

TWO-CENT RATE SUITS HIM

Local Passenger Fare Dissolved by Local Railroad Official.

EXPRESSES SENTIMENT OF HIS CLASS

Involved in the Change Would Be Abolishment of All Special Rates and Price of Tickets Would Be Strictly Uniform.

The spirit of retrenchment has struck the traveling public and is becoming manifest in a sentiment that is growing throughout the country in favor of a reduction of passenger rates, or at least that what railroad men say.

Reports from Iowa are that a bill will undoubtedly be introduced at the coming session of the Hawkeye legislature to reduce passenger fares in Iowa to 2 cents per mile and that the sentiment of the state is strongly in favor of the passage of the measure.

The outcropping of the sentiment for cheaper riding on railroads in Iowa is only a sample of the feeling that is growing in all parts of the country. It is now pretty generally conceded that the recent demands of certain roads for reductions in the sleeping car rates was only a ruse, intended to divert the attention of the public from the high rates that have been exacted for passenger travel.

It is a fact, admitted by railroad people, that while all classes of business has been subjected to the knife of retrenchment during the past few years, there has been no reduction in passenger rates worth mentioning.

Freight rates have been whittled down a little every year until they are now much less than they were three and four years ago, but the passenger rates for the common, everyday travelers have been kept up to the top notch.

The railroads have made excursions rates frequently at the usual price of a fare and a third for the round trip, or 4 cents a mile for a round trip ticket.

In cases where the rate has been fixed at one fare, or 1 1/2 cents a mile for the round trip, commercial travelers have been given mileage books that amount to 2 cents a mile and reductions have been made for big theatrical troupes, and for harvest home excursions and the like, but the everyday passenger has to pay 3 cents a mile on nearly every railroad in the country.

Local railroad men appreciate the growing sentiment in favor of a reduction of passenger rates, and at the same time are in favor of it. A reduction of rates would do away with many of the evils that now cause so much trouble in the passenger business.

A prominent official, discussing the subject, said: "The general adoption of a 2-cent a mile passenger rate would be a very desirable thing that could happen to western roads. Most of our trouble at present comes from the scalpers, who take advantage of excursion tickets and cheap rates at special occasions. If a 2-cent rate were made universal the excursion business would be dropped and all travelers would save like we would get more business and it would be more profitable. It would have the effect, too, of cutting off a lot of the pass business that is now given for political and business reasons and would give the roads a chance to earn something on the business they carry.

Abolish the cheap excursions, the cut rates for certain classes and let the passenger traffic on a common basis of 2 cents a mile, and collect the money for that, and the lot of the agent would be much more pleasant than it is at present or can be under present conditions."

Seen by an Outsider. Ray Raymond, the railroad man of the Salt Lake Herald, made the trip from Chicago to Ogden on the first run of the "Overland Limited." He stopped in Omaha long enough to inspect the passenger depot facilities and this is what he said about them:

While in Omaha recently the Herald man made endeavor to size up the actual situation on union depot matters, and to that end looked over the ground in person as well as met and talked with people prominent on one side or other of the controversy.

Bolled down to a minimum, there is one fact apparent to all, i. e., the site on Ninth and Farnam streets is the logical sequence of Omaha's growth and not of the machinations of men or the different roads interested in the union depot matter. Fifteen years ago the building of a union depot station on the site of the long, low shed answering such purposes, would not have aroused opposition, as the Omaha of then is not the Omaha of today.

Another feature is the hostility shown by the street railway companies—they are in the business of hauling passengers, and are prone to view through the prism of dividend glasses—corporate interests usually do.

A fair and impartial summary of the case is found in saying that Omaha is a city that has expanded already upon a passenger building down in the hole, work on that having ceased only a couple of years ago, but the expenditure of such a sum is in no way proof against latter day methods and arguments for the up-town site.

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THE NEBRASKA SHOE HOUSE.

1413 Douglas Street—Mammoth Sale of Arctics, Rubbers and Felt Shoes. BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH. Our buyer has just returned from Chicago, where he has purchased at auction a large stock of men's, ladies' and children's arctics, rubbers and felt shoes. These goods were bought at such ridiculously low prices that we will sell them for one-half of the wholesale prices. These goods were bought of the United States Rubber Co., and are all new and fresh. No cheap trash among them. All fine goods. We will receive them Monday and Tuesday and will place them on sale Wednesday morning, December 4.

