

BOARD NOT YET APPOINTED

Committee to Arbitrate Omaha-Kansas City Differential Has Not Been Selected.

OFFICIALS WHO WILL NAME ARBITRATORS

Meeting Will Probably Be Held for the Purpose of Arranging This Matter—Midgley Favored for One of the Arbitrators.

The report recently circulated in newspapers other than The Bee to the effect that the committee had been appointed for the purpose of arbitrating the existing differential between Omaha and Kansas City packing-house products to the southeast has created some misapprehension in local railroad and business circles. As yet this committee has not been appointed. When the members of the Western Truck Line committee decided that the differential should be arbitrated the matter of selecting the arbitration board was left to the Memphis, Gulf, Missouri Pacific and Burlington roads. The officials of these roads selected to arrange for the appointment of an arbitration committee are J. J. Fletcher of Kansas City, traffic manager of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis; J. H. Hanley of Kansas City, traffic manager of the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf; W. C. Stith of St. Louis, general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific; and George B. Harris, second vice president of the Burlington.

A meeting was to have been held in Kansas City Wednesday, at which time it was proposed to name the committee on arbitration. The absence of Mr. Stith, owing to sickness in his family, made the meeting impossible. Friday was then chosen as the date for a meeting, but it was subsequently learned that one of the members would be unavoidably detained. Consequently, no date is now set, but it is presumed that the meeting will be held soon.

In local railroad circles the opinion is held that the committee will select a board of three arbitrators. As soon as this is done the board chosen will set a date for a hearing on the merits of the case, at which time Kansas City and Omaha and the two railroads so vitally concerned in the recent war on packing-house rates, as well as other interested lines, will have an opportunity to make a showing. Kansas City and its interests will insist that the present differential of 6 cents be retained, while Omaha will endeavor to convince the board that the differential should, in all fairness, be lowered.

There is no means by which the personnel of the arbitration committee can be forecasted. No one questions but that the railroad men selected to choose the committee will exercise their prerogative in an absolutely impartial and unprejudiced manner. This being the case, it will be tacitly understood in advance that, whatever the decision of the board, it shall be final. A well-informed Omaha railroad man ventures the prediction that J. W. Midgley, formerly chairman of the Western Freight committee, will be one of the members. Mr. Midgley is now in Chicago, and while not actively engaged in railroad work, is familiar by reason of long years' experience with all freight affairs.

Cuts Loose from Santa Fe. TOPEKA, Dec. 15.—A meeting of the directors of the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado railway was held at the Santa Fe general offices here and new officers for the road were chosen. The road has until recently been operated by the Santa Fe. The reorganization puts it on an independent basis.

The following are the new directors: John Scullin, D. R. Francis, J. D. P. Francis, Harry Francis, William P. Kennett and Charles Gilbert, all of St. Louis; A. J. Tullock of Leavenworth, C. H. Osburn of Fort Scott and C. S. Glead of Topeka.

The following directors held a meeting and elected the following officers: John Scullin, president; D. R. Francis, chairman, and J. H. Overall of St. Louis, general counsel.

Improvements on Pattonsburg Line. MARYVILLE, Mo., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern is arranging to make extensive improvements along the western end of its line, from Pattonsburg to Council Bluffs. New steel rails are to be laid along the track this entire distance and several new trestles built. The long trestle near Melmsay Park, and another just east of Maryville, are to be replaced by new ones. Changes are to be made in the local passenger station which will make it practically new, and new platform and new stock yards are to be built here. New rails have been laid as far west as Hudson, in Nodaway county.

More Increase in Freight Rates. The Texas rate fabric has been distributed in harmony with the present well-defined policy of the railroad rate-makers to advance freight charges, and a decisive increase in tariffs will become effective January 1. It affects shipments from all Texas points to Chicago and Mississippi river and Missouri river territory. The advance is brought about by the establishment of the majority of existing commodity rates and the establishment thereof of class rates. Among the most important commodities which after January 1 will take class rates are cement, soap, wagon spokes, ale, coffee, box material and wrapping paper.

