

GRIGGS NOW HAS THE PAPERS

Changes in Freight Classifications Referred to Him.

COMMISSION EXPRESSES NO OPINION

In Case of Justification Is Done by Change of Classification They Are Powerless to Prevent It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Today the Interstate Commerce Commission in compliance with the request of the freight shippers and representatives of the commercial interests, transmitted to Attorney General Griggs a transcript of the evidence given last week at the hearing respecting the new classification of freight made by the official classification committee.

When spoken to concerning the matter, Mr. Griggs said that he was not in a position to talk. He practically admitted, however, that the Gulf people had made overtures to him, but that the matter was still in abeyance.

Headed by Stated for Promotion. ST. LOUIS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—It is reported from Chicago that L. B. Beardsley, division superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, with headquarters at St. Louis, has been promoted by President A. J. Earling to a big promotion.

End of Receivership. ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—Judge Sabin in the United States circuit court filed an order discharging the receivers of the Northern Pacific Railway company. All the lands and other properties of the company that were placed in the hands of the receivers have been sold and the suits against the company for the most part have been adjudicated.

Absorbed by Great Northern. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The Tribune says: On December 31 the St. Louis City & Northern railway from Garrison, S. D., to St. Louis City will pass from the hands of the co-receivers to the control of the Great Northern railway.

Expect to Adjust Differences. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—The executive board of the Federation of Railway Employees is conferring with the officials of the various railroads in this city on the wage question.

Kansas Stockmen Fight the Rate. EMPIRIA, Kan., Dec. 28.—Fully 200 representative stock members of the Kansas Live Stock association met here today at a called meeting to discuss and put into effect "all honorable means to fight the advance in freight rates made by railroads in their annual rate card rates to hundred percent."

Boston and Albany Lease Ratified. ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The New York Central stockholders at a meeting at noon today voted on \$48,000,000 worth of stock unanimously in favor of ratification of the lease between Boston and Albany.

Retention of Judge Burke. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—The closing of the Ohio Central-Hocking Valley deal, officially announced from Columbus today, means the retirement of Judge Stephenson Burke as president of the Toledo & Ohio Central.

Prosperity for 1900. Indications everywhere point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is an invariable sign of a healthy nature.

In Favor of Early Closing. ST. LOUIS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—J. H. Mays, the committee acting in conjunction with the Central Labor union in an effort to secure an early closing of the stock exchange, does not exceed the sum of \$10,000,000, and the difference between the actual value of the property and the amount which is to be paid represents what is to be paid by the Pullman company for the goodwill and the control of the business of the Wagner company.

That the proposed purchase from the said Wagner Palace Car company of all its property and goodwill for the purpose of enabling said Pullman Palace Car company

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

News of a Day Gleaned Among the Denizens of the Magic City.

FEW CALLS FOR CHARITY THIS WINTER

People, as a Rule, Have Plenty and Do Not Appeal to the City Authorities for Relief in Distress.

Up to the present time very few indigent persons have applied to the city officials for food or clothing. Mayor Eneor said yesterday that so far this winter he had issued only one or two orders a week for groceries or fuel, where formerly he was called upon to issue from fifteen to twenty orders a week.

Local charitable societies are not being called upon as they have been in former years. This is considered an indication that times in South Omaha are much better than one year ago.

Compiling Death Statistics. At the urgent request of W. A. King, chief statistician of the department of vital statistics of the United States census office, measures will be adopted by City Clerk Carpenter to insure the keeping of a complete and correct record of all deaths in South Omaha during the year 1900.

What the government particularly desires is uniformity in the tabulating of the death record, and to this end a number of blank forms, the same as will be used in the larger cities, have been sent to Clerk Carpenter to serve as samples.

In connection with the compilation of this data Statistician King writes Mr. Carpenter as follows: "The collection of deaths during the year 1900 upon the form of certificate sent to me by the census department of the United States is of great importance."

For the purpose of complying with the request of the census department City Clerk Carpenter will have some forms for the recording of deaths printed and will urge upon the physicians and undertakers the necessity for filling in all the blanks, thus making a complete record, which will be furnished at the end of the year 1900 will be consolidated and made the basis of the department of the census bureau.

The form to be used in recording deaths is very complete and calls for a vast amount of information. First, of course, comes the name, then color, sex and conjugal condition. The date of death, the cause of death, age follows. Space is provided for the filling in of the occupation and place of birth of the deceased and also the birthplace of father and mother.

Up to the time Mr. Carpenter took charge of the city clerk's office, nearly four years ago, very little attention was given to the city clerks to the keeping of an accurate record of births and deaths. Clerk Carpenter prepared books for the purpose of keeping a record, and also insisted that physicians comply with the law in regard to reporting all deaths upon postal cards furnished by the city.

The doctors fell in with the idea readily, and very little trouble has been experienced in connection with the keeping of these records for the past few years. All the undertakers have agreed to use the new form of report as suggested by the census department and the physicians will be appealed to in a day or two so that the recording of deaths according to the improved method may commence on January 1.