Below we give you an idea of how these goods will be sold:

- 150 prs men's arctics go at 68c.
100 prs men's alarkas go at 65c.
115 prs men's rubbers go at 38c.
100 prs men's felt boots go at 48c.
125 prs ladies' high top arctics go at \$1.25.
150 prs ladies' extra good quality arctics go at 65c.
120 prs ladies' extra good quality rubbers go at 22c.
110 prs misses' extra good quality rubbers go at 18c.
108 prs children's extra good quality rubbers go at 15c.
112 prs children's extra good quality arctics go at 28c.
100 prs boys' felt boots go at 35c.
125 prs men's heavy German socks go at 65c.
100 prs ladies' felt slippers go at 10c.
120 prs ladies' and men's overgaiters go at 18c.

These goods will positively not be on sale until Wednesday morning, December 4. All fine goods. We will receive them Monday and Tuesday and will place them on sale Wednesday morning, December 4.

THE NEBRASKA SHOE HOUSE.

1415 Douglas. "He Knew Lincoln." There are only a few men still living of whom this can be said. Henry Waterston is one of them. Mr. Waterston's acquaintance with the great war president extended over many years and although during the "late unpleasantness" he fought for the south, he is in better equipped to place before his hearers a clear cut, analytic, pleasing and altogether satisfactory description of Lincoln.

The Burlington's 5:00 p. m. train for Chicago; The Burlington's 4:35 p. m. train for Denver; The Burlington's 8:55 a. m. train for Kansas City. Tickets at 1224 Farnam street.

See Samuel Burns' great reduction sale this week. One-tenth of everything in the store. Don't miss it.

Columbia Metal Polish. Cross Gun Co. Hamilton Warren, M. D., electric and magnetic physician; special attention to diseases of women and children and all obscure and long standing diseases. 119 N. 16th street, room 2.

A Clean Sweep. Is what the OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL, via the NORTHWESTERN, gets before starting east at 5:45 p. m. That is because it is a complete OMAHA train from UNION PACIFIC DEPOT, OMAHA. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

Flyers that Fly—The Burlington's 5:00 p. m. train for Chicago; The Burlington's 4:35 p. m. train for Denver; The Burlington's 8:55 a. m. train for Kansas City. Tickets at 1224 Farnam street.

Take the electric lighted, solid vestibuled limited train of the C., M. & St. P. R'y, which leaves the union depot, Omaha, daily at 6:00 p. m. for Chicago and all points east. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam St.

Omaha Gets a New Train. The Overland Limited, via Union Pacific-Northwestern, that formerly took an Omaha sleeper east daily at 5:45 p. m., now leaves an hour earlier, and in its place, at a quarter to 6 every evening, the NORTHWESTERN ERN line starts a new complete train in OMAHA, from OMAHA and for OMAHA, arriving in Chicago at 8:45 o'clock next morning. A clean vestibule—real Hot-Air-Sand-Ben-flyer with sleepers—(superb)—chair cars—free and dining car (Northwestern). City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

Nowhere has a warmer welcome been accorded Henry Waterston than in those cities of the north where the old war spirit was once most rampant. At Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, St. Paul, he has been greeted with glowing honours. Commenting on his recent appearance in that city, the Chicago Evening Journal says: "Henry Waterston's brilliant, beautiful and affecting oration upon Abraham Lincoln is a contribution to literature no less than to oratory. No picture of the great martyr has been so vividly drawn, no picture has been so picturesquely colored as this one, drawn and colored by a southerner who was once a rebel in heart and in act. It is an imperishable wreath on Lincoln's imperishable tomb in the hearts of his countrymen." Creighton hall, Monday evening, December 2. Admission, 50 cents.

Consultation Free. Consult your best interests and go east via the evening Northwestern line, OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL, at "a quarter to six," arriving at Chicago at 8:45 o'clock the next morning. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

Ladies in poor circumstances can receive free attendance in confinement by applying to the Creighton Matn. College, Tel. 1167.