Burlington Photograph Contest. Some of the contestants in the recent photographic contest instituted by the Burlington railroad for the purpose of securing scenes of Nebraska farm and ranch life, are entering vigorous complaint that the most important prizes were awarded professional

photographers. A Burlington employe tries to explain it as follows: "It is true the winners of both the first and second prizes, P. Soderberg of Sutton and W. T. Caldwell of Alliance, are professional photographers, but we are entitled to no criticism for awarding the prizes to these men. The contest was in no sense an amateur affair. It was open to both professionals and amateurs. Our purpose in instituting it was to secure the best pictures, to publish them to the world, and there would have been no reason for our limiting the contest either to professionals or amateurs. In no way did we seek to create the impression that it was to be strictly an amateur contest."

Dividing Up Territories. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—The Journal says today: An agreement has been entered into between the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul whereby the former agrees to not enter South Dakota and the latter agrees not to extend its North Dakota line. The Northern Pacific has planned some extensive building operations for next spring in North Dakota and the plans, all drawn up, with notes of surveys, are in the hands of the directors for the final approval. The most important of the three North Dakota extensions planned is the line to fill the thirty-five-mile gap between Fargo and Oakes. Another will be a 100-mile line to Winona and Fort Yates on the Missouri river from Edgeley via Ashley, seat of McIntosh county. The third extension is from Casselton, on the main line near Fargo, to Dickey, on the branch south of Jamez, about sixty miles.

Mortgage on Iron Mountain. PORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 15.—The St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad company has filed a mortgage in this court for \$400,000 in favor of the Metropolitan Trust company of New York.

Railway Notes and Personals. Judge W. R. Kelly, general solicitor for the Iron Pacific, left yesterday for St. Louis.

General Agent J. A. Kuhn of the North-western, left for a few days' trip through the state. W. Randall, freight and ticket auditor of the Burlington, has returned from Kansas City, where he attended a meeting of Burlington officials.

Conductors J. B. Nyman of Chadron and A. B. Lane of Norfolk and Braken McQuey of Norfolk, J. B. Seeley of Fremont and C. P. Richards of Chadron are Elkhorn railroad men who are visiting in Omaha.

Allen E. Smith, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington, has returned from Deadwood and a tour of the Black Hills country. He traveled in a private car and had as his guests George Rudie and W. M. Glass of Omaha, Dr. G. A. Berryhill, E. N. New York City, and Henry Schoenck of Chicago.

Official announcement has been made by the Omaha, Kansas City & Eastern that W. N. Babcock and George A. Cullen, respectively western general freight and passenger agents of that line, will have charge of the solicitation of freight and passenger traffic, including lake business, in all the territory west and south of Detroit, Mich.

C. R. Davidson, formerly chief clerk in the passenger department of the Burlington in this city and for the last two years secretary of the local passenger committee in Kansas City, has been appointed chief clerk in the passenger department of the Chicago & Alton in Chicago, and will assume his new duties January 1. George H. Foote, at present city passenger agent of the Milwaukee in Kansas City, will succeed Mr. Davidson as secretary of the Kansas City local committee.

Velvet Candy. Velvet candy, at Sherman & McConnell's.

The Chicago Steaming Car. For Omaha patrons EXCLUSIVELY, leaves on the "NORTHWESTERN LINE" limited train at 4:55 p. m. daily, arriving Chicago 7:45 next morning. There MAY be finer sleepers than these—in Europe.

Other LIMITED FLYING TRAINS leave daily at 6:40 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. City offices, 1401 and 1403 Farnam street.

It's on page 7—Hayden Bros. big ad—Read every line of it.

Four Winter Tours. On January 10, February 14 and March 7 the Wabash will run excursions via New York and the steamer Ponce to Porto Rico. Also on February 13 a thirty-day tour of Old Mexico. For rates, which include all expenses, and further information call on or write G. N. CLAYTON, Room 506 Karbach block, Omaha, Neb.

