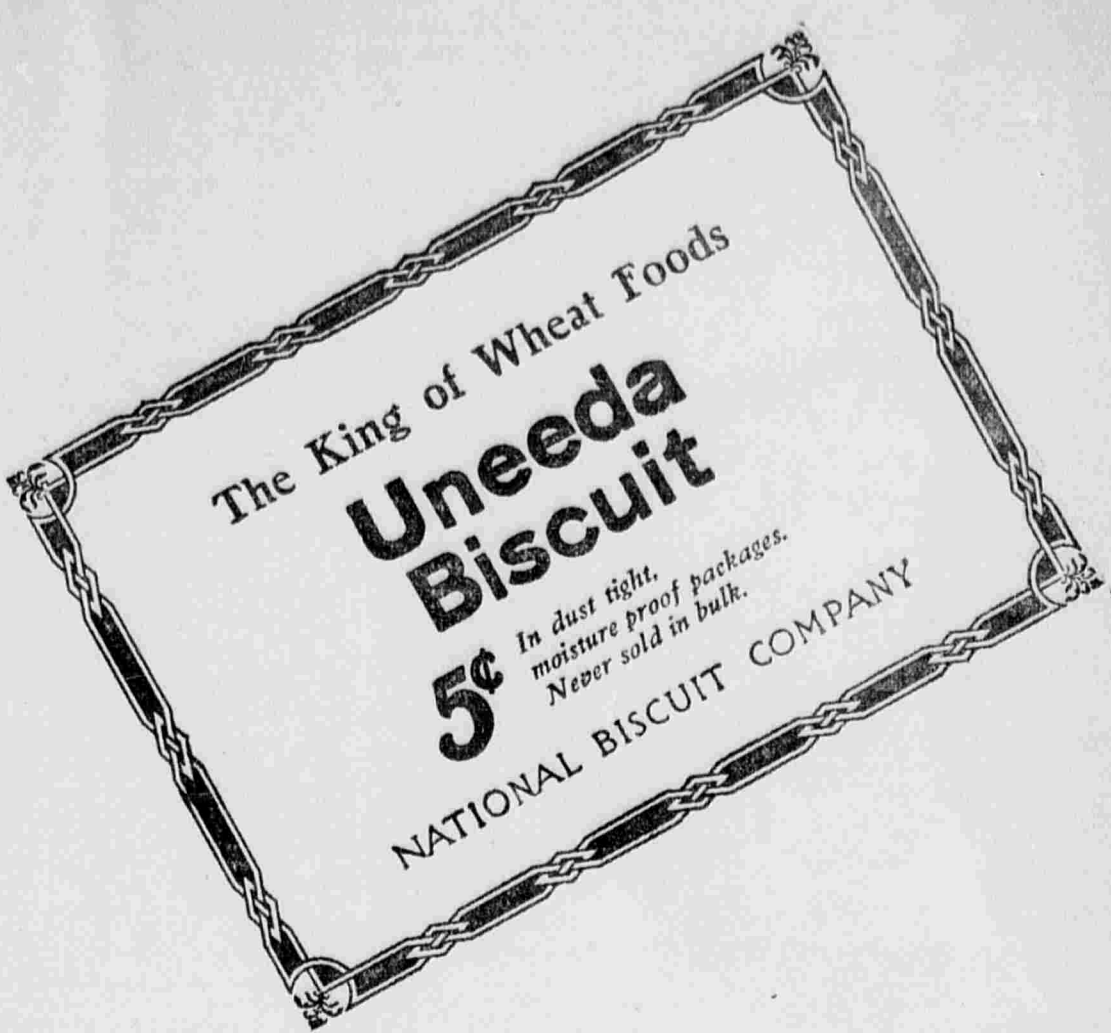
GEIGER MUST FACE TRIAL.

Abandoned His Minor Children and is Being Held in California.

Requisition papers for the return to this state of Philip Geiger were issued by Governor Cutler yesterday, at the instance of County Attorney Nathan J. Harris of Weber county. Geiger, who was accused of abandoning his wife and three minor children, was recently arrested at Riverside, Cal., and is being

held there awaiting the arrival of officers from Utah. This is the first arrest that has been made under the provisions of the law passed by the last legislature making it a felony for a man to fail to provide for his minor children. Infraction of the law governing the subject makes the offender liable to a fine of \$100 and imprisonment for a year.

Geiger was living at Ogden when he abandoned his family, and he made every effort to conceal his whereabouts by having letters postmarked from places that he never visited. When apprehended he was at Paris, Cal. Deputy Sheriff S. L. Clark, left for California today to bring Geiger back.



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