

## SWITCHMEN MAY STRIKE

The Western Railroads May be Tied Up for Some Time.

EFFECTS TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND MEN

An Increase of Ten Cent Per Hour is Asked for Between Buffalo and Pacific Coast.

A switchmen's strike, to tie up all the railways west of Buffalo through to the Pacific coast, seems now almost certain. The men in the local yards at this city have been for some time expecting this to happen but have not said very much about it. The general managers of all the railroads in Chicago have issued an ultimatum, curtly notifying the switchmen that their demands for an eight-hour day and increase in pay cannot be granted. The refusal seems to admit of no compromise and it has placed the switchmen in the position of either accepting defeat or of trying to gain their ends by declaring the strike they have threatened to call.

The demands are not made by all switchmen, but includes only those who are members of the switchmen's union of North America. It is said that in case of a strike being called the labor situation may be complicated by the attitude of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which is not yet defined.

On September 20, the switchmen presented their demands to the railway managers, demanding a hearing on or before October 25. They asked that 42 cents an hour be paid foremen and 38 cents to helpers, all time over eight hours to be paid for at that rate. This is an increase of 10 cents an hour and cuts the average working time down, it is claimed, nearly four hours.

The managers' refusal of the demands were given yesterday by Daniel Smith, chairman of the central committee, who at once carried the notice to A. J. Heberling, vice president of the national organization, who is in Chicago watching the outcome.

"The demand made is an absolute necessity," said Mr. Heberling. "The men cannot live on the pay they now receive with the constant increase in cost of living. If we can gain the demand made, it will be the second increase in pay made to switchmen in twenty years."

"Another reason for the demand for more money is that of late injuries to switchmen have become so frequent that it makes insurance almost impossible. It is a dangerous calling and statistics compiled by the insurance companies show that the life of the switchman is only about seven years."

"A strike, if called, will effect 22,000 men and we feel sure that in case we decide to go out that at least 14,000 other railway employes will go out also."

Officials of the union say final action will depend upon the action taken by the men themselves when a referendum is taken. It is expected that this vote will be taken within a few days.

As the Journal understands it, such a strike will not particularly effect the Burlington road only in Chicago, where all such employes belonging to the union that is demanding the increase of ten cents per hour. If this be the case a tie up in Chicago is the only effect it will have upon that road.

### Busy Getting Ready for Sale.

The ladies of the Aid society and Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon in a joint session at the home of Mrs. H. J. Streight, who was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames P. E. Ruffner and J. W. Johnson. The afternoon was devoted to the preparation of articles for the Rummage sale, which will be held under the auspices of the Presbyterian church from the 10th until the 17th of November. The ladies will have room open on the 8th to receive, mark and arrange the goods for the convenience of the patrons.

After an afternoon of industrious work, the delicious refreshments served by the hostess proved to be a very welcome diversion before the meeting adjourned.

### The Verdict of Everybody.

To fill the vacancy on the democrat ticket for state senator, Henry Gering resigning, the democrat central committee induced James Stander of Louisville to make the race. The worst we can say of Mr. Stander is that he is a very fine man, a gentleman and a scholar.—Weeping Water Herald.

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### Goes to Tennessee.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer, the democratic candidate for county attorney, departed this morning for Tennessee on urgent legal matters, and will be gone until Monday or Tuesday next. Mr. Dwyer started last evening for Chicago on No. 14, which is intended to connect with the Denver-Chicago train which runs to Pacific Junction on the other side of the river, but on his arrival at the Junction the other train had just "pulled out," and he was forced to return on No. 13 and take a fresh start this morning. Mr. Dwyer will make a canvass of the county on his return home.

## BARTLEY MAY BREAK SILENCE

The Ex-Treasurer Does Not Like the Manner in Which He is Being Criticized.

"Any charges I may have to make against candidates or other persons will be made over my own signature."

So declared Joseph S. Bartley, ex-treasurer of the state of Nebraska, in discussing an interview published in a Holt county newspaper and purporting to emanate from him. The interview charged that Attorney General Norris Brown had indirectly been a beneficiary of the failure of a Buffalo county bank in which Bartley had deposited a large amount of state funds. Bartley's statement, given above, is the first authentic and authorized one given to a newspaper and is a refutation of the alleged interview published in the Holt county paper.

"I have made no charge against any candidate," continued Mr. Bartley, "and as I said before, none is authentic unless my signature is attached."

Since the appearance of the Holt county story several newspapers have attacked Bartley as the alleged author of it. Referring to the statements of one of the local papers, Bartley said: "If the bricks in the building that newspaper calls its home could speak, many of them, I believe, could tell a story of decided interest."

