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CURRENT COMMENT.

PROMINENT German residents in Washington recently gave a banquet to Representatives Deuster and Guenther, of Wisconsin.

THE French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of two hundred and sixty-four to one hundred and fifty, finally passed the bill raising the duties on cereals.

SIGNOR BLANC, Italian Minister at Madrid, has been appointed arbiter in the dispute between America and Spain, in reference to an attack upon American ships in Cuban waters.

THE President has made a change in the days of holding Cabinet meetings, so that hereafter they will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week instead of Tuesday and Friday as heretofore.

THOMAS SIMPSON was convicted in Salt Lake City recently for polygamy. He had a wife in England and married another in Utah. The English wife came on and made a family row, and the facts got out.

IT was believed that the Austrian Reichsrath would retaliate against France in the matter of custom duties, if the tariff lately enacted by the French on cereals was found to work disastrously to the Austrian-Hungarian producers.

THE Texas Senate passed the House bill providing that railroad companies shall render an account of their rolling stock to Assessors of the various counties through which the roads pass and the Controller shall then apportion between the counties.

THE Bennington woolen mills in Vermont have become the property of Richard K. Haines, of New York. They originally cost $750,000. They will be run under the management of the Huguenot Woolen Company, of which Haines is President, but owing to changes will not start for some months.

JUDGE JOHN W. ALBERTY, Justice of the Supreme Court in the Cherokee Nation, has been suspended from office by the Chief of the Cherokees for malfeasance in office during the trial of the case of the Cherokee Nation vs. Leonard Williams and L. B. Williams, for murder. Jackson Christie has been appointed to fill the vacancy until the National Council meets in November.

WAR has been declared by Nicaragua against Guatemala in consequence of the proclamation issued by General Barrios, of the latter Republic, declaring that a Central American Union must be effected. Nicaragua has determined to resist the carrying out of this plan, which is practically an attempt on the part of Barrios to establish a dictatorship. Costa Rica will stand by Nicaragua.

A NEW epidemic has appeared in Lancaster County, S. C., to which five members of Mr. R. W. Draffin's family have succumbed in the past few weeks, leaving only himself and a little son remaining. The disease has baffled medical skill. It first makes its appearance with nausea, with bloody flux and griping, followed by excruciating pains. It is similar in many of its symptoms to Asiatic cholera, but it more nearly resembles the mountain scourge which swept away so many hundreds of people in Kentucky and West Virginia some months ago.

THOMAS JONES, a twelve-year-old boy residing on a farm near Salisbury, Md., was confined to his bed from injuries received in a fight with a large eagle, recently. The boy was attacked by the eagle while he was crossing a field, and it buried its talons in the fleshy part of his leg. The little fellow tried to defend himself, but the eagle clawed and bit his head and face terribly. One of the boy's ears was torn off completely and his nose split. Finally the boy got the eagle's head and neck under his foot and stamped it to death. The bird measured eight feet from tip to tip.

GENERAL JAMES BRISBIN, Vice-President of the National Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, forwarding a report on stock from Boise City, Idaho, dated March 1, sums up as follows: "The winter seems to be fairly over, and the grass is springing from the earth once more. Notwithstanding the almost unexampled severe weather and deep snows, the cattle seem to have wintered very well. Letters from Montana, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon and Nevada, report light losses. In this Territory (Idaho) the losses will not exceed one to one and a half per cent.; more horses than cattle have died. The loss in Utah is very light."

THE Post-Office Appropriation bill recently passed by Congress makes the following important changes: The weight of all single-rate letters is increased from one-half an ounce each to one ounce. All newspapers sent from publication offices or news agencies, including sample copies, are entitled to transmission at the rate of one cent per pound. An article in a newspaper or other publication may be marked for observation, except by written or printed words, without increase of postage. A special ten-cent stamp is also to be issued, which, when attached to a letter in addition to the lawful postage thereon, will insure its immediate delivery by special messenger at any time between seven a. m. and midnight.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

EXTRA SESSION.

IN the Senate on the 9th the resignations of Senators Bayard, Garland and Lamar, who had accepted Cabinet appointments, were received. The credentials of Mr. Hill, appointed to fill the temporary vacancy from New Hampshire, were presented. Mr. Van Wyck's resolution in relation to the Backbone Land Grant then came up for debate. Mr. Van Wyck urged the resolution in a lengthy speech and Senator Teller defended his action, as Secretary of the Interior, in issuing the patents.

THE only matter of interest transpiring in the Senate on the 10th was the resolution offered by Mr. Hoar that Mr. Blair be sworn in, who was appointed by the Governor of New Hampshire to fill the vacancy made by the expiring of his term on March 4, the Legislature of the State not meeting until June. The question of the power of the Governor to appoint under such circumstances was fully discussed. Mr. Blair was sworn in.

