

LUMBERMEN CLOSE MEETING

Lead Out Fourteenth Annual Convention with Hoc-Hoo's Organization.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

In Resolutions Adopted They Favor National Legislation to Secure Regulation of Transportation Companies.

The Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association concluded its fourteenth annual convention last night by the election of officers and to properly round out the meeting the Hoc-Hoo's held a jolly celebration...

"Short weights," as applied to coal shipments, held the boards at the morning session. Owing to some little delay in the arrival of William Krotter, who was to deliver his report as a delegate to the meeting of the Secretary's Bureau of Information at Chicago December 15 and 16 last, the early part of the meeting was given over to the discussion of "short weights" in the transportation of coal.

Resolutions Adopted.

The following report of the committee on resolutions was adopted: Whereas, the wholesale firms of the H. F. Cady Lumber company, George A. Hoagland, Bradford, Kennada company, Chicago lumber company, C. K. Dietz Lumber company, Adams & Kelly company and M. A. Disbrow & Co. of Omaha, who have so generously and liberally provided for the entertainment of this association while in this city, we desire to extend them our thanks for the same.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due to its executive officers and general managers for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

Resolved, That the greatest credit is due the lumbermen's press for its able assistance in furthering association work and its report of our proceedings.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due John W. Barry of Minneapolis and Harry Gorchuch of Kansas City for their able papers read before this association and for the many admirable suggestions contained therein.

Resolved, That we favor a joint meeting of all associations at St. Louis during the same week as the National Hoc-Hoo's convention, beginning September 3, 1904.

Resolved, That we favor the introduction of a bill in congress to enact a law vesting the Interstate Commerce commission with authority to control and regulate the carriage of interstate freight on all railroads engaged in interstate transportation.

Resolved, That we favor the incorporation of the National Lumber association in the completion of a credit rating book and recommend that all dealers who may from time to time use them give all inquiries prompt attention.

Resolved, That we favor reciprocal demurrage charges where cars are unreasonably delayed in transit, and that they be prompt and regular delivery, and recommend that this question be taken up by the legislative committee and incorporated in a bill.

Resolved, That our thanks are due Mr. William Krotter for his able address before this convention on the meeting of the Secretary's Bureau of Information.

Resolved, That the following be the officers of the association for the year 1904: President, E. S. Clarke; Vice President, O. O. Snyder; Secretary, Herman Mohr; Treasurer, Alexander Johnson; Editor, Ragan.

The secretary and treasurer are appointed by the board of directors. The date and place of the next meeting of the association will be announced by the board of directors. It is the custom of the association to indulge in an excursion outing at every third annual meeting, and next year this custom will be carried out. An excursion to the Pacific coast is planned by the association, and William Krotter of St. Paul, Frank Colpeter of Omaha and Bird Critchfield of Lincoln were appointed a special committee to make the necessary arrangements for the proposed excursion.

The present session has been one of the most successful in the history of the association. Last night the Hoc-Hoo's held a jolly celebration at Washington hall, with the spectacular features attending such occasions.

WHAT THE FIREMEN WANT

Readjustment of Fatigue Beliefs and Improvements at Engine Houses.

OMAHA, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of the Bee: In your article, "Dispute Over Jurisdiction," in Wednesday's paper it is stated that the firemen are allowed twenty-four hours off a week and at present the day is divided into three shifts, two of six hours each and one of twelve hours. The firemen, as a number of them, want two lay offs of twelve hours each.

The facts in the matter are these: We get twenty-four hours off in nine days, divided as follows: Six hours off in the morning, three days from the start, and one-half hours off in the afternoon and three days from that, twelve hours off at night, and so on, every third day.

What the firemen want is twelve hours off every third day, which make a total "offs" of thirty-six hours out of 24 hours on duty, and the twelve hours off every third day will not demoralize the service in any number, shape or form, as stated in the paper.

The article also states that Councilmen Schroeder and Evans advised the men to get up a petition. This is incorrect as they desire to get up a petition.

