

WILL TEST TWO-CENT ACT

A FIGHT IN COURTS BY THE NEBRASKA RAILROADS.

They Are Said to Be Now Preparing Their Plan of Attack Upon the New Enactment.

OMAHA—You can say that a private report from Chicago authoritatively announces that the railroads of Nebraska affected by the 2-cent passenger fare are preparing to contest that law," said a railroad official. "I must enjoin upon you the promise that you mention no names at this time. The fight will be made from the higher offices of the roads."

Local railroad attorneys have not been apprised of the plan to contest this law, but the official quoted asserts they probably will receive direct instructions within a few days.

"The railroads are now preparing their plan of attack upon this law in the courts to determine its validity," goes on this report. "The higher authorities believe the law will prove invalid, for the simple reason that, they believe, they can prove it non-compensatory and confiscatory. They have gone over the situation thoroughly and have their minds made up."

Governor Sheldon when on the stump during the pre-election period, argued against a flat 2-cent law on the ground that it would prove confiscatory in the case of small or branch lines. Other members of the legislature during the campaign took similar positions. When the legislature passed the bill the governor, you recall, hesitated to sign it, because he held to the same opinion as voiced by him during the campaign, that the law might prove confiscatory. But the governor finally signed the bill because he did not wish, if it should go into effect and prove constitutional, to have it said that he had withheld his support and, together with the fact, as certain friends of the bill contended, without his signature, provided for in the emergency clause, the law might prove defective. He did not want to stand in the way of what the majority of the legislature, elected with him and on an anti-railroad platform, deemed a wise measure. But Governor Sheldon, and members of the legislature, we believe, still question this law."

Chicago—W. B. Biddle, traffic manager of the Rock Island-Frisco system, said he would not be surprised if the railroads should take the question of reduced passenger fares into the courts. "I know this matter has been discussed informally," he said, "but I am not prepared to say that any definite line of action has been determined upon. The action of the Nebraska legislature placed us at a serious inconvenience. We did not have time to revise our rates."

DR. DOWIE IS DEAD.

Founder of Christian Catholic Church Passes Away in Zion House.

Chicago—John Alexander Dowie died at 7:40 Saturday morning at Shiloh house, Zion City. There were present with him when he died only Judge D. N. Barnes and two personal attendants. It had been his custom all summer to hold religious services every Sunday afternoon in the parlor of Shiloh house. About 350 of his original followers remained faithful and attended these services. Dowie always wore his apostolic robes, and made a characteristic address. A few weeks ago these meetings ceased and Dowie appeared no longer in public. Since that Mr. Dowie has been gradually failing.

Many Saved from Suicide.

New York—Commander Miss Booth of the Salvation Army, as a result of an analysis of the work accomplished during the ten days of its existence in this city announced that the anti-suicide bureau of the army had successfully passed the experimental stage and that it would now be added as a permanent feature of the organization in this country. Since its inception the new departure, it was stated, had saved many men and women from self-destruction and proved of assistance to a large number.

Uncle Sam's Imports of "Sparks."

Washington—A statement issued on Saturday by the bureau of statistics shows that the importation of manufacturers' materials continue to increase materially. The value of the imports of raw materials for use in the manufactures in the seven months ending with January, 1907, was \$262,000,000, against \$223,000,000 in the same months of last year, while manufactures imported for further use in manufacturing amounted to \$158,000,000, against \$123,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

Thirty-Four Drown in Sea.

Berlin—A dispatch from Copenhaven reports the loss of thirty-four lives by the foundering of two vessels—a German cargo steamer, the George Wottern and a trawler—during a heavy gale in the North Sea.

Big Choir at Dowie Funeral.

Chicago—A touch of the ostentation that marked the rule of John Alexander Dowie in the Christian Catholic church, which he founded, will be observed during the funeral services of the deceased leader. The white robed choir which was shown of its vestments when Overseer Voliva assumed control in Zion City, will take part in the ceremonies, to be held on Thursday afternoon in Zion tabernacle. The burial will be at Lake Mound cemetery, at Zion City, beside the grave of Dowie's daughter.