IN the Senate on the 11th, owing to the absence of Senator Teller, further action on Mr. Van Wyck's "Backbone Grant" resolution was postponed. Mr. Van Wyck offered a resolution that the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General of the United States be directed respectively to take such action as each may deem necessary to prevent any sale or transfer by the Atlantic & Gulf Transit Company, or any persons claiming lands described in the act approved May 17, 1856, entitled "An act granting public lands in the States of Florida and Alabama to aid the construction of certain railroads in said States," so far as lay on the line of said railroad between Waldo and Tampa Bay, Florida, until Congress shall have authorized the same. The resolution went over. After a short executive session the Senate adjourned.

IN the Senate on the 12th Mr. Manderson offered a resolution, which he asked might be printed and lie on the table, calling upon the Secretary of State for such information as the department may have regarding the rumored attempt of General Rufus Barrios, President of Gautemala, to seize on the territory, or destroy the integrity of the Republics of Nicaragua, Honduras, San Salvador and Costa Rica, and report what steps are being taken by the Government to preserve the rights of the United States under existing or pending treaties, also to give what information the department may have of any interference or participation in the present difficulties in the Central American Republics by any European power. A long debate ensued on Mr. Van Wyck's resolution, offered the day before, directing the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General to take steps to prevent the sale of lands granted Florida to aid in the construction of railroads in that State. No executive session was held.

IN the Senate on the 13th the new Committee on Coast Defense was announced consisting of Senator Dolph, Chairman, and Senators Cameron, Sewell, Hawley, Maxey, McPherson and Fair. The vacancies on other committees made by retiring Senators were filled. Senator Sherman declined to serve on the Finance Committee. Senator Ingalls offered a resolution calling upon the President for information in regard to the occupation of Oklahoma and what action was being taken in that regard. After a short executive session, adjourned.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

JAMES CRAWFORD, Superintendent of the Carson City Mint, is dead.

QUEEN VICTORIA will visit Darmstadt, the Hessian capital, April 1.

REV. DR. WALSH, President of Maynooth College, has been elected Archbishop of Dublin to succeed the deceased Archbishop McCabe. Walsh is a moderate Home Ruler. The election pleased the Parnellites.

CHARLES S. ELLIS, School Commissioner and architect of Rochester, N. Y., has been found guilty of the charge of trying to bribe a member of the Board of Supervisors to vote for plans designed by Ellis Brothers for a proposed new jail.

THE Marmaduke-Rainwater controversy has been a prominent feature in St. Louis papers for some time. On the 10th Governor Marmaduke gave for publication an affidavit of Robert C. Pate, a gambler, stating that he (Pate) had paid Rainwater, who was Police Commissioner, money for the privilege of running a gambling establishment. This affidavit Rainwater denounced as an infamous lie.

GOVERNOR PIERCE, of Dakota, vetoed the Woman's Suffrage bill.

GENERAL JOSEPH H. TAYLOR, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of the Platte, died of pneumonia in Omaha on the 13th. The deceased was a nephew of Zachary Taylor, and son of Joseph P. Taylor, Commissary General of the army.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A FIRE at Newburn, N. C., the other night, destroyed the Central Hotel, and twenty houses and stores were destroyed. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $50,000.

THE Washington *Star* says that Secretary Bayard has taken steps for the formal withdrawal of all treaties pending in the Senate. This left the Senate nothing to do but to pass upon the nominations.

THE French, after five days' fighting, carried the Chinese positions around Kelung. Forty Frenchmen were killed and two hundred wounded.

THE plaintiff in the Sharon divorce suit has appealed from the Court's judgment in allowing the defendant to amend his answer after a decision in the case had been rendered. It is stated that should the higher court reverse such judgment the plaintiff will obtain judgment for $5,000,000, which, it is claimed, is admitted by the original pleadings to be her share of the common property.

THE ship "Orchomene," which arrived at New York on the 11th from Calcutta, reports that on February 1, in latitude 31.13, longitude 16.23, she spoke the brig "Lucy W. Snow," Captain Burgess, from Gore for Boston, with yellow fever on board.

THE employes of the Missouri Pacific shops at St. Louis were informed on the 11th that their wages would be restored to former rates, in consideration of which the men decided not to strike.

AN insurrection has broken out in Albania.

ST. DOMINICK CATHOLIC CHURCH at Washington, D. C., burned recently. Loss, $75,000; insurance, $50,000.

MESSRS. VON GUNDELL & MAYHOFF, cotton brokers of New York, have announced their inability to meet their contracts.

CAPTAIN COUCH and twenty other Oklahoma "boomers," after being taken to Wichita, Kan., were released on $3,000 bonds each on the 12th.

IT was reported in Paris on fairly good authority that James Stephens and Eugene Davis, Fenian leaders, were arrested and ordered to leave the country.