Would also state that the policemen work but eight hours a day at the same salary as ours, namely, \$80 dollars per month, while we work over twenty-one hours a day, and we are unable to comprehend why the city officials could not consent to it.

In regard to the stoves furnished for the bath rooms, would state if some of the petty officers didn't feel as though they pay for the coal, the stoves might be of some use to us. If the firemen didn't go to the city council for a few little things such as hot water, stoves, etc., we would receive nothing at all. As it is, it won't be long before we will request them to furnish a sufficient number of chairs for

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A special article tells of the genesis and scope of this important factor in Missouri valley commerce. It is illustrated from photos made at the Omaha Grain Exchange on the morning of its opening.

GENERAL HARRISON GRAY OTIS has come to occupy a front position in the ranks of those who are opposing organized labor, by reason of the stand he has taken against labor unions. Mr. Frank G. Carpenter presents this week an interview with General Otis, in which the General gives his reasons for his activity against the unions, and discusses the principles involved in the fight. It is illustrated from a photograph of the General.

MURAT HALSTED AND GOVERNOR VAN STANT stood for a photograph by the Bee staff artist while in Omaha recently, and their pictures will be found on the front page, with a short biographical sketch of the busy lives of these notable men.

"Snow and Winter Sport" deals with the fun city children have when plenty of snow covers the hills; it is illustrated from photographs made by a staff artist during the last snowfall.

"The World's Worst Crowded Streets" tells of some New York thoroughfares, and is illustrated from photographs showing the tremendous jam on those streets.

"Art at the World's Fair" deals with the arrangements at St. Louis for housing and displaying the sculptures ever assembled; it too is illustrated from photographs.

In addition to these are a number of individual pictures of much interest.

REGULAR FEATURES OF THE NUMBER include another installment of "The Diamond Detective," a serial that is growing in interest weekly; a short story by Guy De Maupassant in his masterly style; "Little Stories for Little People"; "The Field of Electricity"; the Illustrated Woman's Department, the usual selection of short miscellany, and everything that goes to make the paper the best Sunday Magazine Supplement in the west. If you are not now a subscriber you should leave your order with your newsdealer today.

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each company, so a man won't have to stand up and wait for a chair to be vacated by a comrade before he can sit down. This is the truth in the case, and with many thanks to Councilmen Schroeder, Evans and Back for the favors they have shown us in the past, I remain, A FIREMAN.

RESTORES RATES TO GULF

Rock Island Puts Grain Tariff Back to Old Figures, Inducing Shipments South.

A message was received at the local office of the Rock Island yesterday announcing the restoration of grain rates from Missouri river points to gulf ports. The new tariff will be effective February 16 and will quote the same rates as were in effect prior to the rate war which began some time ago, namely, 35 cents on wheat and 38 cents on corn from Omaha. The rates now in effect are 45 and 44 cents.

This restoration has been anticipated by local freight men for some time past and it is believed a restoration of the rates to the east and north will shortly follow.

During the past few weeks almost all the grain passing through Omaha has been going south for the reason that the southern rates were lower, and that the market on grain there was higher. The notice of restoration received at the Rock Island office also states that the rates to points in the Mississippi valley will be restored at the same time as the rates to the gulf.

It is believed if the present rates east and north are allowed to stand all of the grain will now go that way, in view of the great increase in the southern rates, which will more than overcome the difference in the markets east and south.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in this preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Children like it, and as it contains no opium or other harmful substance it has no injurious after effect. It always cures. In cases of cold, cough and whooping cough it can be given with complete confidence. It is equally valuable for adults and children.

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You will be glad that you sent for a sample of Mellin's Food when you see how eagerly baby takes it.

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GRUBER WITH UNION PACIFIC

Announced as General Superintendent by Mr. Bancroft.

APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

General Manager Says This Will Have No Immediate Effect on Remainder of Official Family.

The appointment of J. M. Gruber to the position of general superintendent of the Union Pacific was officially announced by General Manager Bancroft yesterday. The appointment became effective yesterday.