Indian Dies at 125 Years.

Binger, Okla.—Canutsky, who was reported to be the oldest Indian in Oklahoma, is dead at the Wichita Indian camp, near Binger. His exact age was not known, but was said to be 125 years.

Japanese Withdrawing.

Mukden—Japan is withdrawing all its troops from Manchuria except 15,000 railway guards. The foreign consuls are strongly protesting against the non-settlement of the Likhin question.

A LUMBER ROUTE TO OMAHA.

Complaint Comes From Puget Sound Dealers.

Washington—Lumbermen in the Puget sound region have complained to the Interstate Commerce commission that they have been unable since January 2 to obtain transportation of their products to eastern points, because of the state inability of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways to handle the traffic. The Interstate Commerce commission has received letters from lumbermen west of the Cascade mountains saying it is impossible for them to get their products to Missouri river points and asking whether the commission can afford relief. Commissioner Lane has suggested that they can make complaint to the commission requesting it to grant them a thorough route from the Puget sound region via Portland Ore., over the Northern Pacific, and thence via the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific to Missouri river points.

The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific admit that they cannot carry more than one-third of the lumber that is offered, but heretofore they have refused to permit the Oregon Short Line or the Union Pacific to make a through route or a joint rate with them.

It is expected the lumbermen will act on the suggestion of Commissioner Lane.

Wants of Honolulu.

It was authoritatively stated Friday that the recent opinion of the attorney general, in which he held that it is unlawful under the recently enacted immigration law for a state to pay the passage of intending immigrants or to assist immigration except by advertisement, will not apply to the island of Hawaii. In that country the decision has already caused considerable agitation, as under the auspices of the territorial immigration society immigrants are being brought to the island from Europe and the Azores to take the places of Japanese laborers on the sugar plantations. This has been sanctioned by the United States government and a shipload of immigrants recently brought from the Azores have proved very satisfactory.

THREE-DECK SHEEP CARS.

Wool Growers Suggest Possible Solution of Annual Car Shortage.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—At a meeting of stockmen and railroad officials here A. J. Knollin, treasurer of the National Wool Growers' association and manager of the Chicago-Stock Yards, proposed three-deck cars for the shipment of sheep as a solution for the annual car shortage during the shipping season. It was shown that three-deck cars can be built no higher than the present furniture car. Vice President A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific said the suggestion was worthy of consideration.

North Dakota Solons Quit.

Bismarck, N. D.—The North Dakota legislature adjourned at noon Friday. The closing session was marked by considerable confusion attending the passage in the senate of the 2 1/2 fare bill and the anti-pass bill. These measures are now before the governor for his signature. The house passed a senate bill providing that the candidate for the United States senate having 40 per cent or more of votes in the primary election shall be the party's candidate.

Guthrie Gets \$25,000 Prize.

St. Louis, Mo.—After two years of litigation decision was rendered by Judge McElhenney in the circuit court at Clayton, awarding to M. Logan Guthrie of Fulton, Mo., the prize of \$25,000 offered in a contest to the person who enters the nearest guess to the total number of paid admissions into the World's fair. Guthrie guessed 12,804,816, which was announced as the exact number of admissions. Several other claimants appeared and payment of the prize was held up.

Butte Strike Settled.

Butte, Mont.—It is understood that an agreement has been signed between the miners and the managers of the larger mines by which an amicable wage scale has been adopted. The demand for an increase has been granted, contingent on the price of copper.

People Freeze to Death.

Sydney, S. D.—At least two lives were lost and several persons are missing as a result of the terrific blizzard that swept over Cape Breton. The body of John Brown, aged 18, of Sydney Mines, was found in a snow drift a quarter of a mile from his home.

Hearst Is Seriously Ill.

New York—William R. Hearst is seriously ill at his home, according to an announcement and his engagements for some time to come have been canceled. The editor's illness was made known Friday.

Anti-Lobby Bill Passed.

Jefferson City, Mo.—After amending the anti-lobby bill as passed by the house, the senate of the Missouri legislature passed the bill, and it went back to the house for concurrence.

Needn't Shave Colored Men.

