

RAILROAD STOCKS ADVANCE

Securities of the Omaha Lines All Have an Upward Tendency.

ARE GOOD SELLERS ALL THE TIME

Prices More Than Double What They Were on the Day When Bryan Made His Madison Garden Speech.

In the hull of railroad building, when news lines to the city are surveying their routes and watching the movements of their more or less jealous competitors, the attention of railroad officials is occupied temporarily with watching the New York stock market. Just now the good railroad stocks are on the high tide of popularity, and those of the roads coming to Omaha are along in the front line of the procession. For instance, the Northwestern stock Thursday touched 147½, which placed it third in the list of quotations for that day. The first was the Atch, at 169, and the second the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, at 157. The fourth in the list was the Burlington, which touched 140 and closed at 139½. The Northern, which suffered stock reached the gratifying figure of 190, Lake Shore stock, which usually ranks at the top of the list, was not sold Thursday, which removed it for the time from the comparisons.

The figures reached by the Burlington's stock are as high, if not the highest, ever attained by those securities. An interesting comparison can be made with the price in 1896, during the week that Mr. Bryan visited Madison Square garden to be formally notified of his nomination for the presidency, when this same stock was sold for 53½. On Wednesday 95,500 shares of Burlington stock were sold on the exchange, which almost equalled all the other transactions of the day.

This big advance in the price of the Burlington stock, as well as in that of the other roads, is attributed by railroad men to two causes. The first is the general improvement in the business of the country, which railroads always feel first, and from which they receive among the first benefits; and the second is the stability of the bonds as an investment, which is an essential factor with eastern people who have money to put out in this manner.

Died—White Enroute.

When the Chicago special of the Union Pacific arrived from the west yesterday a little girl was put off at the depot to wait for another train. She was Helen Meeker of Rock Island and was about 10 years of age. She had been traveling from California with her grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Rose of Rock Island, when the latter died on the train. She had not been ill, so the little girl said, but had remarked that if she died she did not want to be buried while the snow was on the ground. The two had waited for the night in a Pullman car, when the girl noticed that all was not right with her grandmother and she called the attention of the train crew. They discovered that the woman was dead, and the remains were taken off at Reno, Nev., where they were embalmed and will be taken east through Omaha this afternoon. The little girl was sent east this afternoon over the Rock Island, an uncle in the meantime having been informed of the situation. The parties are all believed to be well-to-do.

Pats on New Tourist Cars.

One of the finest tourist cars ever turned out of the Pullman shops left Chicago Tuesday over the tracks of the Northwestern. It was bound for Portland and will reach Oregon City Saturday morning. This car is finished in white birch, lighted with Pintos gas, is steam-heated and provided with most of the luxuries found in first-class sleeping cars. Just ahead of it, also bound for Portland, one of the finest of the Pullman cars. This went to Portland by way of Granger and Tooele, reaching its destination Thursday evening. Arrangements have been made whereby passengers may be transferred from either of these cars to enable them to make quick journeys to either Portland or San Francisco. Hereafter like cars will make this journey every day on the Northwestern-Union Pacific.

Milwaukee's Big Earnings.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul still continues to show phenomenal increases in earnings. Its report for the second week of January, which has just been issued, shows an increase in gross earnings, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, of \$144,355. The aggregate earnings were \$884,929, as compared with \$540,574 for the second week of January of last year. The increase is particularly noticeable from the fact that last January business was better than had been known for that month for several years.

Plans for Through Mail.

The Rock Island railroad managers are trying to bring about an arrangement for the establishment of a through mail service from New York to San Francisco which will do away with transfers at junction points. The proposed route is over the New York Central to Buffalo, the Lake Shore to Englewood near Chicago, the Rock Island to Omaha, the Union Pacific to Ogden and the Southern Pacific to San Francisco. Twice a week sixty tons of mail come from Europe destined to transpacific countries. This mail could be rushed overland by the proposed route in from six to eight hours less time than the fastest time now made. The plan contemplates a through train of mail cars, doing away with the transfer of mail from the cars of one road to that of another.

Great Western Earnings.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The earnings of the Chicago Great Western for the first week in January, 1899, show an increase of \$12,653, and for the second week \$17,357 over corresponding weeks in January, 1898. The total increase since the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, is \$182,889.

Railway Notes and Personals.

B. H. Aislett, superintendent of the Iowa

Burlington Route

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division of the Northwestern, and M. L. Burling, engineer for the same division, both of Boone, are visitors in Omaha.

