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PRESSURE TO RAISE IOWA RATES.

For the past four months the Iowa railroads and their subsidized organs in the important trade centers have been hammering away at the Iowa Railroad Commission to induce it to revise the freight schedules and raise freight rates.

In response to this clamor for higher rates the commission has issued a notice "to whom it may concern" that it proposes to hold a session at Des Moines Thursday, December 27, to hear, discuss and determine the justice and propriety of such action.

The keynote of the appeal was sounded on behalf of the railroads last Thursday in an address delivered before the members of the Commercial exchange of Des Moines by Mr. W. C. Brown, general manager of the Missouri lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad.

But when the Burlington manager attempts to place railway construction as a complement of local manufactures because railroads build bridges and construct or repair locomotives and cars he is sidetracking the main issue.

Now let us see what the Board of Public Works will do with the Sherman avenue paving contract, which has taken up so much of the time of the courts and city council.

The retiring council has concluded to turn over several knotty questions to the new council rather than wrestle with them.

Another lamp explosion has been reported from Clay Center, in this state, which caused the burning up of a dwelling and came very near causing serious loss of life.

Nebraska is bound to make some noise at Washington whether congress is in session or out of session.

Fullman stock is quoted at 154 in the New York stock exchange, Central Pacific at 14, Union Pacific at 12 and Northern Pacific at 7 cents on the dollar.

DEATH OF AN EMINENT PIONEER.

The announcement of the death of T. M. Marquett caused profound sorrow and regret among those steadily decreasing band of pioneers who laid the foundations of this commonwealth and converted it from a wilderness to one of the most prolific and populous states in the union.

The forthcoming banquet of the Jacksonians, which is to take place in this city on the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, will be looked forward to with a good deal of interest.

The principals of the New York public schools have received a severe shock by an order just issued by Superintendent Jasper, whose heart must be as his name indicates as hard as flint.

The American Policy. John Burns says: "Fair treatment of the laboring man and the education of his children will solve part of the labor troubles."

Dollar Gas that Pays. Speaking of gas advertisements, the auctioneer says: "The Lowell Gas Light company at something over 250,000 shares, illustrates how valuable a gas property is."

A Desirable Reform. The bill introduced in the house by Representative Fielder to prevent extortion in the New York salt trade, has been pushed through to California.

Dismemberment of the Union Pacific. The dismemberment of the Union Pacific by the accession and reorganization of the Short Line, has been projected.

INCOME TAX LAW TO BE TESTED. The equity branch of the supreme court of the District of Columbia has been applied to for an order to restrain the commissioner of internal revenue from assessing and collecting a tax upon the income of John B. Moore of New York.

Chicago Tribune: "Great Scott!" cried Morphy, meeting his friend Knutts "what is in your mind about going around with your children in that fashion?"

HINTS FOR LEGISLATORS.

Altkinson Graphic: More laws should be repealed by the incoming legislature than enacted. Nebraska is being governed a "leste too much."

North Bend Argus: A great stroke of economy would be the lopping off of the salaries attached to the office of secretary of the board of transportation, which office is simply kept for the purpose of drawing salaries, as the work could easily be done by one man.

Creighton News: John L. Webster, attorney for the state in the maximum freight rate case, has been appointed to be repealed. If the state legislature acts in harmony with the interests of the people, it will make an appropriation for the purpose of carrying this case to the higher courts.

Adams County Democrat: It is said that Governor Holcomb in his inaugural will recommend the repeal of the present law which permits the farming out of public lands to the highest bidder.

Washington Star: "Santa Claus must do a tremendous amount of traveling," remarked the congressman's small boy.

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THAT BEATRICE SPEECH.

Auburn Granger: They don't seem to be able to read the words out of the republican party, and their best efforts at laughing him out don't seem to secure.

Central City Nonpareil: Rosewater's Beatrice speech makes interesting reading to those who have not read it.

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VOICE OF THE STATE PRESS.

Kearney Era: The Omaha Bee is right in its advocacy of the public ownership of the proposed Omaha canal.

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house my good wife and I were stirring, not even a mouse;

The children were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;

When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He sprang to his feet, and he went straight to his work;

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, and laying his finger aside of his nose,

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, and away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

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