Many attempts have been made to induce the former treasurer to make statements concerning candidates for public office, but these have been skillfully foiled by the ex-official. From the conversation connected with the statement authorized by Mr. Bartley, however, the insinuation might be conveyed that the ex-treasurer may soon break a long silence and give to the public over his own signature some very interesting bits of the financial history of the state from 1893 to 1897.—Lincoln Star.

### Torments of Tetter and Eczema Alleviated.

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### To the Music Lovers of Plattsmouth.

The Choral union exists for the benefit of no person, sect or sex, but for the cultivation of the musical talent of all who avail themselves of its opportunities. You who do not assist in making this movement a success miss a great opportunity to contribute to a heightened standard of musical excellence and to secure personal advantages which are priceless.

It is unfortunate that the purposes of the Union have been so seriously misunderstood and consequently misinterpreted. An outline of the plans for the winter's work will show its universal adaptability to the musical needs and accomplishments of our people. The Union is to meet the first and third Thursday nights of each month from 7 to 10 o'clock. The first hour and a half to be devoted to rudimentary work under the direction of Mrs. Mae Morgan. The second hour and a half to high grade chorus work under the direction of Prof. J. H. Simms of Omaha. Prof. Simms is president of the Omaha Musical Art society and director of the choir in All Saint's Episcopal church, also the director of one or two other musical societies of Omaha. He has the unqualified recommendation of Prof. Jones of Bellevue college and Prof. Thos. J. Kelley, director of the great musical chorus at the Omaha exposition. Prof. Simms is available at a very nominal price. Here is an opportunity to secure the best. If you are interested come to the meeting of the Choral union Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Hasse, where the matter will be considered.

The initiation fee is one dollar—later expenses are met by a per capita assessment. J. H. SALSBURY, President Choral Union.

### Sick Headache Cured.

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## A VERY CLEVER SWINDLE

Postoffice Authorities Are Looking Into an Unusual Case at Tecumseh.

Postoffice Inspector Moore has received notification from Tecumseh of one of the cleverest frauds ever perpetrated in the state, and which involved the rifling of a mail box, says the Omaha Bee.

A man purporting to be John Spicer, a farmer, walked into the office of L. C. Chapman, a prominent Tecumseh attorney, last Monday and engaged the services of Mr. Chapman in collecting \$190 wages which he said was due his son, Fred Spicer, for work on the farm of William Kershaw, a well-to-do farmer living near Tecumseh.

Mr. Chapman immediately wrote Mr. Kershaw asking if he wished to make settlement, and when the letter had been placed in Kershaw's mail box, Spicer is said to have stolen it from the mail box and mailed a cleverly forged letter back to Attorney Chapman saying that for various reasons he, Mr. Kershaw, would settle for only \$170 and enclosing a draft on a Tecumseh bank for the amount.

As soon as Chapman received the forged letter, Spicer arrived and they read it over together, Spicer, of course, agreeing to settle for \$170.

Together they went to the bank and cashed the check, Attorney Chapman keeping \$10 for his fee and Spicer making off with the rest.

When Attorney Chapman found out he had been duped he tried to get Kershaw by 'phone, but it was found that the wires had been cut.

### Mrs. Spurlock's Work.

Speaking of the recent death of Mrs. Spurlock, the Lincoln Star says: "For seventeen years, Mrs. Spurlock has labored zealously for the upbuilding of the Mothers' Jewels home at York. Beginning with a few small buildings, the home now has excellent quarters and sixty-nine children are housed and educated. The home owns 200 acres of land near York and is in prosperous condition financially. The boys and girls who have been sent out from the home have made excellent records."

"During the hard times in Nebraska, Mrs. Spurlock was on the verge of despair, but managed to weather the storm. She originated the system of sending boxes of supplies and clothing from Methodist churches in all parts of the state. These boxes have been sent to the home from hundreds of churches and have materially benefited the inmates."

### Encourage the Home Boys.

An eastern paper tells of an incident where a ball game took place on Sunday afternoon, also, just across the way was a church where there was held divine worship at the same time. The ball game drew 500 people while at church were gathered about 50.

Not favoring Sunday sports a person can compare the two—the various amount of enthusiasm credited to one and to the other. Now it seems strange that as a person travels through all the small, as well as large towns of the west they can see in nearly every case a neatly-fenced in ball diamond and grand stand. Here people are willing that some one else go about and start things going. Now we will suppose some one else has done so. In this case it is the organizing of a city foot ball team. Is it too much trouble for the several thousand people here to show the boys that they are to be encouraged? Saturday afternoon there are a great many people at leisure and last Saturday found about 45 of them at the ball game. Now is this encouraging the boys? Why in a town of this size there had ought to be at least 500 people at such a game as we played last Saturday, and the one before. The boys are doing nobly and now encourage them by your presence at their next game.