Special Meeting of Exchange. A special meeting of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange has been called for Friday afternoon to consider a number of subjects. Delegates to the meeting of the National Live Stock association, to be held at Fort Worth, Tex., January 16, will be named. It is also proposed to discuss the intended addition to the rules in regard to the sale of subject stock.

Corporations Pay Taxes. A number of checks for large amounts were received at the city treasurer's office yesterday. All the corporations are paying their 1899 city taxes and the treasurer's receipts this week will run up into the thousands. As a general thing the corporations hold off the payment of city taxes until the last week in December. All city taxes become delinquent on January 1. Many others are following the example of the big concerns and are paying up just before the commencement of the new year.

Music City Gossip. Dan Murphy has returned from a trip to Chicago. A case of scarlet fever is reported at 104 North Twenty-fourth street. Kay W. Hunt left last night for Colorado to look after his mining interests.

Hunter denies that his sister Anna is seriously ill, as was reported yesterday. H. L. Cohn has returned from York, where he spent a few days with relatives. Miss Lydia W. has returned from the west of her aunt, Miss Nellie Wain, at the Reed hotel.

One J. Wright and Miss Emily C. Hank, both of Glenwood, Ia., were married in Omaha Wednesday by Rev. C. N. Dawson. Mr. Wright will locate in Omaha. Miss Mary Hargy of Calloun came to Omaha Thursday and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital to recover from a severe injury. On Christmas day in a runaway accident Miss Hargy sustained a broken arm and some bad bruises and will in consequence be confined to the hospital for some time.

Elmer Halben of Miller, S. D., is in the city to remain a day or two with friends. He is the brother of a prominent real estate store in Miller and is a young business man of considerable ability. He formerly resided in Lincoln, where he was a member in university society and well known in musical circles on account of his talents as a singer.

AMUSEMENTS...

"A Colonial Girl"—A romantic drama in three acts by Grace Furness and Abbey Sage Richardson, produced for the first time in Omaha by Boyd's theater Thursday night by Daniel Frohman's company, directed by Howard Gould. THE CAST: Godfrey Remon, a young American...

Marrriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued Thursday: James Residence, 42 William G. Burrows, Omaha, 42 Frances Hester, Omaha, 42 William Sherman, Omaha, 42...

LOCAL BREVITIES.

C. B. Denny is mourning the loss of a \$50 overcoat taken from his office, 324 Paxton block, Wednesday night. The man is wanted for a tallish shag robbery.

The Young People's Christian union will hold a Christmas concert at the Young Men's Christian association rooms next Sunday afternoon. Rev. C. C. Cissell of the Hanscom Park church will be the soloist.

There will be a match in this city February 2 and 3 between Fred Payton, the western star, and the champion, Alford Dore, the world's champion.

Mr. Boyles presented each one of 120 copies of the Nebraska Year Book, Volume 1, with a beautiful leather covered dictionary as a Christmas token.

The Omaha Curling club will have a practice game Saturday on the upper lake. The annual curling for the Trout Point medal will take place on Monday.

Nora Brown, an infant in the keeping of the Nebraska Children's Home society, has been adopted by W. S. Briggs and wife. The child was taken from her mother's care on December 15.

The Sheriff Stryker has taken to the penitentiary John McMahon, who recently pleaded guilty to burglary, and was sentenced for one year by Judge F. Baker. McMahon broke into a boarding house in South Omaha.

George A. Joslyn has purchased the plant of the Western Newspaper Union, including the building and several lots. The price paid is \$100,000. The plant will be moved to the new building on the corner of 14th and Broadway.

Postmaster Crow has received from the department of Washington, his official commission. Although he has held the office eight years, he is not yet 21 years of age. His term extends for four years from that date.

The board of directors of the labor temple failed to get a quorum Thursday night. The meeting advertised was not held. The temple was in a good condition and he would issue a statement in the department of the city.

A Miss Nemek, sister of an Omaha barber, was recently found wandering about in Brown county, Minnesota. She was restrained temporarily and an effort was made to return her to her home in Omaha, as she is a Nebraska charge. W. A. Gates of the Minnesota State Board of corrections is in the city to make official arrangements.

The fire department made two runs yesterday evening at 10:30 o'clock. An overcoat stove had started a fire in a one-story frame building owned by Mrs. Louberry and occupied by William Urquhart. The damage was \$200. The second run, at 10:45, was to a kitchen where a small blaze in a kitchen caused the alarm.

Detectors Dempsey and Jorgenson arrested a burglar in the Washington neighborhood last night as a suspicious character. He was wearing an overcoat and carrying another. Both admitted the description of stolen property. He finally confessed to having stolen the coats, but did not know who the owners were. One of them was positively identified yesterday by Colonel Floyd.

The Douglas County Democracy met Monday evening at its new club room, 230 South Fifteenth street, formerly occupied by the Jacksonian club, and completed arrangements for its New Year's reception and a house-warming. It proposes to keep up the New Year's party and has provided an appetizing menu of refreshments. Twenty-five names were added to the rolls, increasing the membership to about 100.