IN the House of Commons, in reply to complaints against the Government giving any American firm the contract for pumps for the Suakim-Berber Railroad, the Surveyor-General of Ordnance said he would be greatly surprised if any English makers would undertake the work as quickly as the American firm had.

THE Ohio Archæological and Historical Association was reorganized recently. Hon. Allen G. Thurman presided and was elected trustee with fourteen other prominent men.

THE United States ship Lackawanna arrived at San Francisco on the 12th from Acapulco. She reported she had twelve cases of yellow fever. Owen Griffith, barber, and William Wilde, a sailor, died.

SECRETARY LAMAR has issued an order suspending any further patents of lands to the New Orleans & Pacific Railroad, otherwise known as the "backbone" railroad.

GOVERNOR MARMADUKE, of Missouri, issued a proclamation on the 12th warning persons against interfering with railroad property or the moving of trains. The strikers on the Gould system were confident of bringing the company to terms. The suspension of traffic was causing great inconvenience, but people generally sympathized with the strikers, and this made the position of the railroads doubly difficult. The situation on the 12th in Texas, Missouri and Kansas was not materially changed from the previous few days.

HON. GEORGE W. PIERCE, William A. Weller and N. Prentice were arrested at Bismarck, Dak., and held in $3,000 bail to answer a charge of bribery in connection with the removal of the capital from Bismarck to Pierre.

THERE were some fears at Washington on the 12th that the proclamation of Barrios, relating to Central America, would involve the United States and Mexico in unpleasant complications with him and his ideas of Central American unity.

THE firm of E. M. Samuels & Sons, of St. Louis, which failed some days ago, have made a proposition to settle with creditors at thirty-one cents on the dollar, and over three-fourths of the creditors have accepted. The liabilities of the firm were $157,500. Total available assets, $48,000.

CONSOLS in London on the 12th touched 96⅝, the lowest price in six years, but recovered at the close of the market.

NELLIE HORAN, of Whitewater, Wis., who was charged with poisoning her sister, mother and father, has been acquitted.

MACKIN and Gallagher, convicted of election frauds in Chicago, were sentenced, on the 12th, to two years' imprisonment and a fine of $5,000 each. Their commitment to jail, however, was delayed for a few days, to give the defense an opportunity for further proceedings.

A DECIDEDLY cold wave passed over the Ottawa Valley, Canada, on the 12th. Mattawa reported the temperature 25 degrees below zero.

THE new anti-Chinese restriction law which has gone into effect in British Columbia, sentences every Chinaman entering the Province to a tax of fifty dollars or six months at hard labor, and upon every one assisting to import Chinamen a tax of two hundred dollars is levied, with the alternative of six months in the chain gang.

OF the murderers of Mme. Ballerick in Paris, four were sentenced to the galleys and one, Gamahut, to the guillotine.

THE commercial agreement with England was ratified by the Spanish Cortes.

REPORTS from Central Vermont show that the thermometer averaged thirty degrees below zero on the night of the 12th.

THE Louisville (Ky.) gambling houses have been ordered closed.

A SAN ANTONIO (Tex.) special says that owing to the Kansas quarantine, stock for shipment north via the Pacific will be shipped over the Sunset route via New Orleans to Northern markets.

ALL the engineers on the Brunswick division of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad struck on the 13th. The strikers were members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and they said the cause of the strike was the unjust discharge of three members.

SECRETARY MANNING cut down the force of the Treasury Department by six special agents, twenty-six special inspectors and ten other employes, effecting a saving of $40,000 per annum.

TWO Detroit crooks were sentenced at Kingston, Ont., recently to fourteen years' imprisonment for robbing a Jew peddler. After the robbery they left the peddler bound to a tree, in which condition he froze to death.

THE President's message, asking the return of the Nicaraguan, Spanish and Dominican treaties, was received by the Senate on the 13th in executive session. The treaties will be returned to the executive, at once, no action by the Senate being required.

THE President issued a proclamation on the 13th forbidding any invasion of the Oklahoma lands. The proclamation was very decided in tone.

FURTHER arrests of Fenians were made in Paris on the 13th.

THE Russian newspapers were very bellicose regarding the action of Great Britain in Afghanistan.

GENERAL GRAHAM decreed that the inhabitants of Suakim be disarmed, as he had reason to apprehend treachery. Hereafter any unenlisted native found with arms will be treated as a rebel.

THE restoration of wages made previously to the men working in the Missouri Pacific shops in St. Louis was extended to all men employed in the large machine and car shops of the Iron Mountain Road at De Soto, Mo., and the men were highly commended for their loyalty to the company. A special from Palestine, Tex., of the 13th, said the strike had ended at that place, the men going back to work at the wages paid before the last cut.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE Canadian Government was reported considering a scheme to fit out an armed schooner to watch the fishing grounds of the maritime provinces and prevent American fishermen from taking fish in Canadian waters.

