

BETTER RATES ARE IN SIGHT

Result of the Conference of Passenger Men and Exposition Officials.

TICKETS TO OMAHA WILL BE CHEAPER

Recommendation to the Western Passenger Association Agreed Upon, but Its Publication Deferred Until After Ratification.

Lower railroad rates to Omaha during the remainder of the exposition are in sight. The result of the joint conference between the general passenger agents of the Omaha terminal railroads and representatives of the exposition and of the Omaha Commercial club was the recommendation of a set of lower rates to the Western Passenger Association.

Two sessions on the subject of reduced rates to the exposition were held here yesterday. The morning session was held in the Administration Arch on the exposition grounds and representatives of the several interests mentioned were present.

Previous to the morning meeting the visiting railroads met the local passenger agents at the Elkhorn headquarters and hurriedly went over the local rate situation. Then the party adjourned to the exposition grounds, where the conference was called to order shortly after 11 o'clock.

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL PASSENGER AGENTS

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RATE WAR IS ONLY COMMENCING.

General Passenger Agents Talk Glibly of the Situation. There was some consternation in passenger circles yesterday when the Milwaukee's cut to \$2.25 in the Chicago rate business was known.

There is no doubt but that the other lines will offer the same rate on Tuesday morning, when the Milwaukee's rate is expected to be in effect.

Asked where the rate war was going to bring up, Chairman Caldwell of the Western Passenger Association yesterday said: "It's pretty hard to tell. The rate of \$2.25 between Chicago and Omaha and \$8 between Chicago and St. Paul will be in effect on Tuesday. It is probable that the lines to St. Louis will also make a cut, but nothing has as yet been announced concerning a cut in the rates to Kansas City.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

Three Hundred Dollars Set Aside to Assist the Omaha Schools in Making a Live Exhibit.

A brief session was held by the county commissioners yesterday morning. Miscellaneous claims amounting to about \$29,000 were allowed.

The request of the city school board for \$500 for an exhibit at the exposition was taken up and acted upon, not just as the school board wanted, but still their request as a measure of compliance.

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DAYS SACRED TO RED MEN

Wednesday and Thursday Set Apart for Their Celebrations.

SECRET SOCIETY AND THE EXPOSITION

Members of the Improved Order of Red Men Will Observe Two Special Occasions at the Grounds During the Week.

During this week Omaha is to be given over largely to Red Men. On Monday the advance delegates will arrive in the city.

On Tuesday morning the St. Joseph Red Men will arrive at 11 o'clock, and from that time on every train will bring in delegates from all parts of the country.

The local committee of the exact time they expect to reach Omaha, but they will be here in time to take part in the exercises on the 10th and end the day with a genuine Red Men's sham battle, something which is entirely new to Omaha.

August 11 is Tennessee Red Men's day and will be celebrated appropriately by the Red Men who come from that state, assisted by the local Red Men.

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THE GENUINE SALE!

We said we would astonish you on Dress Goods—The majority of our customers are like the gentleman from Missouri, "They have to be shown"—We propose Monday to give further proof that "Facts are stranger than fiction" and incidentally give a few object lessons to the people who are in the habit of patronizing those who seldom indulge in anything else but fiction.

Now to Business.

With this slight preamble we will get down to business. Know then all ye people: On Monday morning promptly at 8 o'clock—all the fancies in

Dress Goods.

Colored all wool and otherwise—sold up to 25c—will be sold at 12 1/2c.

A lot of all wool and mixed goods, sold originally up to 50c, will be sold at 25c per yard.

All the silk and wool, all wool, canvas, checks, and other fancies, sold up to 85c, will be sold at 49c.

All dollar goods, no matter what the style or weave, will be sold at 69c.

All the \$1.25 goods, late weaves, new colorings, will be sold at 89c.

And all the fine goods which were \$1.50 and \$1.75, will be sold at \$1.15.

And now for a Wash Goods

Announcement absolutely without a parallel in Omaha's history.

First Item—All our 12 1/2c percales, one yard wide

FOR A NICKEL. —one case of zephyr ginghams—a lot of shadow printed 15c lawns—and a lot of linen color novelty weave skirtings—one round price for a selection—5c per yard.

Second Item—All the imported organdies—all Irish dimities—all French batiste—all fine Swisses—goods which sold from 20c up to 35c—one price for selection Monday—10c per yard.

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Men's Shirt Sale Continued.

Jupiter Pluvius caused a little trouble Saturday— or the 50c and 75c shirts selling at 29c would be a thing of the past—Still an assortment of the \$1.00 fine goods at 75c.

Ladies' Underwear.

32 dozen fine thread union suits, high neck and short sleeves, low neck and no sleeves—in other words, with or without—a hummer for a half dollar—should make excitement at 25c.

Just about 10 dozens finest lisle vests, sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25, will close at 50c.

Look in the window for quarter vest selling.

Hosiery Bargains.

25c and 35c children's hose, 10c per pair. Take a look at blacks and fancies for ladies selling 3 for a half in boxes—if you don't find them worth 75c we will be surprised.

Some People Don't Like Elevators.

For these we have a comfortable stairway. You must get up somehow to see the \$5.00 suits, good styles, sold by us from \$12.00 to \$20.00.

On Monday our best linen and pique suits, which were \$6.00 and \$6.50—\$3.98.