Judge Aaron Wall of Loup City was a visitor at Union Pacific headquarters.

L. H. Tracy, superintendent of telegraph for the Union Pacific, has gone to Wyoming for a few days' trip.

The remains of Paul Crosby, son of George H. Crosby, general freight agent of the Burlington road, have been brought to Omaha, and the funeral will be held Saturday morning. Paul was born in 1874, and that young man left school at the outbreak of the war, and joined a Minnesota regiment of volunteers. He went with the regiment to the Philippines, and died at Manila last October.

Interest in the fast mail trains is not dying out, as one sees many running up against the champions of the contesting roads when one or the other of the lines brings the train in late. This morning the Burlington train was an hour late, while the Northwestern was on time. The Rock Island's No. 5 was also two hours late this morning. The cause of the delay in these trains could not be learned. A special was run to Lincoln in place of No. 5 this morning to accommodate the local business.

IS WELL KNOWN IN NEBRASKA

Facts Relative to the United States Consul at Apia—Was One of the Pioneers of the State.

The revolution at Samoa and the threatening international complications have brought the prominence of the United States consul at Apia, Luther W. Osborne of Nebraska. Osborne is a pioneer of this state and was appointed to Samoa two years ago.

He resided at Blair, Washington county, and was a prominent republican. He was born at Ithaca, N. Y., and entered the union army during the civil war. While in front of Richmond with Grant he cast his first vote—it was for Lincoln for president. Later he studied law with Hon. George B. Bradley of the court of appeals of New York at present, and came to Blair in 1863. In 1873 Mr. Osborne represented Washington and Burt counties in the legislature. For a quarter of a century he was regarded as one of the leading lawyers of the state. In 1876 he was a delegate-at-large to the republican national convention.

Mr. Osborne is an eloquent orator and a man of great determination and courage. He was commander of the state department of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was prominent in the affairs of the organization for many years. He accepted the position at Apia for reasons of health and recreation as much as for anything else. Letters from the consul to Nebraska friends of late indicated that everything was quiet in Samoa and gave no evidence of the present turbulent conditions.

Those who know Mr. Osborne best are certain he will carefully guard the interests of the republic in that remote section of the world and if necessary sacrifice his life in behalf of those he is there to represent.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Possible Fight May Be Precipitated at the Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

It is possible that at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education, one week from next Monday night, the expected fight over the proposed new High school building to be erected with the proceeds of the school bonds voted last fall will be inaugurated. At this meeting a resolution may be introduced ordering plans and specifications to be drawn.

Any such measure as this will start a fight, for there are two elements in the board, each having ideas as to the sort of a building that should be erected. One party wants simply an addition to the present building, while the other desires the new structure to be the beginning of an entirely new school, the present one to be torn down finally. It is impossible to tell just how the board members will line up on this proposition.

"Nothing has been said about the plans of a new building because the board wanted to be sure that the bonds would be floated all right," said President Penfold of the board. "Next week the bonds will be registered with the state auditor and we expect to sell them before March 1. Therefore it is about time that we began to talk about the character of the building, since we want to commence its erection as soon as possible. I anticipate a fight over the kind of a structure to be put up and the board ought to get this out of the way as quickly as possible."

PAYING IN THEIR TAXES

Property Owners Settling with the County Treasurer to Avoid the Penalty and Interest.

"Taxes are coming in much better than they have for any year yet," said Deputy Treasurer Bryant, as he raked in a collection of some \$15. "We cannot say just what our collections have been until we complete our semi-annual statement, upon which we are now working, but from the business we seem to be doing this month, compared with a year ago, I believe people are paying up their taxes much more lively. Some of the taxes extend back a great many years. These are, of course, added in with all the collections for the six months, so that there is no way of telling just how much of the levy has come in."

"It is hardly likely that half of the levy could have been collected, for that would be a most unusual thing, and it is much too early to expect anything like that, but, on the whole, we feel justified in saying that people are paying their taxes better than they have ever been known to before."

Warrants have been called in as follows: General fund, up to registered number 350; road fund, up to 614, and bridge fund, up to 84.

Heavy Mail Continue.

The local postmasters are still having some trouble in handling the big bags of mail that is brought by the fast trains from the east every morning. An arrangement has now been made, however, that will assist somewhat in eliminating the difficulty. The Chicago officials have agreed to send all the mail to the Rock Island station at Omaha intended for Omaha on the Rock Island, which reaches Omaha a little earlier than the other trains. This arrangement will save twenty minutes at the local office and will be of material assistance.