PULASKI, TENN., was visited by a terrible fire the other night, burning several houses. Loss, $30,000; insured for $15,000. Three men sleeping over a saloon were burned to death. Two were drummers from other points. Their names are unknown.

REVENUE raiders had prisoners recently in a hotel at Highlands, Ga., near the North Carolina line, when a rescuing party of miners attacked the hotel, and William Ramsey was shot and killed. The raiders were not hurt.

THE British steamer Standard sailed for London January 21 and has not been heard from, and is supposed to be lost.

ZOBEHR PASHA was recently arrested at Alexandria and his house searched. A document was found proving his complicity with the Mahdi. Zobehr Pasha is the person whom General Gordon asked to be made Governor of Khartoum.

THE clearing-house returns for week ended March 14 showed an average decrease of 14.2.

A TIGHT-ROPE walker going by the name of Leoni, fell from a cable stretched across a street at Stockton, Cal., the other day, and broke his neck.

THE Vandalia line on the 16th reduced the New York passenger rate from St. Louis to $11, another cut of $1.

FRANK BONHAM, who was accused of murdering his mother, brother and sister at Radical City, Kan., on the 3d of February last, was lynched at Independence, consequent upon the Judge granting a change of venue, which incensed the people very much.

THE Governors of Kansas and Missouri, together with the Railroad Commissioners of both States, had a conference with the officials of the Missouri Pacific on Sunday, March 15, at St. Louis, with reference to the prevailing railroad strikes. After consultation it was agreed to concede to the strikers all that was demanded—namely, the restoration of the old rate of wages—and also, in future, to give thirty days' notice before altering the rate of wages paid railroad men. The strike on the Wabash system continued, and at Springfield, Ill., the strikers were stopping freight trains in the usual manner.

IT was stated in London on the 15th that Bismarck, since the amicable settlement of the recent troubles with England, was using his whole influence with Russia to avert war.

NEAR Huntington, Pa., two unknown Italians while working on the railroad were run over and killed.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

HON. P. O. HAWES, well-known in Nebraska, recently met with a serious accident at Chicago. He slipped and fell on the sidewalk, fracturing one of his legs. He has returned to Omaha to nurse the broken limb and will for some time be compelled to go on crutches.

COZAD, Dawson County, celebrated the completion of a bridge over the Platte recently. The bridge is 3,085 feet long and is solidly constructed.

FOR the month of February there were sold at the Omaha post-office $2,543.09 worth of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards.

ON Nebraska day at the New Orleans Exposition special ceremonies took place at the headquarters of the State in the Government building. Addresses were made by John Thurston, of Omaha, Colonel Morehead, Commissioner General, and Professor Charles Bessey, of the Nebraska State University. Fred N. Thayer recited a poem. Ex-Governor Furnas dispensed generous hospitality. Each visitor was furnished with a souvenir bag of corn.

AN agricultural society has been organized at North Platte for the purpose of giving an exhibition in the fall of the products of Lincoln and adjoining counties.

A NORFOLK man dragged his wife from a Columbus skating rink in a brutal manner a few evenings ago and narrowly escaped being mobbed for his brutality.

IT is stated that the cost of employes for the last Legislature exceeded by some $8,000 that paid those of any preceding session ever held in the State. The appropriation for their pay was about $2,000 short, and those who failed to get their cash before the appropriation was exhausted "got left."

A GANG of cattle killers was recently arrested in Custer County. The depredations consisted of raiding a ranch and killing fat cattle for home consumption.

THE Fremont creamery churns up 3,000 pounds of milk per day, at the present time, and turns out 700 to 800 pounds of butter and ten cheese every twenty-four hours.

WHILE recently carousing in a half drunken condition at Omaha, Peter Lindblad, a Swede, was robbed of $240. Lindblad had expected to start to Sweden the next day, and the day previous had drawn from the Savings Bank the total earnings of a fifteen years' sojourn in America. Part of this money, $5,000, was in the form of a European draft, while $245 was in cash. The draft he had the good fortune to leave with a friend before starting out to "have a good time."

MRS. HULL was recently astonishing the people of Omaha with lectures on Spiritualism.

THE new law in regard to diseased hogs provides that any persons owning or having charge as agent or otherwise of any hogs which shall die of any infectious or contagious disease shall cause the same to be buried in the ground of, or buried on the farm upon which they have been kept, and that any person owning hogs which shall die as aforesaid, who shall neglect to cause the same to be so buried or burned within twenty-four hours after such death, shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than five dollars nor more than $100 for each such hog so left unburied or unburned.