White lawn and pique waists at 98c. Silk waists, two lots, \$1.98 and \$3.98.

An odd lot of children's dresses, fast color lawn, skirt and blouse separate, \$1.00 each. Little misses like these—make them feel like young ladies.

Shirt Waists.

Shirt Waists at 40c—60c—98c. And one lot at 25c each. We would not mention these again except for the benefit of visitors to the city.

Just to bring you into the Drapery Department will sell Goto Print Crepes—Cretonnes and Twills at 5c per yard. Remember this sale will soon be over.

Men's Furnishings.

The stock of summer underwear at two prices—15c and 35c—marvellous selling, you will say.

Seamless fast black sock with Maco feet—12c pair. All our fine lace pattern fancy lisle sock—25c pair.

\$1 bicycle hose—for man or woman—45c pair.

THOMAS KILPATRICK & CO.

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Deputy Sheriff Miles Mitchell to serve warrants issued by justices of the peace and in ridding the city of confidence men. In this connection Deputy Sheriff Mitchell said last night that if any citizen here would point out a flimflammer he would arrest the man providing a complaint was filed after-ward.

Frank Widoe, a blacksmith employed at Cudahy's, was killed yesterday afternoon by Harry Hulsman in a fight at Welsh's livery stable at the west end of the L street viaduct. Both men had been drinking and it is stated by those who were present that Widoe made some insulting remarks to Hulsman and the latter struck Widoe a blow on the chin, felling him to the ground.

It was not thought at the time that a murder had been committed, but as soon as it was evident that Widoe would not recover Hulsman left the stable and took a course over the hills toward the northwest. After being struck Widoe struggled in an attempt to speak but could not and died without uttering a word. As soon as it was evident that Widoe was seriously injured, attaches of the barn telephoned for Dr. White, who responded to the call immediately. Upon examination the doctor found that the windpipe had been broken by the blow, which caused strangulation, resulting in death.

Corner Swanson was notified and ordered George Brewer to take charge of the remains pending an investigation, which will be held Monday. The men had been chatting together for some time prior to the striking of blows. Hulsman is well-known here and is known as a fighter and one who often starts out to look for trouble. There is nothing to show that he was the aggressor.

When the police station had been duly notified of the killing two officers were sent out with instructions to find Hulsman and arrest him. The Omaha police were also notified to be on the lookout for him. Widoe was a young man of fine physique.

Last evening Hulsman surrendered to Chief Brennan and was taken to the county jail. Formal complaint will not be filed against the prisoner until after the coroner's jury investigates the killing.

Johnston on the Tax Levy. SOUTH OMAHA, Aug. 5.—To the Editor of the Bee: The following extracts are taken from an interview in the Bee with Mayor Ensor, and from an editorial in a South Omaha paper: "In connection with the 56-mill levy, Mayor Ensor says that his administration should not be charged with extravagance, as the levy is made necessary on account of the accumulations which were allowed to accumulate under previous administrations."

"Prior to the time Mayor Ensor assumed control not a cent had been paid to the water company for hydrant rentals. \* \* \* When I assumed the duties of chief executive, the mayor said yesterday, 'I was confronted with \$35,000 in judgments.' Editorial: "When Mayor Ensor was installed into office his administration was confronted with in the neighborhood of a \$35,000 judgment debt. Since he has been mayor one judgment of \$500 has been secured."

"I will briefly respond to the above statements made by the mayor. Instead of the judgments against the city when the present administration came into power—April, 1895—being, as the mayor says, \$35,000, in my answer to the mayor's message, July, 1896, and which I asked him, without success, to refute), the judgments and costs aggregated only \$24,796.22. Bear in mind that during the last two years the administration have drawn warrants for \$20,549.99 in judgments, and now they have made a levy of 15c mills for the same fund, producing \$25,904. Why this levy, if the only judgment against the city in the last two

years was one for \$800? The mayor misleads the people when he states that the present administration is the only one who has paid the water company anything, while the truth is, the administrations previous to this paid water bills amounting to \$18,190.96, this, too, notwithstanding the fact that during his administration there has been received in the judgment and \$20,808.73 and \$4,498 from the water levy of last year, the water bills of June 30, 1896, amounting to \$3,163; January 1, 1897, amounting to \$3,353.16, remain unpaid, and the bill of January 1, 1898, amounting to \$2,405, was not paid until July 17 last. So it seems that the present administration has not paid water bills much better than preceding administrations. Instead of there being only \$500 in judgments entered against the city during the present administration there has been over \$14,000, costs not included. Two years ago the excuse for a 50-mill levy was that the preceding administration had left a large number of bills unpaid, judgments and a shortage in the interest account and it was better to make a big levy and clean up the indebtedness, but in addition to the 50-mill levy, producing \$71,570, there was received from other sources that year \$23,714.99, and still the administration made the next (last) year a levy of 4 1/2 mills, producing \$4,226.60, and received from other sources \$12,285.89, and now we have this year a 56-mill levy, producing \$71,570, and they have received \$14,400 from the occupation tax. The administration says they cannot be charged with extravagance. Well, let us examine this. The following statement shows the current expenses for the last two years, April, 1896, to April, 1898, and for the preceding two years:

APRIL, 1896, TO APRIL, 1898. Receipts and balances in funds. \$171,822.62 Less balance in funds April, 1896. 14,955.17 \$1