Horrible agony is caused by piles, burns and skin diseases. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch-Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless imitations.

MAGNIFICENT TRAINS.

Omaha to Chicago. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has just passed in some two magnificent electric lighted trains between Omaha and Chicago, leaving Omaha daily at 6:45 p. m. arriving Chicago at 8:25 a. m. and leaving Chicago 9:15 p. m. and arriving Omaha 8:20 a. m. Each train is lighted thoroughly by electricity, has buffet smoking cars, drawing room sleeping cars, dining cars and reclining chair cars and runs over the shortest line and smoothest roads between two cities.

Ticket office, 1504 Farnam street, and at Union depot.

DIED.

BIESER—Amelia, aged 49 years, 8 months; wife of the late Henry Bieser, Jan. 18, 1886. Funeral Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at Swan's Mortuary, corner Seventeenth and Cuming streets. Interment at Prospect Hill cemetery.

KENNEY—Mrs. Hon. Kenney, aged 52 years, Funeral Sunday, January 22, at 2 p. m. from the residence of her son, Mr. M. Kenney, 1552 North 17th Street, to St. Mary's cemetery, South Omaha.

ASTOR BATTERY GOES HOME

New York Boys Who Fought at Manila Pass Through Omaha.

EIGHTY-TWO MEN ARE NOW IN THE PARTY

Five Killed and Eleven Wounded in the Fight Prior to the Surrender of the Spanish Stronghold.

With wreaths of honor which they bear meritoriously, yet with most becoming modesty, the members of the Astor battery of New York City passed through Omaha yesterday on the Burlington No. 6, on their way home, where they will render to the friends who sent them an account of their stewardship, and be mustered from the service which they have honored by their participation.

Many of the members of the battery are men of wealth or sons of wealthy parents, yet we did not forget they were soldiers, and preferred to forego the conveniences of travel which they were able to do, and accepted that which the government furnishes all of its men, regardless of social position.

They traveled in two tourist sleepers, with a baggage car in which was carried their freight and rations. Few, if any, of the members, had any more money with them other than that which was issued by the commissary department in communication of rations, but their pride in their service would not permit any of them to telegraph to New York friends for an advance in a financial way. They subsisted on their hard tack, baked beans, corned beef and tomatoes, with their 21 cents each per day for coffee money, which was spent religiously for that purpose at the lunch counters along the way.

There were eighty-two members of the battery on the train. Those who were in charge of Captain Moore. When they left New York last summer the command was composed of 103 members. Five of them were killed in the battle previous to the surrender of Manila, and eleven were wounded. It was in this battle where the battery gave such a good account of itself, and caused the commanding general to mention the organization in his report to the War department.

The battle occurred amidst a heavy rain, and the story of the loss of a part of the battery and its prompt recapture attended by dire results to the enemy is a matter about which the members had little to say, being parties of the first part, but it is a story which has been well and truly told in the official reports from Manila.

Saved Their Mascot.

Accompanying the members of the party is a fox terrier, whose person is guarded as carefully as if it were a treasure of priceless worth. It is the center of a touching romance. From the nature of the organization, formed as it was largely from the social field of New York, it was natural there should be some little romance attached to it and the dog represents one of these stories, being the only one, possibly, where subsequent events brought the circumstances to light, while there are doubtless a score which will forever remain uncovered by publicity.

When the battery left home this fox terrier was presented to the first sergeant of the organization by a young woman in New York. He carried it with him to Manila and the comrades respected the sentiment which they believed it signified. But the first sergeant was one of the five who gave up their lives in the attack upon the Philippine capital. While he yet had strength enough to tell one of the few things which occurred to him was the care of the brute friend which had become attached to him, not only because of its donor, but through the associations of the long journey. He requested his friends to care for the animal and if they ever returned to New York to take the dog with them and deliver it to the young woman who gave it, as all he had to send as a memento of his life.

This dying request the members of the battery are fulfilling to the letter and of the eighty-two men now homeward bound each counts the party as eighty-three, the fox terrier being considered the representative of the absent non-commissioned officer—a spiritual part of the organization.

The soldiers have had a pleasant journey so far across the country and have received much attention at all the points where their train stopped long enough to permit it. They are glad they are so near home and make no hesitation in saying they have had enough of the Philippines, adding that they also believe the government will have enough of them, too, if it attempts to annex them or to govern them.

Sam'l Burns, 1518 Farnam, wants all to call for photograph calendar for 1899.

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