A TRAMP at Crete, wishing to board at the county's expense until March winds were over, broke a pane of glass in the window of a restaurant, but the Marshal understood the trick and kicked the fellow out of town.

A LATE fire in Hooper, Dodge County, destroyed property valued at $26,000; insurance light. The stores of Heins Bros. and H. H. Loochens were burned with contents.

CHARLIE CARLETON, a Fremont school boy, went to join the cow-boy kids on the plains with $1.20, four marbles and a corkscrew knife, in his pocket. A telegram from his mother stopped him at Schuyler.

A STORY goes that a Dodge County widow wasted her smiles in the vain endeavor to induce a beardless youth of seventeen to marry her; failing in which, she gave him a sound spanking. The old story of a woman scorned.

THE Governor returned to the Secretary of State five bills passed by the Legislature without his approval. They were: Senate File No. 186, to determine the title, right of possession and description of lands in section 36, town 10, range 6 east, vetoed on the ground that the question is one which the courts are competent to determine by ordinary efforts. House Roll No. 17, to amend the school laws, vetoed because it conflicts with House Roll No. 108, which in the main covers the same ground. House Roll No. 19, to provide for preventing and prosecuting offenses in the District Court, vetoed because its title is defective, and Senate File No. 61 embraces most of the features in No. 19. Senate File No. 197, to legalize the election of certain officers in the city of Wymore, vetoed on the ground that it is unconstitutional, and House Roll No. 75, an act for the relief of Peter Jenal and his bondsmen, vetoed on the ground that it is special legislation in a case fully within the scope of a general act.

TWO land seekers from Illinois recently attempted to ford Turkey Creek, running banks full, near Bloomington, and narrowly escaped drowning. Their wagon and team drifted down stream and finally caught on a tree. The men saved themselves by clinging to the branches, but the team was drowned.

POST-OFFICE changes in Nebraska for the week ended March 7: Established—Avondale, Otoe County, William G. Jack, postmaster; Birch, Pierce County, Harlan J Hewett; Moaklan, Sioux County, John H Holden; Sanford, Kaya Pahu County Daniel H. Sanford; Urbana, Phelps County, Ano P. Wilcox. Name changed—Baird, Nuckolls County, to Benlay, Charles Ceildren, postmaster.

THE plumbers of Omaha claim to have a grievance. Usually plumbers' patrons are the ones to grieve.

A NEW hotel is going up at Norfolk.

CONSTABLE LIDDARD, of Springfield, had a lively experience the other day. A man named Smith had been arrested for forgery and the Constable was taking him to Papillion for safe keeping. When two miles from town the prisoner jumped from the train and made for tall timber, with Liddard in hot pursuit. The Constable endeavored to stop Smith by shooting after him. The racket brought out a farmer with a shotgun and he blazed away at the Constable till his ammunition gave out. The forger was lost in the smoke of battle, but was found a few hours afterwards in a straw stack.

THE Tobias roller skating rink was burned but will be rebuilt.

HOLT County is $30,000 in debt, and a proposition to put in bonds will be submitted to the voters.

A CORPS of Union Pacific engineers pulled out of North Platte recently to survey the route on the south side of the North Platte River to Camp Clark.

FORT ROBINSON expects to reap a large share of the benefits of the expected rush of settlers to the northwest corner of the State this year. Many choice pieces of land have been filed upon and will be held for a rise. The main line of the Sioux City & Pacific will reach there in 1886.

A BOHEMIAN laborer was recently killed by the cars at Omaha while gathering coal from the railroad track.

RAILROAD LAWS.

The Railroad Commission Bill—Full Text of Its Provisions—The Passenger Tariff Bill and What Its Provisions are.

Following is the full text of Mr. Snell's Railroad Commission bill:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

SECTION 1. The Attorney General, Secretary and Auditor of Public Accounts shall constitute a Board of Railroad Commissioners, each of whom shall have power to appoint one Secretary to assist the board in the performance of their duties as such commission. The Secretaries shall be selected respectively from the First, Second and Third Congressional Districts, and they shall be paid each a salary of $2,000 per annum. The Secretaries of the Board shall take the oath of office prescribed for State officers and shall each enter into bonds, to be approved by the Governor, in the sum of $10,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 2. Said commissioners shall have the general supervision of all railroads operated by steam in this State, and shall inquire into any neglect or violation of any of the laws of this State, by any corporation doing business therein, or by the officers, agents or employes thereof; and shall also from time to time carefully examine and inspect the condition of each road in the State and its equipment, and the manner of its conduct and management with reference to the public safety, interest and convenience. Whenever in the opinion of the Railroad Commissioners it shall appear that any railroad corporation fails in any respect or particular to comply with the terms of its charter, or the laws of this State, or whenever in their judgment any repairs are necessary upon its road, or any addition to its rolling stock, or any addition or change in its station houses or stations, or any change in the mode of operating its road or conducting its business is reasonable and expedient in order to promote the security, convenience and accommodation of the public, said Railroad Commissioners shall inform said railroad corporation of the improvements and changes which they adjudge to be proper, by notice in writing, to be served by leaving a copy thereof properly certified, with any Station Agent, Treasurer, Superintendent, or Director of such corporation, and a report of such proceedings shall be included in the annual report of the Commissioners to the Governor, who shall transmit the same to the Legislature. Nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving any railroad corporation from its present responsibilities or liabilities for damage to person or property.