### Takes First Prize.

At the stock show that is now in progress in Nebraska City today, R. W. White, the manager of the Nebraska telephone company in this city, walked away with the first prize for the best single driving horse. We are indeed pleased to learn of his success in the contest, and to know that old Cass can put forward some turnouts that are a credit to any stock show.

### Seay-Thomas Wedding.

In the parlors of the St. Luke's rectory, a pretty wedding occurred last night at 7:30, when Mr. Wm. Seay and Miss Lillian Thomas, were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about a dozen relatives, by Canon H. B. Burgess. The bride is a daughter of J. W. Thomas, who resides near this city, and the news of this happy event will be a surprise to her many friends in this city. Mr. Seay served through the Philippine campaign and is to be congratulated in capturing one of Cass county's popular young ladies. The young couple departed this afternoon for Wilber, near which place the groom is located on a ranch.

For Sale.—Oliver typewriter good as new—\$60. Inquire at the Journal office.

### Birthday Surprise Party.

At the home of J. C. York a pleasant surprise party occurred last evening, the occasion being in honor of their daughter, Miss Katie, who passed her tenth birthday yesterday. Various games assisted toward the social time, enjoyed by the young folks, and at a late hour delicious refreshments were served. Each of those invited presented their friend with a gift that will be treasured by her in years to come.

The following were among those who were present: Misses Edith Rebal, Janet Brantner, May Glenn, Violet Freese, Gertrude Robinson, Helen Hadraba, Florence and Pauline Kalaseck, Nellie and Zema Schaub, Edith Grassman, Zella Elliott, Doris Neilson, Celica Kalaseck, Blanche Hadraba.

## SLANDERER AND TATTLER

He or She Has a Reckless Disregard for Truth and Honest Reputation.

The following was handed to a Journal reporter several days since with request that we give the same a place in our columns. It fully illustrates the character for which it is intended, and we hope there are none in Plattsmouth who will take it so much to heart that they will think we have "hit the nail on the head." We give the article, however, for just what it is worth, let it strike where it may:

"The slanderer or tattler that all towns and communities have been cursed with from Christ down to the present time, has been well represented by the immortal Loftan in his book of characters, as a serpent with a characteristic human head, coiled in the grass, striking with an arrow tipped tongue into the bleeding heart of the victim. The serpent with his venom and ire, with his slimy, slippery folds and his noiseless crawl, with his deadly coil and fatal fang, is the only emblem of the man or woman who stabs and kills you in character. Jealousy and envy, prejudice and malignity are the sacs of poison under the slanderer or tattler's tongue, from which he feeds his deadly fangs, and which pierce your good name. Love and honor never engage in this vile business; but the slanderer is a total stranger to noble instincts of the human breast. He or she has a reckless disregard for truth and honest reputation for everything about them. The neighborhood gossip has nothing better to do than to gratify an over-weening desire to talk about his neighbor, and such people seem to find a fiendish delight in their base vocation. A bit of scandal is a sugar plum which they roll in their mouth and divide with each other; and the plum grows as it rolls from mouth to mouth, like the five loaves and the two little fishes with which the Master fed five thousand and hungry souls and had twelve baskets left to eat between meals. Some one has said of the slanderer that his edge is sharper than the sword; whose tongue outvenoms all the worms of Nile. It is impossible, with an ordinary sense of the humane, to comprehend or appreciate the nature and character of slander. We can see how men in the heat of passion can slay their fellows, how hunger and penury can steal, how the wreck of habit can debauch himself, but there are souls too lofty, hearts too pure, to understand how this monster of all iniquity can ruin the reputation or destroy the character of an immortal being. How infinitely worse than theft or murder or arson is the slanderer. The victim of the tattler often suffers more than from theft or murder, as with a consciousness of innocence, he endures a lifetime of shame without the power of rectification or defense."

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### Prowlers Still Busy.

The home of Rev. A. L. Zink and several other residents of high school hill, report that some mysterious prowler was in that neighborhood last night. The Christian minister and his family were aroused during the night by the barking of their dog, but an investigation of the premises failed to disclose the source of the trouble. Whoever this unknown nocturnal prowler is, he had better take warning in time, or he will receive a load of shot from some of the citizens whom he molests.

Among the places to be visited last night was that of Mrs. Anton Bookmeyer. It is reported that some one attempted to gain entrance to the house, when Mrs. Bookmeyer and daughter ran to a neighbors, thus frightening the intruder away. Nothing has yet been missed from the premises visited last night.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett, mayor, Girard, Ala.