Hartford, Conn.—The supreme court of the state has decided that barbers in this state need not shave colored men. The decision was reached on appeal from a superior court decision in Bridgeport by Henry Foulkner, a colored man, who brought suit against Thomas Solazzi, a barber of that city. Solazzi refused to shave Foulkner, his defense being that his barber shop was not a place of public accommodation within the meaning of the law. The supreme court upheld that contention.

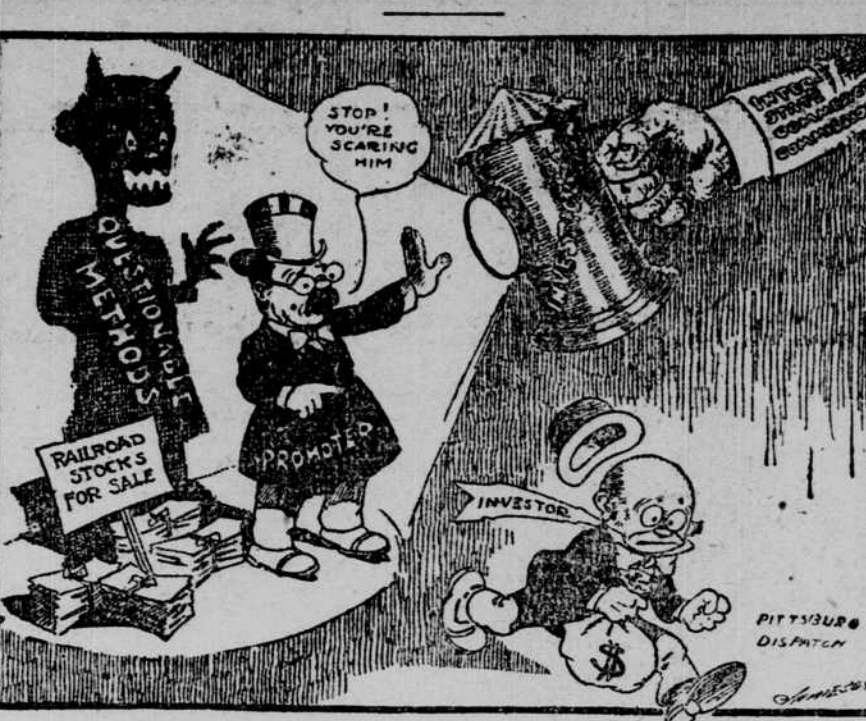
Graft in Printing Ink.

Washington—Irregularities in the purchase of ink for the printing of greenbacks, gold certificates and postage stamps are being investigated by United States Attorney Baker upon information furnished by secret service agents of the treasury department.

Prohibited in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia.—The Iowa legislature has enacted, with the passage in the lower house, a law to prevent corporations contributing to campaign funds.

IT'S NOT THE LIGHT, BUT WHAT THE LIGHT DISCLOSES.



TWO CENTS AND NO FAVORS A PREDICTION BY HARRIMAN

WITH NEW RATES COMMUTATIONS ARE ABOLISHED. IF RAILROADS ARE NOT LET ALONE PANIC WILL COME.

Clergymen, Homeseekers and Excursionists on Same Basis With Other Travelers.

Omaha—Simultaneously with their enforced adoption of the 2-cent rate law, enacted Wednesday evening by the signature of Governor Sheldon, the railroads of Nebraska affected by this law, Union Pacific, Burlington, North-western, Missouri Pacific and Rock Island, abolished all passenger commutation rates in this state, which include those to homeseekers, clergy-men and excursionists and, of course, interchangeable mileage tickets, which sold at 2 1/2 cents a mile and were therefore in excess of the new legal rate.

Asked if this action was taken in retaliation for what the legislature and supreme court have recently done, a passenger official of one of the leading Nebraska roads said:

"Not by any means. I will say this: The circular setting forth this action was issued by our road upon three minutes' notice."

For the Burlington General Passenger Agent Wakeley said:

"There are odds and ends of practices to be cleaned up, but all the facilities of the railroad were used in the effort to furnish all agents and conductors of our lines instructions on which to act beginning 12:01 a. m. Thursday."