SEC. 3. Said Railroad Commissioners shall on or before the first Monday of December of each year make a report to the Governor of their doings for the preceding fiscal year, ending June 30, containing such facts, statements and explanations as will disclose the actual working of the system of railroad transportation in this State and its relation to the general business of the citizens of the State, and such suggestions and recommendations in respect thereto as may to them seem appropriate. Said report shall also contain as to every railroad corporation doing business in this State:

1. The amount of capital stock.
2. The amount of preferred stock, if any, and the condition of its preferment.
3. The amount of stock paid in.
4. The amount of its funded debt and the rate of interest.
5. The amount of its floating debt.
6. The cost and present cash value of its road and equipment, including permanent way, buildings, round houses, machine and repair shops, rolling stock, all real estate used exclusively in operating the road and all fixtures and conveniences for transacting its business.
7. The estimated value of all other property owned by such corporation with a schedule of the same, not including lands granted in aid of its construction.
8. The length of single main track.
9. The length of double main track.
10. The number of acres originally granted in aid of construction of its road by the United States or this State.
11. The number of acres of such land remaining unsold.
12. Its monthly gross earnings for transportation of local passengers for the same time.
13. Its monthly gross earnings for transportation of freight originating in or consigned to Nebraska for the same time.
14. Its monthly gross earning from all other sources in the State.
15. The amount of the expense incurred in running and management of passenger trains during the same time.
16. The amount of expense incurred in running and management of freight trains during the same time; also the amount of expenses incurred in the running and management of mixed trains during the same time.
17. All other expenses incurred in the running of the road during the same time.
18. The amount expended for motive power, cars, station houses and fixtures.
19. Such other statistics of the road, and of its transportation business for the year as may, in the judgment of the Commissioners, be necessary and proper for the information of the Legislature, or as may be required by the Governor. Such report shall exhibit and refer to the condition of such corporation on the first day of July of each year, and the details of its transportation business transacted during the year ending June 30.

SEC. 4. The board shall enter upon the discharge of its duties within ten days after this act becomes a law and shall hold its sessions in the Capitol at Lincoln, or at such other place as duty shall require, and by the most thorough investigation and closest application inform itself respecting the general business of railroading, the cost of construction of railroads, the present value thereof, the cost of operating them and all of the minutiæ of the profits and losses of the business of every railroad company incorporated or doing business in this State, shall on or before the first day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and on or before the same day in each year thereafter, make and transmit to the board created by virtue of this act, at their office in Lincoln, a full and true statement under oath of the proper officers of said corporation of the affairs of their said corporation, as the same existed on the first of the preceding July, specifying:

1. The amount of capital stock subscribed.
2. The amount of stock paid in.
3. The amount of its assets and liabilities.
4. The names and places of residence of its officers.
5. The amount of funded debt.
6. The amount of floating debt.
7. The estimated value of each road bed, including iron and bridges.
8. The estimated value of rolling stock.
9. The estimated value of stations, buildings and fixtures.
10. The estimated value of other property.
11. The length of single main track.
12. The length of double main track.
13. The length of branches, stating whether they are single or double tracks.
14. The aggregate length of sidings and other tracks not above enumerated.
15. The number of miles run by passenger trains during the year preceding the making of the report.
16. The number of miles run by freight trains during the same period.
17. The number of tons of through freight carried during the same time.
18. The number of tons of local freight carried during the same time.
19. Its monthly earnings for the transportation of passengers during the same time.
20. Its monthly earnings for the transportation of freight during the same time.
21. Its monthly earnings from all other sources respectively.
22. The amount of expense incurred in the running and management of passenger trains during the same year.
23. The amount of expense incurred in the running and management of freight trains during the same time; also the amount of expenses incurred in the running and management of mixed trains during the same time.
24. All other expenses incurred in the running and management of the road during the same time.
25. The amount expended for repairs of road and maintenance of way, including repairs and renewal of bridges and renewal of iron.
26. The amount expended for improvements.
27. The amount expended for motive power and cars.
28. The amount expended for station house, buildings and fixtures.
29. All other expenditures for maintenance of road, maintenance of way, motive powers and cars.
30. The rate of fare for passengers in this State for each month.
31. A copy of each published rate of fare for passengers and tariff of freight in force or issued for the government of its agents during the same time.
32. What express companies run on its road, the kind of business done by them, and whether they take their freights at the depots or at the offices of such express companies.
33. What freight and transportation companies run on its road.
34. Whether such freight and transportation companies use the cars of the railroad or the cars furnished by themselves.
35. Whether the freight or cars of such companies are given any preference in speed or order of transportation, and if so, in what particular.