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## SIXTY RIPRAPPERS WANTED

By the Burlington Officials Who Have Charge of Work Across the River.

## THE PRESENT FORCE IS INSUFFICIENT

Task of Protecting River Bank by Means of Stone and Willows Must be Completed Before Winter.

The Burlington officials at this point who have charge of the riprap work that has been in progress since last spring on the east bank of the river gave the information today that sixty more men were wanted at once, in order to complete the work before winter arrives. This work was necessitated by the encroachment of the "Old Muddy" last spring, and in order to prevent a repetition of the cutting off of the banks next spring, two gangs of men have been employed all summer, sinking matings of willows and stone, along the bank for a distance of several miles. The two gangs at present employed are under Oscar Sampson and Oscar Arvidson, but the entire work is under the supervision of D. C. Woodring, superintendent of bridges for the Burlington.

The construction of this riprap work was begun several years ago, when about a mile and a half of willows and stone was placed in the river just above the bridge. This proved to be a very effective protection for the bank, until the sudden rise last spring secured a hold on the land above the old riprap work, which it threatened to wash out and resume washing away the bank.

Additional men are very urgently needed, in order to finish up the job, before the river freezes, as after that time the work is carried on with difficulty.

### A Big Land Deal.

There was a big deal closed up yesterday involving a tract of 530 acres of land on the Missouri bottom, the total consideration on both sides being \$106,000.

By the deal George Boileau of Red Oak comes into possession of a portion of the old John Wright farm four miles south of Pacific Junction.

This farm was recently owned by Amos Everham who traded it about a year ago to Ex-State Senator Elliott Lowe of Lincoln, Neb.

The farm was put in at \$100 an acre, \$25,000 cash being paid and the balance being various Red Oak properties.

A few weeks ago Mr. Boileau acquired from W. H. Cowgill the C. F. Timmons farm of 230 acres in that locality, so that now he has about 750 acres of fine bottom land in a body.

This big deal was engineered by Glenwood real estate men, Bromely & Lewis acting for Lowe and R. W. Greenslee for Boileau.—Glenwood Tribune.

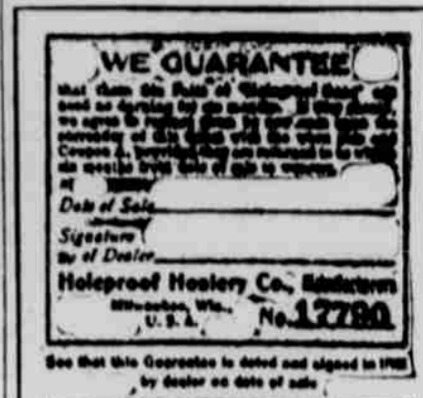
### Failed to Find Watch.

Mrs. Louisa Cooper and Miss Edith Buzzel, who went to Omaha yesterday afternoon in an endeavor to secure some trace, or if possible, recover the watch which was stolen from Mrs. Cooper several days ago, were unable to do so, and returned home last night. The number of the watch had been sent to the chief of police in Omaha, who had in turn notified the pawn shops that a watch had been stolen, but no one had attempted to leave a watch of that number in an Omaha shop, but it may turn up later on, when the matter is forgotten.

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## THE PLATTSMOUTH SCHOOLS

The following figures are taken from the reports of the teachers for the first month: Enrollment in high school 185; grades, 910; average attendance in high school, 172; grades, 797; tardy marks—high school, 10; grades, 40; per cent of attendance, high school 97; grades, 93. Last year for the corresponding month the figures were as follows: Enrollment—high school, 164; grades, 897; average attendance high school, 156; grades, 782; tardy marks, 247; per cent of attendance, 98-93.

We have never had a more favorable start than this year. Pupils and teachers were down to progressive work the second day of school. The department of the pupils in the buildings and on the grounds has been highly satisfactory.

Principal Strickland has sent to parents of the high school pupils a circular relative to home study that has my hearty approval. We have been gradually increasing the demands upon high school students until today it is absolutely necessary for those who expect to get the best results to give some time to home study.

Had I been writing the circular I should have asked this question, "Are you sure that social demands upon your child is not interfering with school work?" My observation during the last four years has convinced me that in many cases pupils have not attained best results because of their social life. No child can give two or three evenings of the week to the theatre or social functions and be prepared to do the best work in school. I find an excellent article along this same line in this week's Nebraska Teacher, from the pen of Supt. A. A. Reed of Superior. I shall ask our city papers to give it space some day soon.

The San Francisco collection amounts to \$56.25. The gift will certainly broaden the children's conception of "Who is My Neighbor?" E. L. ROUSS, Superintendent.