"Making Things Run." No. 6, Omaha, 6:45 p. m., Chicago, 8:45 a. m. No. 2, Omaha, 4:45 p. m., Chicago, 7:45 a. m. No. 1, Chicago, 6:00 p. m., Omaha, 8:10 a. m. No. 3, Chicago, 10:45 p. m., Omaha, 10:45 p. m. No. 8, Omaha, 10:20 p. m., Chicago, 7:00 a. m. No. 5, Chicago, 4:30 p. m., Omaha, 9:20 a. m. THE NORTHWESTERN LINE. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

The winter term of Morand's dancing school, 1510 Harney street, begins this week. Children beginners, Tuesday, 4 p. m., and Saturday, 10 a. m.; advance, 2 p. m.; Adults, Tuesday and Friday, 8 p. m.; private lessons given. Always open.

The Trains that Run. As they are advertised to run—The Burlington's 4:35 p. m. train for Denver; The Burlington's 5:00 p. m. train for Chicago; The Burlington's 8:55 a. m. train for Kansas City. Tickets at 1224 Farnam street.

A. J. Eaton paints signs on everything but wind, 1314 Douglas, tel. 1515. 5:45 P. M. a quarter to six. The new "Omaha-Chicago Special," via the Northwestern line, arriving at Chicago next morning a quarter to nine, 8:45 a. m. City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

Dining cars on all trains to and from Omaha on Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. Meals served "a la carte." City ticket office, 1504 Farnam St.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Chicago limited leaves the union depot daily at 6:00 p. m., arriving union depot, Chicago, at 9:00 a. m. Fast express for Chicago, Sioux City and Dakota leaves union depot at 10:45 a. m. and arrives at Chicago at 7:15 a. m. Omaha Limited Express leaves Chicago daily at 6:00 p. m., arrives Omaha union depot at 8:00 a. m. Dakota, Omaha and Denver Express leaves Chicago at 10:25 p. m., arrives at Omaha 3:25 p. m. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam St.

The Observant Traveler. Who nowadays watches the bulletin boards at the Union depot will learn, among a great many other interesting things, that HURLINGTON ROUTE TRAINS RUN ON TIME.

Y. W. C. A. Notes. There will be no entertainment at the rooms Monday night next. The class in English, which meets on Tuesday night at 7:30, is still open to members.

The gospel meeting at the rooms on Sunday at 10 o'clock will be led by Miss Gady, the secretary. Subject: "The Book of Books," Miss Grace Chamberlain will sing.

The Thanksgiving dinner served at the rooms was duly appreciated by over forty young women away from home. Turkey, oysters and all the rest of the good things were there in abundance and many happy things were said expressing the appreciation of the guests, many of whom were strangers.

Just a Little Faster. Than any other train to Denver—the Burlington "Denver Limited," which leaves Omaha at 4:35 p. m. daily. Tickets at 1224 Farnam street.

HOMESIEKERS' EXCURSION. November 27th and December 11th. On the above dates of the season Pacific railway will sell round trip tickets to points in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana at one fare (plus 25c). For particulars, maps, etc., call or address depot, 1224 and Webster, or N. E. corner 13th and Farnam streets, Omaha, Neb. Thomas F. Godfrey, P. and T. A. J. O. Phillips, A. G. F. and P. A.

W. R. BENNETT CO.

It is One of the Marvels of Omaha! What One-Get-What-You-Get at the GREAT BENNETT STORE. We have arranged a grand display and sale of bargains varying in price from ONE CENT EACH UP TO FIFTY DOLLARS. We will receive them Monday and Tuesday and will place them on sale Wednesday morning, December 4.

No matter where you may go through our various departments you will find these bargains plainly marked on every counter, table or stand. Take a trip through the various departments and be convinced that nowhere else can you find such bargains for so little money, viz. in the DRUG DEPARTMENT, JEWELRY DEPARTMENT, HARDWARE DEPARTMENT, STATIONERY DEPARTMENT, TOBACCO DEPARTMENT, TEA, COFFEE AND SPICE DEPARTMENT, GROCERY DEPARTMENT, CROCKERY DEPARTMENT, BUTTER AND MEAT DEPARTMENT, FURNITURE DEPARTMENT, TOY DEPARTMENT, DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT, CARPET AND RUG DEPARTMENT, GENTS' FURNISHING DEPARTMENT. You will find no job lots, no bankrupts or wreck sale goods, but EVERYTHING CLEAN, NEAT AND DESIRABLE.