"The 2-cent local rate applies as the law directs, between two stations, both of which are in the state of Nebraska. Half rates for children. The usual extra fare will be collected for fares paid on trains. All mileage tickets sold after March 6 will be endorsed, 'Not good locally in Nebraska,' the idea being that these are tickets sold at 2 1/2 cents a mile, good on interstate business, and we do not want our conductors placed in the position of detaching mileage valued at 2 1/2 cents a mile for Nebraska journeys, even if the passenger desires to use his scrip, which would make our road a party to the collection of a higher fare in Nebraska than the maximum 2-cent rate. Mileage tickets sold prior to March 7 will be honored under the old contract, if passenger so desires; if not, such tickets will be promptly redeemed. All reduced rates, for clergymen, railroad employes, inmates of soldiers' and sailors' homes, charitable rates, or any other form of a reduced rate order, whether for a state or interstate journey, in any portion of Nebraska, have been canceled. All convention rates, homeseekers' excursion rates, party rates, either one way or round trip, applying locally in Nebraska, have been canceled, as was anticipated."

EFFORT TO STOP WARFARE.

United States and Mexico May Stop Central American Trouble.

Washington—Mexico and the United States are using their kindly offices in an attempt to effect a settlement of the trouble which threatens to involve all five of the Central American countries in war. Mr. Croel, the Mexican ambassador, had a long conference with Secretary Root today, and Mr. Core, the Nicaraguan minister, and Mr. Calvo, the Costa Rican minister, also called at the State department, but there were no late advices and none would even comment on the situation.

Swettenham Causes Joy.

Kingston, Jamaica—The news of the resignation of Governor Swettenham has been received here with satisfaction. His unpopularity has greatly increased since the Davis incident.

Ex-Governor Mickey Will Build.

Lincoln, Neb.—It is announced that ex-Governor John H. Mickey has purchased a block of ground in University Place and will soon begin building a residence.

Five Frozen to Death.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.—According to word received here Thursday from Ole Overby, his wife and four children were frozen to death at their home in Ward county, North Dakota, during the recent cold spell. Overby writes that he had been away from home for several weeks and that upon his return he found his entire family dead. Their home was fifteen miles from the nearest neighbor. The family ran out of fuel and the woman had burned all the furniture and everything else available.

Adams Jury is Discharged.

Wallace, Idaho—The jury in the trial of Steve Adams for the murder of Fred Tyler, after being in deliberation for many hours, announced through Foreman George Eilers that it was impossible to agree upon a verdict, and was discharged.

British Steamer is Lost.

Castellare di Stabia, Italy—The British steamer Malagar was lost in sight of this port during a severe storm. Twenty-nine bodies have come ashore from the wreck.

NICARAGUA HAS A BIG JOB.

She May Have to Contend With Four Republics.

Washington—The gunboat Princeton, now on the southern California coast, will be ordered to Central America to assist the cruiser Chicago in looking after American interests threatened by the war between Nicaragua and Honduras. It also has been decided to send either the Dubuque or the Paducah to Bluefields, Nicaragua, to assist the Marletta in looking after Americans on the Caribbean side.

There now appears evr indication that Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica will join forces with Honduras. This state of affairs, it is said, is due to a conviction that Nicaragua has been the real aggressor in the boundary dispute with Honduras and if allowed to prevail over her she would also overrun the other republics.

"What Honduras now fears more than her war with Nicaragua," said a passenger, "is internal troubles. A revolution among its own people is threatened; in fact, there are signs of revolt on every side."

"Americans are prevented from leaving Honduras except by permission from the minister of war, who is at Tegucigalpa. If an American desires to leave he makes application to the commandante, who telegraphs the minister of war for permission. Conditions in Honduras are really alarming."

Tegucigalpa, Honduras—The army of Honduras is mobilized on the frontier under the personal command of President Manuel Bonilla, whose arrival at the front has inspired the troops with enthusiasm for active operations against Nicaragua.

The first fighting since February 18 occurred the evening of March 3, when General Chamorro, a Nicaraguan leader who is serving with Honduras, attacked and defeated 400 Nicaraguan troops and captured fifty prisoners. The Hondurans' loss was small.

