

Nebraska

CALL RAIL COMMISSIONERS

Nebraska Board Seeks Uniformity in Physical Valuation.

STOCK YARDS HEARING OVER

Protest Against Rate in Feed Rate Made on Theory Patrons of Yards Do Not Get Benefit of Reductions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Nebraska State Railway commission today issued a call to the railway commissioners of all the states having physical valuation departments asking that they be the guests of the local commission at a meeting to be held here August 23. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a uniform system for the valuation of the property of railroads.

The call was sent to the departments of the following states: California, Minnesota, New Jersey, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

The movement inaugurated by the Nebraska commission follows a trip to the E. J. Cates of the physical department of that state. Mr. Cates found the demand growing for some arrangement whereby results of physical valuation could be better arrived at and with less expense than at present.

Feed Charge Hearing Over.

The State Railway commission has taken under advisement the request of the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha for a raise on corn from \$1 to \$1.25 per bushel and on hay from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton. The testimony, which occupied all day yesterday and a period of today, was confined largely on the part of the stock yards men to prove that they could not afford to maintain the old prices in the face of present conditions. Shippers represented by different associations protested against the proposed increase in feeding rates, among them being the American Feed Association, represented by T. W. Tomlinson of Des Moines. The latter asserted before the commission that the raise was wholly unjustified and would hit the stockmen of the country very hard. He says that the "crimes of hay and corn" without doubt be higher this year than for some time past, but that they will probably be much lower next year. Further, he said, the charges now in effect have added a good profit to former years, and certainly sufficient to tide over this season of possibly higher prices. There might be some merit in the complaint of the stock yards company, if when prices were lower they would make their prices correspondingly less, but they do not adopt such a plan, and I believe the present schedule of prices on an average gives them ample compensation.

South Omaha Protest.

The South Omaha Live Stock Traders' exchange demanded that the stock yards be required to show the amount of hay and corn purchased and sold by it, price per ton paid and price per ton for which hay was sold during 1906 and to August 1 of 1911; also to show that average cost per ton for distributing hay and corn to customers. It remonstrated with the yards, if when prices were lower they would make their prices correspondingly less, but they do not adopt such a plan, and I believe the present schedule of prices on an average gives them ample compensation.

Objection to Assessment.

President Sharp, General Manager Humpe, Attorney Halber and Director Boggs of the Lincoln Traction company were again before the County Board of Equalization today, to protest against a further hearing on their protest against the valuation placed on the property of the corporation by County Assessor Miller. The traction people assert that their tracks on paved streets were valued by the assessor at \$2,000 per mile, while the State Railway commission placed the value of the same property at \$30,000 to \$2,000 per mile. The county assessor has valued tracks outside the paved streets at \$2,000 per mile, while upon the same tracks the railway commission placed a valuation of \$30,000 per mile. Complaint is also made that the assessor raised the valuation of the heat and light plant from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Phones in Lodge Rooms.

An "informal" ruling of the railway commission classifies lodge and school rooms, according to conditions, as residence or business houses so far as telephone rates go. The original intention of the commission was to take up churches, Young Men's Christian association and other religious organizations, but no mention of such organizations is made in the "informal" ruling, which is as follows: "In the opinion of the commission, telephones installed in ward schools and lodge rooms where no business offices are maintained should pay the individual residence rate charged by the exchange with which they are connected. "Telephones in administration buildings of schools or in lodge rooms where permanent offices are maintained for the transaction of business should pay the business rate (individual or party), according to class of service rendered."

TRAIL COMMISSION TO MARK OTHERS THAN OREGON LINE

Resolutions Passed to Use Funds on Hand for Such Purposes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The Oregon Trail commission created at the last session of the state legislature today at a meeting held in this city devoted its energies toward the marking of other historic trails in the state than the one for which it came into existence. The first transcontinental route to be taken up other than the historic Oregon highway will be the Mormon trail, which runs along the north side of the Platte through the state. The following resolutions were adopted by the commission: Whereas, The state of Nebraska has appropriated \$2,000 to assist in marking the Oregon trail across Nebraska, therefore, be it

Resolved, As the sense of this commission, that the Mormon trail on the north side of the Platte is equally important with the Oregon trail and should receive our first consideration.