W. R. BENNETT CO. GOOD GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES. California. If you want to get there comfortably, cheaply, quickly, call at the Burlington's city ticket office, 1224 Farnam street, and ask for information about our Personally Conducted Excursions. They leave every Thursday morning.

Homeseekers' Excursion South. VIA THE WABASH R. R. On November 13, 27 and December 11, the Wabash will sell tickets to Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas at half fare with \$2.00 added. For tickets and further information, or a copy of the Homeseekers' Guide, call at Wabash office, 1415 Farnam street, or write G. N. CLAYTON, N. W. P. Agt.

Luncheon from 12 to 2; entertainments each evening, December 3, 4, 5 and 6, at Creighton hall. Fancy and useful articles for sale by the ladies of the First Congregational church.

COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS. Van Court Paid for Work on the Southwest Road. At the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday very little beyond routine business was transacted. The claim of E. D. Van Court & Co., for \$7,872, the third estimate on the southwest road, was allowed. The claim of Detective McGuire for \$192 as witness in the Sport case and expenses was allowed on the recommendation of the county attorney.

The board authorized the employment of another man as an assistant at the clarity store to examine into the circumstances of the applicants for assistance. The county clerk was ordered to advertise for bids for hauling coal to the houses of needy persons in South Omaha.

The bond of County Clerk-elect Redfield was fixed at \$10,000. A number of bonds of minor officers-elect were accepted.

Some High California Banks. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The annual reports of the ten savings banks of this city show that they have assets amounting to a total of \$116,000,000. This is a gain of \$2,500,000 over last year. \$100,000 is due depositors and \$50,000,000 has been loaned on real estate. The seventeen commercial banks of the city have assets of \$77,000,000.

TOM BENTON WAS BOUND TO SERVE.

Could Not Be Removed as Juror in Outland Case. Considerable criticism has been aroused by the selection of Tom Benton, ex-state auditor, as a member of the jury to try the case against Cashier Outland of the defunct Capital National bank of Lincoln, now on in the federal court. Under the law the government has the privilege, in a criminal case, of exercising three peremptory challenges, while the defense has the same privilege. The order of procedure is for the government to exercise its challenge first, then the defense, then the government, and so in turn until all six are exhausted. In this case the government and defense had exercised one challenge each, but when it came to the government's second challenge Attorney Sawyer waived his second one, and the defense used its second one. When it came to the government's third challenge Mr. Sawyer looked the jury over and stated to the court that he was satisfied to submit the case to the twelve men in the box, and that the government would waive its last peremptory also.

Mr. Burr, who is one of the counsel for the defense, secured the release of one of the jurymen on the ground that he was an attorney, and when Frank called the next jurymen the man was "Thomas H. Benton."

In answer to the questions of Mr. Sawyer, Benton swore on his solemn oath that he was perfectly unprejudiced and unbiased, that he knew of no reason why he was not competent to serve on the jury, that he had never heard the guilt or innocence of Outland discussed in Lincoln, that he had never expressed an opinion on the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and that he had no opinion thereon himself. He also averred that he had never had an opinion of the guilt or innocence of Moshier until the latter had pleaded guilty, when "naturally he believed him." He was ready for Mr. Sawyer at all points, but when asked if the facts during the coming days would be discovered how admirably fitted he was for a juror, and despite the fact that he was a depositor, and desiring to be impartial, the defense gladly accepted him as a juror, not exercising the last peremptory at all.

A CARD FROM W. R. Bennett Co. To Our Patrons and Customers: With the advent of the holiday season we find ourselves obliged to suspend our usual custom of loaning dishes, crockery or any other kind of goods during the coming holidays. As it will be impossible to supply the stock and help needed to take care of all our friends, and desiring to be impartial, we are constrained to make this announcement, covering this particular busy period of our business. Respectfully, W. R. BENNETT CO.