Mr. Gruber will have charge, under the general manager, of all the lines of the Union Pacific, with headquarters in Omaha. Mr. Bancroft stated that the appointment of Mr. Gruber would make no other changes in the official family of the system. J. M. Gruber was born March 22, 1868, in Iowa City, Ia. He is a graduate of the high school of that city. He entered railway service in 1885 as stenographer and clerk in the general freight office of the St. Paul, Minnesota & Manitoba railway. From 1886 to 1890 he held the position of stenographer and clerk to the general manager of the same line. During the year from 1889 to 1890 he was stenographer and clerk to the president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, after which he was for three months in the superintendent's office of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe at Temple, Tex. He was seven months chief clerk to the superintendent of the same road. He then held the position of assistant trainmaster of the northern division of the same line for one year and three months at Galveston, Tex. He was then appointed trainmaster of the southern division of the same line, which position he continued to occupy for seven months, after which he was chief clerk to the superintendent of transportation of the same line at Galveston, Tex., for two months.

With a Hill Road.

He then went to the Eastern Railway of Minnesota, where he held the position of Assistant Superintendent for five months. In June, 1895, he was appointed superintendent of the Eastern Railway of Minnesota, which position he continued to occupy until he went to the Rock Island. When he secured with the Rock Island a short time ago he was superintendent of the lines west of the Missouri river.

Mr. Gruber arrived in Omaha Friday morning over the Missouri Pacific from Kansas City. He was called here by General Manager Bancroft of the Union Pacific and went immediately, after his arrival, to the general manager's office, where he was in consultation with Mr. Bancroft several hours. Mr. Bancroft announced the appointment immediately after the departure of Mr. Gruber.

It is understood that Mr. Gruber had two positions offered him, one with the Northern Pacific and the other with the Union Pacific. After mature deliberation he decided that the position with the Union Pacific was the more promising of the two and finally decided to accept.

Rush Completion of Shops.

General Manager Bancroft of the Union Pacific states that it will be his policy to push the Union Pacific shops to completion as rapidly as possible. There are still some buildings which were outlined when the new shops were under contemplation which have never been completed, and these, according to the general manager, will be constructed this summer. Mr. Bancroft could not state just what building would be put up first, as he said he had not yet had time to examine the plans drawn by Chief Engineer Berry, and until he had made such examination and had decided what buildings were the most needed he could not say which one would be begun earliest.

There are several buildings to be erected to complete the shops as they were outlined at the start. There are still some rooms to carry on all the work which will be done here. From the fact that the plans have already been drawn it is believed that work will be commenced in the spring as soon as the weather will permit.

NO MONEY WILL LEAVE OMAHA

Victor B. Caldwell Explains Secretary Shaw's Demand as Relating to Local Banks.

In reply to a question as to what effect the action of the government will have in withdrawing 30 per cent of its deposits from United States depositories in all parts of the country, as outlined in the letter of Secretary Shaw, Victor B. Caldwell, cashier of the State National bank, made the following statement:

"In Omaha there are \$500,000 of government deposits, to secure which the banks of Omaha have deposited with the secretary of the treasury \$500,000 in government bonds. Should 30 per cent of the deposit be withdrawn from the Omaha banks by the government, the combined deposits of the banks in Omaha would show a reduction of \$150,000. By this transaction no actual money whatever would be withdrawn from the banks and the resources of the banks are in no way affected. The money is not withdrawn from this market, as the banks have the option to increase their circulation by the amount thus released on to hold the same amount released. The effect is only one of bookkeeping. There is no actual withdrawal of the funds from circulation, as one transaction balances the other. There being no excess of government deposits in Omaha, it is not certain that any reduction will be made."

JUDGE WANTS MAN TO ENLIST

Tells South Dakotian in Police Court to Enlist and Become a Soldier.

Thomas Downs, who figured in the police court proceedings of Thursday morning, when he admitted having pounded William Madden's countenance half off with a stovepoker and for which act Judge Berka did not hold him, was gathered in by the police net again Thursday night. He was drunk, this time, and disorderly. He told the court that he came here from South Dakota some days since with the intention

of enlisting, but that he hadn't got around to it yet. Judge Berka expressed the opinion that he wouldn't do it for the good of the good of Omaha and "our glorious republic." He fined him \$5 for being drunk.