Sadie Holmes and Mary Anderson, servant girls, have complained to the police court that Mrs. M. C. Smith, employing agency on North Sixteenth street, the young women allege that they have been retained by Mrs. Smith for several months for employment and paying the fee in advance. They claim to have had an agreement whereby they were to receive their money in case they failed to get the jobs promised and that the agreement was not kept.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

D. J. Burk of Alliance is in town. E. H. Haskell of Lincoln is in the city on business. E. H. Hood and wife of Lincoln are in the city.

R. N. White, a Chicago business man, is at the Hotel Grand. F. W. Klemm has returned from Chicago where he spent his Christmas holiday. E. R. Johnson, a prominent merchant of Leok City, Ia., is a guest at the Merchants hotel.

William H. Kingsley, a prominent Denver insurance man, is at the Hotel Grand for a few days. H. H. Shedd, administrative secretary of the Iowa State university, is visiting in Omaha.

Mrs. Dr. Charles Rosewater and daughter have returned from an extended trip through the west. Mrs. J. T. Hodges, C. H. Stearns and P. P. Hodges of Sidney, Ia., are in the city, for a few days.

H. H. Muggley, a Chicago banker, is spending a few days in the city accompanied by his wife. Mr. Charles D. Thompson and wife have returned from a week's visit with relatives at Marshalltown and Toledo, Ia. Ed Swobe, son of Captain Thomas Swobe, returned to Chicago today, having passed a pleasant Christmas at his home in Omaha.

Lieutenant Delamare Skerrett will come to Omaha from Fort Riley, Kan., having the honor of being the first to return. He has been with the Third artillery at Fort Riley. One J. Wright and Miss Emily C. Hank, both of Glenwood, Ia., were married in Omaha Wednesday by Rev. C. N. Dawson.

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"The Overland Limited" advertisement for the Union Pacific Railroad. Features include: "Faster Than Ever", "Leaves Omaha at 8:50 a. m. Daily", "Arrives San Francisco 5:15 p. m.", "Portland 6:45 p. m.", "The Best of Everything", "Dining Cars, Meals Served a-la-carte", "Buffet, Smoking and Library Cars", "Room Palace Sleeping Cars—Pintch Light—Steam Heat—Broad Vestibled—No change.", "Passengers taking 'The Overland Limited' for the Pacific Coast can start after breakfast in the morning and reach their destination as soon as those who leave via other lines the day before.", "City Ticket Office", "1302 Farnam St.", "Telephone 316".

"HUNDREDS OF BARGAINS" advertisement for Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co. Features include: "Are here for your inspection in our Fancy Goods Dept.", "Extraordinary offerings in Lamps, Art-ware, Statuary, Jardinieres, Wrought Iron ware, Cloisonne and Japanese ware.", "Special showing of Fancy Jardinieres at \$1.00 each.", "These goods must be moved before inventory, January 1st, and our prices will make quick selling.", "Orchard & Wilhelm Carpet Co", "1414-1416-1418 DOUGLAS ST."

"Few Days' Brew of Deadly Uric Acid" advertisement. Features include: "In a few days you brew enough uric acid in your own body to produce death.", "Your kidneys are your only salvation.", "Because when they are well, they filter out this deadly poison.", "So, when your kidneys are sick, you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected, and how every organ seems to fall to do its duty.", "They are all being slowly poisoned.", "Uric acid poisons the nerves and causes rheumatic pains in joints, muscles and limbs, headache, backache, stomach and liver trouble, shortness of breath, heart trouble, dizziness, nervousness, irritability, lassitude, loss of ambition, weakness and wasting away.", "Red brick dust and similar sediments in the urine are also caused by various salts of uric acid.", "The cure for these troubles is Dr. Kilmor's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy.", "It instantly relieves the congested, overworked kidneys, and gradually brings them back to health.", "Healthy kidneys keep down the excess of uric acid, and you soon feel the benefit in new health and strength.", "Swamp-Root should be taken upon the least sign of ill health. It will make you well and is for sale the world over in bottles of two sizes and two prices, fifty-cent and one-dollar.", "Swamp-Root is used by the leading hospitals, recommended by skillful physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney and bladder troubles.", "To procure Swamp-Root, send your name and address to Dr. Kilmor & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., mentioning this paper, when you will receive, free of all charges, a sample bottle of Swamp-Root and a valuable book by mail, prepaid. This book contains many of the testimonials upon the made of testimonial letters received from men and women cured."

"Only Three Days Left" advertisement for Dickinson & Huston. Features include: "to sell the balance of those pianos at our Sensational Cut Price Piano Sale", "We had twelve left Monday, but six have been sold and they will go before Saturday night. This will be the last advertisement of this sale. Better get a 'move' on you if you want one of these six that we're selling at about factory prices.", "DICKINSON & HUSTON, 1514 Douglas Street."

"THE MOST APPROPRIATE PRESENTS FOR MEN" advertisement for Xmas Presents. Features include: "WE ASSIST LABORS IN SELECTING THE BEST PRESENTS", "XMAS PRESENTS", "BOSTON, MASS.", "CIGAR STORE".