SEC. 5. Said Commissioners shall hold their office at the Capital of the State.

SEC. 6. The expenses of said Commissioners and salaries of said Secretaries shall be paid quarterly from the Treasury out of the general fund.

SEC. 7. No person in the employ of any railroad corporation, or holding stock in any railroad corporation, shall be employed as Secretary.

SEC. 8. The said Commissioners shall have power in the discharge of the duties of that office to examine the books, papers, documents, or tariff schedules of any such corporation, or to examine under oath or otherwise, any officer, director, agent or employe of any such corporation; they are empowered to issue subpœnas and administer oath in the same manner and with the same power to enforce obedience thereto in the performance of their said duties as being and pertain to courts of law in this State, and any person who may willfully obstruct said Commissioners in the performance of their duties, or who may refuse to give any information within his possession that may be required by said Commissioners, within the line of their duty, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable, on conviction thereof, to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, the cost of such subpœnas and investigation to be first paid by the State on the certificate of said Commissioners.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Governor on the request of said Commissioners to direct the District or County Attorney of the proper district or county, or the Attorney-General of the State, to institute and prosecute any and all suits and proceedings for a violation of this act, or any law of the State concerning railroad or railroad corporations.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of said Board of Commissioners when any complaint under oath shall be made to them by any citizen of this State of any unreasonable charges made by any railroad company for the performance of any service as such railroad company, or of any discrimination exercised or authorized by any such railroad company, or of any matter or thing wherein the said railroad company shall be charged with the violation of any law of this State, said board shall investigate the cause of such complaint when all the facts and statements of the parties concerned, and if on such investigation it shall appear to such Commissioners that there is probable cause for such complaint, they shall notify the railroad company so complained of of the matter of such complaint, and shall suggest what in their opinion is equitable and just in the premises, and if such railroad companies do not agree with such recommendation or suggestion of such board, the railroad company shall notify such board in writing to that effect, and such board shall then appoint a day for a hearing of the matter of such complaint, and if upon said hearing they shall again make a recommendation to such railroad company of what, in their judgment, shall be proper and just to be done in the premises, and if said railroad company shall refuse or neglect to comply with the recommendation of such board, then such board shall cause said complaint to be filed with the Clerk of the District Court in the county wherein such complaint arose, and the same shall stand therein as information, which it shall be the duty of the District or County Attorney to prosecute at the term of the District Court, wherein said complaint shall be filed, holden next after the filing of said complaint, and if a verdict of guilty on such trial shall be returned by the jury against such railroad company, they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall forfeit and pay such sum not exceeding $1,000, one thousand dollars, as the court shall first proper and judge, together with all costs of the entire proceedings from the time of filing such complaint with the Board of Railroad Commissioners.

SEC. 11. Upon the occurrence of any accident upon any railroad which shall result in bodily harm or loss of life either to passenger, employe, or other person, the corporation operating the road upon which the accident occurred, shall give immediate notice thereof to Railroad Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to investigate the same and to promptly report to the Governor the extent of the personal injury or loss of life, and whether the same was the result of mismanagement or neglect of the corporation that operated the line on which the injury or loss of life occurred.

SEC. 12. In the construction of this act, the phrase "railroad" shall be construed to mean all railroads and railways operated by steam, and whether operated by the corporations owning them or by other corporations, or otherwise. The phrase "railroad corporation" and "railroad company" shall be construed to mean the corporation, or company, or individual that maintains or operates a railroad operated by steam power.

SEC. 13. A majority of said Board of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business.

SEC. 14. Nothing in this act shall be construed to stop or hinder persons or corporations from bringing suit against any railroad company for any violation of any of the laws of this State for the government of railroads.

SEC. 15. To carry out the provisions of this act without undue burden to the State officers who compose the Board of Commissioners, their Secretaries are hereby empowered in all matters of examinations or investigations, to perform the duties prescribed for the board themselves; Provided, That in final judgments, or in the fixing or changing of rates, shall only be done by the board themselves.

Passenger Rates.