PALMER GETS HIS COMMISSION

New Postmaster Ready for Business and Salary is Raised to Five Thousand.

Captain H. E. Palmer has received his commission as postmaster of Omaha. Captain Palmer states that he has made no appointment thus far and that is J. I. Woodard as assistant postmaster, a position which Mr. Woodard has held for twenty-five years.

The exact date when Captain Palmer will assume his new duties has not yet been decided upon, but awaits the convenience of the retiring postmaster, Joseph Crow. There are yet many details to look after pertaining to the transfer of so important an office, and it will be at least a week or ten days before the transfer can be accomplished. Under a recent rating by the Post office department owing to the increased revenues of the Omaha office, the salary has been raised to \$5,000 per annum.

JUDGE LETS BOX BE OPENED

Grants Bingham's Request to Decide as to Marks on the Ballots.

The Bingham-Broadwell contest for the district clerkship was renewed before Judge Vinchbacher yesterday morning and developed impassioned oratory on the part of the attorneys for both sides.

The contention centered about the question of opening the boxes containing the ballots cast in the First precinct of the Sixth ward in South Omaha. Bingham's attorney had alleged fraud and the illegality of the election in this precinct.

Broadwell's attorneys contended it would be useless to open the ballot box, if the election was illegal, for the reason that this charge must be proven by showing that the officials had acted illegally.

After a lengthy argument Judge Vinchbacher permitted the ballot box to be opened with the end in view of ascertaining whether the ballots contained any distinguishing marks. It was alleged by Bingham's attorneys that the officials in this district had handed out ballots already marked to the electors.

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Naval Oranges, per dozen, 15c; Navy Beans, seven pounds for, 15c; Can Corn, extra fine, 12c; Tea bars Washing Soap, 10c; Fresh Roasted Coffee, 25c, 30c and 40c; Imported Norway Fish Balls, 5c; Imported Norway Fish Balls, 5c; Anchovies, 10c for 100; Norway Herring (KIKK), three for, 10c; Norway Pigs, three pounds for, 10c; Soaked Stock Fish, per pound, 10c.

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We have given you several golden opportunities of doubling up on your stamp collections this week, and we give you two more Saturday—one at the Glove and another at the Clothing Department. Don't miss these opportunities.

Watch Bennett's advertising; it would appear to be very interesting when it is copied almost word for word, and served up by others who lack originality in getting up their daily advertisements. Our advertising is our own, emphatically so; and it's altogether so very flattering to me it used by others after it has served the Bennett purpose. Such a "foins toime" we are having to be sure! Perhaps we will open up an advertising school; it seems to be needed in these parts. It's free, however—costs our friends no more than GREEN TRADING STAMPS cost you! TAKE IT, MAN! TAKE IT!

KID GLOVES.

Extra special sale of kid gloves on Saturday, with double Green Trading Stamps. Every pair fitted and warranted. We carry the finest assortment of fine French kid gloves in Omaha. We are sole agents for the following celebrated makes:—

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For Men and Boys

Men's Soft Calf Shoes, seamless, with extra good soles, \$2.50 values, for 2.00

Men's Fine Box Calf and Vici Kid Shoes, \$3.00 values, for 2.00

Men's Strong Work Shoes, \$2.50 values, for 1.69

Little Gent's Strong School Shoes, \$1.50 values, for 98c

Youth's Strong School Shoes, \$1.75 values, for 1.25

Boy's Oak Sole School Shoes, \$2.00 values, for 1.50

A RUG SALE Regular 75c

For Saturday Alarm Clocks

Third Floor

2-6x5-ft. double faced wool Smyrna rug, heavy wool fringe, large variety of patterns and colors to select from, worth \$2.50. On sale Saturday, 1.59

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Mutton Head, per lb., 6c

Roast, per lb., 6c

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