BURTON NEAR FREEDOM.

Former Senator From Kansas Will Be Released March 22.

Abilene, Kan.—Former Senator Joseph R. Burton of Kansas will be released March 22 from the Ironton (Mo.) jail, where he is serving a six months' sentence for practicing before the postoffice department as attorney for an alleged get-rich-quick concern of St. Louis, according to a letter received here Tuesday from the ex-senator. His six months' term is shortened thirty days for good behavior. Burton says he and his wife, who has been living in Ironton since last fall, will return directly to their home at Abilene.

General Booth in New York.

New York—General William Booth, the aged leader of the Salvation Army, arrived here from London. He will spend two days as the guest of his daughter, Commander Miss Eva Booth, who is in charge of the American work of the organization, and then will leave for Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver and Seattle, whence he will sail for Japan. After a short stay in that kingdom he will go to India and thence return to England. In the fall he will again come to the United States, this time for a general tour of the country. His present visit is purely a private one and he will make no public addresses.

Richards Is Out of Office.

Washington—Judge Richard A. Ballinger of Washington on Tuesday succeeded William A. Richards of Wyoming as commissioner of the general land office. After being sworn in, Commissioner Ballinger held an informal conference with the bureau and division chiefs. J. H. Ballinger of Seattle, a cousin of the commissioner, will act as his private secretary.

Judge Ballinger enters upon his duties as commissioner coincidentally with the entrance of James R. Garfield as secretary of the interior.

Harriman Gets Foot in Seattle.

New York—The Times says: "The agreement between James J. Hill and E. H. Harriman regarding the development plans which they have worked out for their railroad lines in the Portland region, to which Mr. Harriman referred last week, while on the stand before the interstate commerce commission, has already resulted in the sale to Mr. Harriman by Mr. Hill of a portion of the Great Northern's terminal property at Seattle."

Post Cards Must Be Just So.

Washington—An order has been issued by the postmaster general providing new regulations governing the size, form and weight of private postal cards entering the mails. Such postal cards must be made of an unfolded piece of cardboard, not exceeding three and five-sixteenths by five and nine-sixteenths inches nor less than two and three-fourths by four inches.

Hanna's Wife Sues for Divorce.

Cleveland, O.—Suit for divorce was filed by Elizabeth Gordon Hanna, wife of Daziel R. Hanna, only son of the late Senator Hanna.

Famine Sufferers Are Eating Dogs.

Victoria, B. C.—Advices from Central China report famine conditions becoming worse. Middle-aged women are being sold from \$10 to \$15 and children from \$3 to \$4. Complaints are made that officials are delaying shipment of flour sent by the foreign relief committee. A correspondent who toured the famine districts reports it denuded of animals, and lawlessness is growing. In some places dogs are being caught by starving people and eaten as food.

Secretary Garfield Now.

Washington—James R. Garfield took the oath of office as secretary of the interior Tuesday. Retiring Secretary Hitchcock expressed appreciation of the manner in which the press of the country has upheld his hand.

Bryan to Talk on Lincoln.

Washington—William Jennings Bryan has notified the Veteran Legion of this city of his acceptance of an invitation to address them April 14, the forty-fourth anniversary of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

WORK OF CONGRESS IS DONE

ANNUAL SESSION ENDS AT NOON MARCH 4TH.

President in Close Touch to Sign Measures As They Were Completed by the Respective Committees.

Washington—The senate adjourned sine die at 12:13 Monday.

The house adjourned at 12:15.

The ship subsidy bill did not pass.

The La Follette bill limiting hours of railway employees was passed.

With a new record for large appropriations and far-reaching legislation the Fifty-ninth congress was brought to a close shortly after noon Monday. The last few hours were tame by comparison with what had been expected. Long before noon Senator Gallinger's fight for the passage of the ship subsidy bill had been abandoned and the filibuster against it conducted by Senator Carmack being no longer necessary, he surrendered the floor, much to the disappointment of the galleries. Extreme fatigue, due to continued night sessions in the house last week had a dampening effect upon many congressmen, and the usual excessive "last day enthusiasm" was confined to less than half the membership.