Whereas, There are other equally important overland trails across Nebraska which ought to be marked by the state, including the Mormon, or California road, and the H. H. H. trail.

Resolved, As the sense of this commission, that the Oregon trail enters Nebraska in the southwestern corner of the county and continues in a northwesterly direction up the valley of Little Blue river to the north side through the counties of Gage, Jefferson, Thayer, Nuckolls, Clay and Adams to the Platte river. Thence

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Madison Bride of Four Days Asks for Divorce

Mrs. Sena Fisher of Newman Grove Charges Husband Secured Her Savings and Disappeared.

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sena Fisher of Newman Grove, Neb., has commenced action in the district court of Madison county for a divorce from her husband, Harry Fisher, a barber, whom she married June 15, 1908, in Allison, and after four days' domestic life, he took his departure for Omaha, presumably to purchase a barber shop, for Mrs. Fisher alleges in her petition, that on June 26, Mr. Fisher telephoned her from Omaha for money, whereupon she forwarded him a draft for \$1,000, which represented her savings, which she had on deposit in the Alliston State bank and which she supposed he was to invest in a barber shop. She charges in her petition that her husband entered into the marriage relation for the sole purpose of obtaining her money and that since obtaining the same he has absconded from the state. She has had no receipt of the draft forwarded to her husband at Omaha, but she states that the same was cashed by Fisher at the First National bank of Omaha after being identified by a man by the name of Anderson. She asks for a divorce and that she may be restored the name of Sena Johnson.

Albert Kurgewit was Arrested Today on Complaint of his Wife for Desertion and Bound Over to the District Court.

Mrs. Kurgewit is now confined in a hospital at Omaha and the court has ordered that while this case is pending Kurgewit shall not make any sale or disposition of his personal or real property. So far-reaching is this order that he cannot draw a check on his bank account.

The will of Jacob Hoelinger of Tilden at Omaha and the court has ordered that the executors nominated in the will, namely, C. A. Smith and Adolph Hoelinger, were appointed and qualified as such, no bond being required according to the terms of the will.

The annual picnic of the Madison County club will take place at Schwan's Island Thursday of this week. Dan V. Stephens of Fremont will make the address of the occasion on good roads.

BOARD OF PARDONS AT WORK

Members Go to Penitentiary to Take Testimony, but No Recommendations Yet Made.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The advisory board of pardons went to the penitentiary today to take testimony in the matter of several applications for pardon and parole. The board has not filed any findings with the governor as a result of a hearing held Monday, but it is said it will recommend the parole of Roy Vincent, who is serving a term of six years for stealing \$50 worth of property in Cheyenne county. Arthur Bran of Cass county had a hearing on an application for parole. Harn Dirksen of Dakota county, who alleges that he is innocent of the charge of criminal assault upon his stepdaughter and that he is the victim of a conspiracy on the part of his second wife and others, and that his attorneys have taken from him a farm without rendering value received, also had a hearing before the board.

No recommendations were made in the matter of the two hearings held today, but a report will be submitted to Governor Alchick late in the week in regard to the applications.

LOOK IN SANDHILL CONDITIONS

Two University Men Spend Considerable Time at Halsey Looking Into Soil Contents.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—L. J. Pool and C. V. Williams of the University of Nebraska have just closed a temporary experiment station at Halsey, where they have been for some time past investigating the soil and vegetation of the sandhills. While in the northwestern part of the state the Nebraska men gathered much information and considerable valuable data which they expect to submit in the fall in the nature of a report to the university authorities as to their findings. One particular phenomenon observed by the university scientists was the "blowout," a freak of nature with which residents of and travelers through the sandhill country are very familiar. Sand dug from different kinds of blowouts and specimens of growth taken from around them have been shipped here for the purpose of hot house investigation during the coming months.