Boys' and Girls' sleds. 25c up



Doll Cabs. 25c up



Toy Books, big variety. 5c, 10c and up



Mustard Chinese. Just the thing for youngsters. 25c



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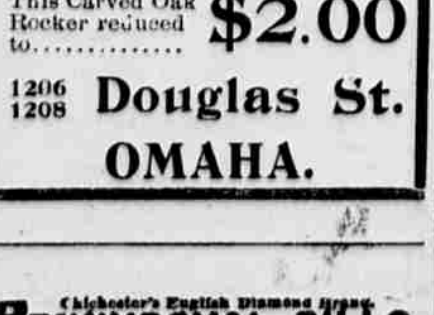
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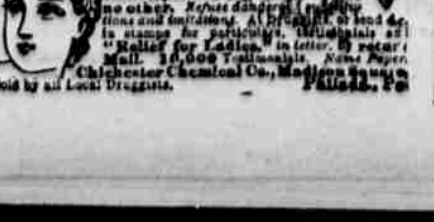
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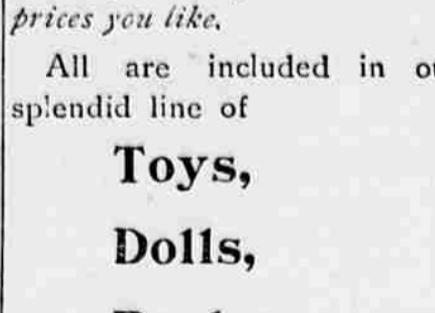
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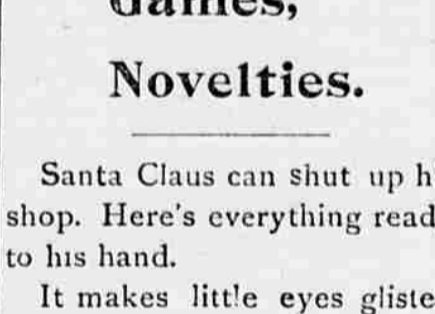
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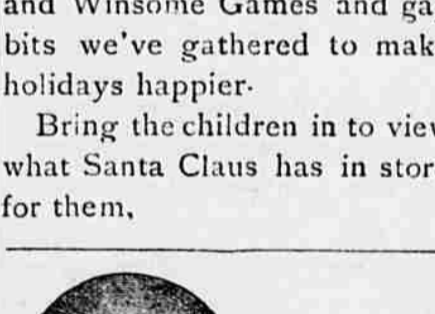
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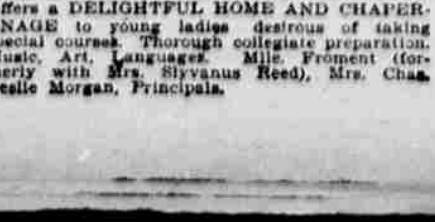
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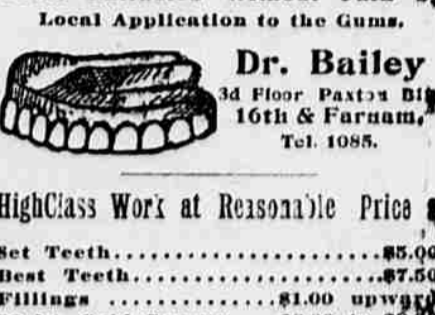
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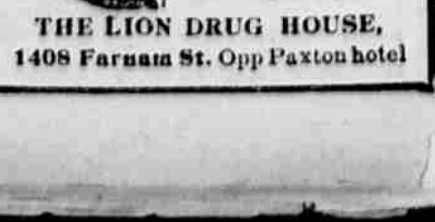
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Right now we are ready with an immense assortment of Christmas gifts.

The presents you want at the prices you like.

All are included in our splendid line of

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Dolls,

Books,

Games,

Novelties.

Santa Claus can shut up his shop. Here's everything ready to his hand.

It makes little eyes glisten with gladness even to glimpse at the myriads of pretty Toys and Winsome Games and gay bits we've gathered to make holidays happier.

Bring the children in to view what Santa Claus has in store for them.

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