Following is the bill regulating passenger rates:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any railroad corporation operating a railroad east of the 101st meridian in this State, to charge, collect, demand, or receive for the transportation of any passenger, including baggage not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds in weight, on any train over its line of road, a sum exceeding the rates herein prescribed, as follows: Railways to be known as class "A," being those that earn in this State $6,000 or upwards per mile per annum, gross earnings, three cents per mile. Railways to be known as class "B," being those that earn less than $6,000 per mile per annum, gross earnings, three and one-half cents per mile; Provided, that the gross earnings herein provided shall be construed as the gross earnings per mile from all sources of any railroad corporation computed upon the main line mileage of the entire system of such railroad corporation in this State, its branches, extensions, and lines leased or operated; provided, that the rate per mile from the 101st meridian to the western boundary of the State shall not exceed four cents.

SEC. 2. Said railroad corporation shall not charge, collect, demand or receive within the limits above specified for the transportation of any child under ten years old in the care or control of any passenger on any train, a sum exceeding one-half of the rates prescribed in section one of this act.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as to prevent any railroad company from adopting the rule that when there is no conductor on the train the conductor may charge and collect, not to exceed twenty cents in addition to the regular fare, for which he shall give back to such passenger a conductor's check which shall be delivered to the person so charged at any station on such road on presentation to the agent of said road.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any railroad corporation operating a railroad in this State to expel or remove from any coach used for conveying passengers over their line of road any person or persons who offers to pay the regular rate of fare, not to exceed the maximum rate herein fixed for conveying passengers along the line of such road; provided, said persons conduct themselves properly while remaining therein.

SEC. 5. Any railroad corporation violating any of the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay for each offense not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, such forfeiture to be paid into the school fund of the county in which such forfeiture is imposed, and shall also be liable to the party injured for all damages he or she sustained thereby.

6. The term, "railroad corporation," contained in this act shall be deemed and taken to mean all corporations, companies or individuals now owning or operating, or which may hereafter own or operate any railway in whole or in part in this State; and the provisions of this act shall apply to all persons, firms and companies, and to all associations of persons, whether incorporated or otherwise, that shall do business as common carriers upon any of the lines of railway in this State (street railways excepted), the same as to railroad corporations hereinbefore mentioned.

Died of Tobacco Smoking.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 14.—The funeral of William Casey, a well-to-do Irish citizen, took place yesterday. The cause of his death was a cancer in the mouth, caused, the doctors certify, by smoking Havana cigars. The disease afflicted him for several months, and he was a great sufferer. He was for years an incessant cigar smoker, always going the best imported. In Havana some of the most expert cigar makers are Chinese. The doctors who attended him declare there was nothing poisonous in the tobacco itself, and that his system must have been inoculated by disease transmitted by the cigar maker. The case is analogous to that of the late Senator Hill, of Georgia, and ex-President Grant.

Fugitives.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 14.—On the arrival of the steamer "George E. Starr" from Sitka yesterday twenty Chinese passengers were not allowed to land and will have to return to Puget Sound to-day. The police are acting under orders from the Provincial Government and the Dominion customs officials are powerless. There is much excitement in Chinatown and writs of habeas corpus are threatened. The penalty is $200 for every captain of a vessel from which Chinese may land.

Convicted of Polygamy.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, March 14.—Thomas Simpson was convicted to-night of polygamy. He has a wife in England and married another in Utah. The English wife came on and made a family row, and the facts got out. On the 24 the Gentiles drawn on the jury swore that their dire belief was polygamy right under certain circumstances. He was excluded on the same ground as the Mormon believers in polygamy.

A HALT CALLED.

The President Issues a Proclamation Warning all Persons Against Trespassing Upon the Oklahoma Lands—Excitement in Camp.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The following proclamation has been issued by the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, It is alleged that certain individuals, associations and persons, and corporations are in unauthorized possession of the territory known as Oklahoma, and within the Indian Territory which are designated, described and recognized by treaties and laws of the United States, and by the executive authority thereof as Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, It is further alleged that certain other persons or associations within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States have begun and set on foot preparations for an organized and forcible entry and settlement upon the aforesaid land and are now threatening such entry and occupation; and

WHEREAS, The laws of the United States provide for the removal of persons residing or being found upon such Indian lands or territory without permission expressly and legally obtained of the interior Department;

Now, therefore, for the purpose of protecting public interests as well as the interests of the Indian nations and tribes, and to the end that no person or persons may be induced to enter upon the said territory where they will not be allowed to remain without permission of the authority aforesaid, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby warn and admonish all and every person or persons now in unlawful possession of such lands, and all such persons as are intending, preparing or attempting to enter in or settle upon the same, that they will not be permitted to enter upon said territory, or if already there, to be allowed to remain thereon, and that due regard for, and voluntary obedience to the laws and treaties of the United States, and this admonition and warning is not sufficient to effect the purposes and intentions of the Government as hereinbefore declared, the military power of the United States will be invoked to abate and remove all unauthorized possession, and prevent threatened entry and occupation, and to remove all such intruders from the aforesaid Indian lands.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND.
By the President. T. J. B