This is said to be the first time that sandhill conditions have been at all extensively gone into, and the local men intend to give it much study before they make a final report.

BIG STONES FALL OFF CHIMNEY

Considerable Damage Done at Lincoln Asylum Where Lightning Weakened Structure.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Officials of the State insane asylum at this place have not made estimates as to the damage done yesterday when a dozen large stones weighing in the vicinity of 500 to 1,000 pounds each fell from the top of the ninety-foot chimney through the roof of the main building and engine house at that building. The fact that the four employees who usually frequent these places were together at some distance from the place where the accident occurred, probably saved their lives. The chimney was struck by lightning several years ago and considerably weakened thereby. Workmen who had contracted to remedy the defects started to do the work yesterday, when in their efforts to demolish top stones, a dozen more fell off with them for some unaccountable reason.

LIFE-LONG BONDAGE

To Syphilis, Liver Complaints and Kidney Troubles is Needless. Electric Bitters is the Guaranteed Remedy. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

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Wymore Kidnaping Case is to Be Dropped

C. F. Dooley Explains that He Was Intoxicated and Asked Girl to Ride with Him.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—C. F. Dooley, charged with kidnaping the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Shimbler of Wymore was arrested at Liberty yesterday morning and taken to Wymore, where he was arraigned before Judge C. C. Ford. He pleaded not guilty and his case was set for hearing Friday morning. He has been in the sum of \$500. Dooley made a statement to the court to the effect that he met the little girl while he was under the influence of liquor and asked her if she did not want a ride. She stated that she did, and he helped her in the buggy and drove to the outskirts of the city where he gave her some change and told her to go home. Dooley appeared to be badly worried over the affair and stated that he had no intention of taking her away from home. After hearing his statement, Mr. Shimbler filed a written request with the court asking that the case be dismissed and it probably will be when it is called Friday morning.

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all his body was found by one of the crew of telephone linemen in a clump of willow trees after it had laid there from June to July 2. Omitted had worked around Island for several years and had a relative in that section. The small amount of money due him from the railroad company practically paid for his funeral, which was conducted by the county.

Woman Given License to Pilot Aeroplane

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Miss Quimby was awarded a pilot's license by the Aero Club of America, the governing body of aeronautics in this country. This is the first license that has ever been awarded a woman aviator in America. Miss Quimby flew in a Moisant monoplane, which she piloted and the aero officials, Campbell Wood and Baron D'Orey, and a large number of aviation enthusiasts were on the field early. Thoroughly composed Miss Quimby rose gracefully in the air, completing five figure eights about 100 feet in the air and then landed not only within the 100-foot mark designated by the conditions, but also made a world's record for landing. Her mark was 7 feet 9 inches.

After a brief rest to cool off the motor Miss Quimby again rose in the air, turning first to the right and left with all the skill of an experienced aviator and landing on her descent at the 100-foot mark.

Miss Quimby then started for the altitude which calls for a height of 100 feet. She reached about 100 feet and soared about in a large circle before coming down to the ground, where she was enthusiastically greeted.

Miss Quimby is a native of California. Miss Matilda Moisant and probably Miss Blanche Scott will shortly apply for pilots' licenses.

Fredmond E. Murnis of Havana, Cuba, today tried for his pilot's license and succeeded. During the first round he obtained his altitude while making his first five figure eights.

Mrs. W. N. Whitlock, a former resident of Beatrice, died in a hospital at Hastings Sunday. The body was interred at Grand Island Monday.

Funeral services for the late W. N. Spellman were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family home. Rev. U. G. Brown conducted the services, which were in charge of the Masonic Interment was in Evergreen Home cemetery.

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