Molasses candy, at Sherman & McConnell's.

SPECIAL RATES Via Missouri Pacific Railway. Will sell round trip tickets at greatly reduced rates to certain Canadian points on December 13, 14, 15 and 16, limit for return January 6, 1900.

The local holiday tickets will be on sale December 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, at one fare for round trip.

Home-seekers' excursion tickets to points south, southeast and southwest on Tuesday, December 19. For further information, write or call at company's office, southeast corner Fourteenth and Douglas—or depot, Fifteenth and Webster streets.

THOS. F. GODFREY, P. & T. A. A. G. F. & P. A.

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Old Santa Claus. The real genuine Santa Claus will be at Hayden Bros. big store Saturday morning. All children are invited to call on him. See announcement on page 7.

Grand Trunk Canadian Excursions. Low rates! First class service! Long view! Tickets good leaving Chicago December 14, 15, 16 and 17, and return from destination until January 6, 1900.

Bohemians Choose Officers. The Ted Jed Sokol, the Bohemian Turner society, has elected the following officers for the year 1900: Vao Buresh, president; Stan Kostorny, vice president; J. R. Flain, bookkeeper; V. Janak, secretary; Anton Kment, treasurer; Rudolph Havelka, trustee for three years; J. Flain, B. Slama and Joseph Kalkic, committee on entertainment.

The new club-house of the survivors, at Fifteenth and Marth streets, is being operated successfully and is having a beneficial effect among the Bohemians, both from a social and an athletic point of view. Among the plans for the coming winter are a two-act comic opera entitled "Session of the City Council for Kobouthoya," for New Year's eve, and a big fair.

Christmas Suggestions. Why not select something useful?

CHAFING DISHES, Beautiful new designs from \$3.00 to \$15.00.

5 O'CLOCK TEA KETTLES, In polished brass and copper and nickel, \$2 to \$10.

Rogers Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons, Pocket Knives, Razors, Scissors, Star Safety Razors.

Skates, Barney & Berry, Winslow's and Klipper Klub Skates.

A big variety of new 1899 patterns, 40c to \$10.00 pair.

Milton Rogers & Son, 14th and Farnam Sts.

Our Christmas Stock will be ready on Monday. Bring in your tea tickets. A few of our tickets will save dollars in buying Christmas presents.

Photograph Calendar free to all purchasers in addition to the tickets.

All week, beginning Monday, Doll Hammocks, our book for the little folks, larger and better than ever, Top Carpet Sweepers and Sleds, free with one can of Baking Powder.

Grand Union Tea Co., 113 South 10th St., Omaha, 430 N. 24th St., South Omaha, 402 Broadway, Council Bluffs.

HAYDEN BROS. Special for Saturday, 75c Oxford Muffs at 25c. 500 dozen men's fine Oxford muffs in all the new shades, worth up to 75c; on sale Saturday at 25c.

Bennett's Open Evenings. Beginning Monday evening, December 18th, our store will be open every evening till Christmas.

You will find it greatly to your advantage to order early and avoid the usual Christmas rush the last day or two.

W. R. BENNETT CO., Headquarters for Christmas Turkey.

Turn right to page 7 and read the list of bargains offered by the big store of Hayden Bros.

Yellow box candy at Sherman & McConnell Drug company.

What is LOTUS CREAM? It's a preparation we make for chapped hands, face and lips. You can wear gloves immediately after using. After shaving it keeps the face smooth and free from all eruptions.

SATURDAY, 50 C A BOTTLE. This is a special sale and lasts from 9 a. m. till 11 p. m., for one day only.

Poison Powder . . . . .35c La Planchette . . . . .35c Swan Down . . . . .15c Packer's Tar Soap . . . . .15c Cuticura Soap . . . . .25c Pearl's Scented Soap . . . . .15c Pearl's Unscented Soap . . . . .12c Woodbury's Soap . . . . .15c Broomstick Soap (3 cakes) . . . . .10c Carnation Violet Soap, box . . . . .25c Craner's Kidney Cure . . . . .75c Hood's Sarsaparilla . . . . .75c Irene Pannero's Pills . . . . .\$1.00

SCHAEFER CUT PRICE DRUGGIST, Cor. 10th and Chicago Sts.