President Roosevelt, with his cabinet, White House staff, and a number of guests, occupied the president's room in the senate wing. Seated at a big table in the center of the room he signed bills as they were enrolled and presented to him. On account of the dispatch with which business has been conducted during the past week there were only forty bills to be signed.

The president was at the capitol for more than an hour. He devoted most of the time in visiting with his cabinet, both the retiring and incoming members being present, and in presenting them to personal friends of the senate and house. Retiring senators were received, and without exception the president expressed regret that these lawmakers were to leave the service of the country. Especially warm was his reception to Senator Spooner, who Sunday announced his voluntary retirement.

A feature of the house session was the presentation of a club silver service of 300 pieces to General Grosvenor by his colleagues of the Fifty-ninth congress.

In addition to the songs and stories that usually mark the close of a session, the entire house rose, waved flags and sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," as the gavel fell at 12:15 p. m.

In the senate the last of the proceedings was the speech by Vice President Fairbanks prior to adjournment at 12:13 p. m.

ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Congress Provides for Expenditure of \$919,000,000.

Washington—Statements were made to the senate and house Monday by Senator Allison and Representative Fawney, chairmen, respectively, of the appropriations committee, and by Representative Livingston, ranking minority member of the house committee, regarding the appropriations of the session.

The total appropriations aggregate \$919,948,679.63, of which \$756,662,574.27 is for the annual expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. The balance of the grand total to be used as follows: Twelve million four hundred and thirty-nine thousand six hundred and eighty-five dollars and thirty-six cents for emergencies and deficiencies on account of the fiscal year 1907 and prior years; \$1,000,000 for miscellaneous objects.

Two Prisons Assault Jailers.

Grand Island—Prisoners Crawford, a negro being held on the charge of burglary committed here, and DeFreeze, a horsethief, jailed here on the account of Deuel county, from the authorities of which he has broken jail several times, made an attack on Jailer Mehlert and attempted to escape, but were unsuccessful.

Boys Will Take Census.

Crete—Secretary Luke of the city Y. M. C. A., is making a great hit with his junior council. He has the boys of the high school organized into a city council with mayor and aldermen in exact imitation of the real council. The first work the boys have undertaken is to secure a census of Crete. This is attracting the attention of Crete's citizens for it is known that Crete has been making a substantial growth in the last three years and the official figures of 1906 are away out of date. Secretary Luke and twenty-four boys will do the work in a day.

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Hendee Is Found Guilty.

Wilber—In the case against former County Judge Hendee on the charge of embezzling \$3,385 belonging to the George Smith estate, the defense did not introduce any evidence, but asked the court to instruct the jury in favor of the defendant on technical grounds. The application was denied and the case went to the jury. They returned a verdict of guilty.

Condition of Winter Wheat.

Blue Hill—From all reports obtainable it seems wheat has withstood the winter especially well and that a good crop will be harvested. The only discouraging reports thus far received are from extremely low lands, where fields were covered with ice for several days.

Butler County Gets \$52,000.

David City—The decision of the federal supreme court affirming the tax cases was good news to the citizens of Butler county, as the taxes and interest from the Union Pacific and Burlington amount to \$52,500.

Golden Wedding at St. Paul.

St. Paul—Mr. and Mrs. John C. Phillips celebrated their golden wedding at their residence in this city in the company of about 100 invited guests. The venerable couple were the recipients of hearty congratulations and many beautiful and expensive tokens of the occasion in the form of articles of gold and plate, and from their children quite a sum of money in gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, though 72 and 66 years of age, respectively, are still in fair vigor and health and are enjoying a pleasant autumn of life.

Circular to Railroad Agents.

Omaha—The Union Pacific will send out a circular letter to all its Nebraska agents telling them to use the two-cent fare for all Nebraska local business, computing on the working time card mileage between the points within the state. This is the best that can be done at present. The printed tariff will be sent out later. This will care for the strictly interstate business. The matter of interstate business presents a much more complicated problem and will be a long time in its working out.