FURS FURS FURS SCOFIELD'S Commencing today we will inaugurate a sale of Fine Furs that will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Omaha.

FOUR SPECIALS TODAY. Elderdown Dressing Sackies, 95c, Elderdown Lounging Robes, \$3.95, Fleece Lined Wrappers, 75c, Fine Colored Petticoats, \$2.95. Many other attractive bargains.

OK SCOFIELD CLOAK & SUIT CO. 1510 Douglas St.

Vitalized Air For the painless extracting of teeth is pleasant to take, leaves no after-effects and can be taken by any one, young or elderly. We are the only dentist who make and give the vitalized air. Always fresh.

Taft's Philadelphia Dental Rooms, 1517 Douglas Street.

Christmas Cloaks Merry Christmas is not merry to the shopping novice. "Many must be remembered" and the presents must be chosen. It's a high kind of art to choose them wisely and well. The motives of gift-giving are various. Some are inspired by affection, some by friendship, some by social obligations, some by a sense of duty and by a spirit of charity. The main point in your giving should be something serviceable. So we have chosen cloaks for today's suggestion and we have gathered together the greatest collection of cloaks you have as yet seen, and we have trimmed our big cloak window on the corner full of the good things in Ladies' Cloaks, Furs, Etc.

We have placed large price tags on each garment, that you may see the prices plainly. The whole story is told in these few words: Cloaks Here for Less Than Elsewhere.

The store will be open tomorrow evening until 10:30 o'clock.

Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Mens and boys winter clothing at about half actual value

The great sale of three wholesale stocks bought at half actual values. Is now entering upon its second successful week. No matter what kind of an outside garment you want, or what you are prepared to pay for it, we can suit you, and you'll find an almost unlimited range from which to choose. Assortments and sizes are still complete, but an early selection is recommended. Just note some of the low prices at which we are selling this fine clothing.

- Boys' Suits or Top Coats—worth \$3.50, at— 1.75
Boys' Long Pants Suits—worth \$6.00 and \$7.00, at— 3.75
Boys' Vestee and D. B. Suits—worth \$5.00, at— 2.50
Boys' Storm Reefers and Top Coats—worth \$5.00, at— 2.95
Boys' Fine Vestee and D. B. Suits—worth \$6.00, at— 3.75
Men's Fancy Vests—worth \$4.50, at— 2.25
Men's very fine Vest two worth \$6.00, at— 3.75
Men's Trousers—worth \$5.00, at— 2.50
Men's short and fat Suits and Overcoats—worth \$15.00 and \$18.00, at— 10.00
Men's all wool Casimere Suits—worth \$6.50, at— 3.95
Men's Suits and Overcoats—worth \$7.50 and \$9.00, at— 5.00
Men's Suits, Overcoats and Storm Ulsters—worth \$15.00, at— 7.50
Men's Trousers—worth \$3.50, all sizes up to 50 waist, at— 1.75
Men's Smoking Coats—worth \$4.50, at— 1.95
Men's Smoking Coats—worth \$7.50, at— 3.75
Men's finest Smoking Coats—worth \$10.00, at— 5.00
Men's Fine Worsted Suits—worth \$18.00 and \$20.00, at— 10.00
Men's Fine Covert Overcoat—half silk lined—worth \$20, at— 10.00
Men's very fine Trousers—worth \$6.50, at— 3.75

Free! Free! One extra pair of Knee Pants with all Knee Pants Suits.

HAYDEN BROS.

To See Ourselves as Others See Us

We have just put on sale a line of triplicate and hand MIRRORS, the finest we have ever offered. The triplicate are beveled glass, brass frame, celluloid backs and finely decorated. The hand and shaving glasses are beveled with heavy nickel frames. They can be hung up or made to stand on a dresser or table. Prices range from 50c to \$10.00. J. A. Fuller & Co. OPEN ALL NIGHT. N. W. Corner 14th and Douglas Sts. FRED KRUG BREWING CO. 1907 Jackson St., Omaha.

Burlington Route Solid Track Solid Comfort Both are yours if you take the St. Louis Flyer, which the Burlington Station at 4:55 p. m., arriving St. Louis 7:19 next morning. Through sleeping and reclining chair cars. TICKET OFFICE BURLINGTON STATION 1502 Farnam Street, Phone 250. 10th and Mason Streets, Phone 310.

HOLIDAY PIANOS The Greatest Reduction Ever Known in Cut Prices on Pianos Has Taken Place at the Warehouse of Schmoller & Mueller. STEINWAY, A. B. CHASE, IVERS & POND, YOSE, EMERSON, PACKARD, STERLING and other renowned makes to select from. Also the wonderful self-playing Pianos, the marvel of the age. Come in and hear them. \$149.50 will buy a handsome new upright piano. \$25.00 will buy a slightly used Lyon & Healy upright. \$85.00 will buy a 7 1/2 octave square, good condition. Other square Pianos and Organs at \$35, \$45, \$55 and up. NEW PIANOS FOR RENT. Instruments tuned, repaired and exchanged. Telephone 1625. We sell on easy monthly payments and give a handsome stool and seat free with each piano. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Write for catalogues, prices or bargain list or pay us a visit of inspection. It will save you money. Schmoller & Mueller The old and reliable piano house. 1313 FARNAM ST. Steinway & Son's Representatives.

HAYDEN BROS. Merry Christmas Sale FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN OUR CLOAK DEPARTMENT We will use our best efforts to make the mothers and children happy for Christmas by selling them Jackets, Coats and Furs at 50 per cent less than any other house in western America. 200 Children's Jackets, of heavy brown mixed cloth, ages 8, 10 and 12, worth \$1.75, at 75c each. 300 Children's Jackets, in two-toned boucle cloth, ages 8, 10, 12 and 14, worth \$3.50, on sale at \$1.50. 200 Children's Jackets, in fancy mixtures, two-toned effects and fringes, sailor collars, lined with mercerized foulard, worth \$5.00, on sale at \$2.48. 200 Children's Jackets, in nice all wool kersey, collar silk lined, appliqued and trimmed effects, worth \$6.50, at only \$3.48. Children's All Wool Coats, brown, blue and red, trimmed with 18 rows of braid, worth \$7.00, for \$3.98. 200 Misses' Jackets, age 12, 14, 16 and 18, in heavy mixtures, at only \$1.98. 300 Misses' Jackets, in fringes, boucles and kerseys, worth up to \$7.50, your choice at \$3.98. 200 Infants' Elderdown Cloaks, worth \$1.50, for only 49c each. One table of Silk and Satin Waists, worth \$12.00, at only \$7.75. One lot of Silk Waists, worth \$5.00, at \$2.50. 500 Ladies' Wool Elderdown Dressing Sackies, reds, blues and grays, worth \$2.50, on sale at \$1.75. 400 Ladies' Silk Underskirts, worth \$8.00, for only \$3.50. Ten dozen Ladies' Underskirts, flannel lined, worth \$2.00, for 60c. Ladies' Initiation Stone Marten Collars, with eight tails and two heads, at only \$1.98 each. Ladies' Muffs at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$20.00. Ladies' Fleece Lined Wrappers, worth \$1.99, at only 49c.

Candy Xmas Candies—Bon Bons—Chocolates ... Sale Tremendous Sale of the Celebrated Gold Medal Prize Winning Chocolates, Chocolate Creams and Fancy Candies, In quantities to suit—from one ounce to a ton AT Boston Store Choice Mixed Candies, 7 1/2c Special Mixed Candy, 10c Cream Mixed Candy 12 1/2c French Cream Candy 18c, Chocolate Creams, 18c to 50c Fancy Boxes and Baskets in Immense Variety.

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