

WAGE CASE SETTLED

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The wage award is believed by the men to fall short of their demands. By reason of the many rules of operation involved no railroad will be able to tell exactly for a month at least the amount of money involved. The surprise test remains.

The award includes several reforms affecting hours and conditions of employment. Representatives of the brotherhoods expressed disappointment at it, while the railroads in a general way considered it satisfactory. The arbitration was strictly on the demands of the men; there was nothing for them to lose of advantages already enjoyed.

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1,200 Ironworkers Strike.

Chicago, Ill.—Twelve hundred bridge and structural iron workers struck when their demands for increase in wages was refused by the contractors' association. The men also demanded that they be given the reinforced concrete work for which laborers now receive 40 cents an hour. Work on many municipal projects will be held up besides the delay to private buildings now under construction.

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The loss is estimated at about \$2,000,000.

Dunkirk Shelled.

Paris.—German warships have been seen off the Belgian coast, according to an official statement given out in Paris. Large shells to the number of nineteen have fallen on Dunkirk. Twenty persons were killed and forty-five wounded. Some houses were destroyed.

Crickets Destroy Much Wheat.

Wilson Creek, Wash.—A column of crickets four miles long and twelve feet wide mowed down hundreds of acres of wheat in Grant county. They move in four columns.

Proof of Kolberg Sinking.

Lerwick, Scotland.—The finding near the south end of this island of a life buoy marked "Kolberg" is believed here to confirm the report made at the time that the cruiser Kolberg was sunk in the battle in the North sea on January 4.

Germans Celebrate; Arrested.

Vancouver, B. C.—Four prominent German residents of Vancouver were arrested, charged with taking part with a number of other Germans, in a celebration of the German victory.

SUMMER BOARDERS



PATTERSON TO GET PLACE

CHANGE TO BE MADE IN AUDITORSHIP.

Resignation of Hastings Man Is Accepted Many Months After It Was Tendered to the Secretary.

Washington.—The resignation of William E. Andrews of Hastings, Neb., as auditor of the treasury has been accepted. Sam Patterson of Arapahoe will be named as his successor, according to unofficial information. Formal announcement of Mr. Patterson's appointment is expected soon. Although Mr. Andrews filed his resignation with Secretary McAdoo during the first days of the democratic administration, its acceptance at this time came as a surprise to him. While he has been prepared to sever his connection with the auditor's office at any moment, no hint came that he was to be replaced except through unofficial sources within the last few days.

Sam Patterson had been an applicant for the auditorship since early in 1913. He had the endorsement of Senator Hitchcock and the Nebraska democratic members of the house. It is stated here that Secretary Bryan will make no objection to the appointment of Patterson. It is believed that Representative Shallenberger has had a good deal to do with the naming of the Arapahoe man. It is recalled that when Mr. Shallenberger was governor he wanted Patterson named as secretary of the state banking board. It is probable, therefore, that the patronage deadlock between Senator Hitchcock and Secretary Bryan is not invaded in the expected settlement of the auditorship.

Mr. Andrews would make no announcement of his plans. It is understood that for a few months, at least, he will devote himself to rest and the enjoyment of a vacation, part of which will be spent at his Nebraska home.

Trunks Contained Fortune.

Lincoln, Neb.—Mrs. Gertrude Mullen's lost traveling cases, containing a fortune in securities, were not stolen. They were delayed in transit and have been recovered by the owner.

Sheriff Hyers solved the problem, and the trunks arrived in Lincoln on a Rock Island train from the south. They were one train behind the traveler. Mrs. Mullen and her sister, Miss Mary Dalley, of this city, were much worried over the non-arrival of the trunks, because one of them contained securities valued at \$50,000. The securities were found in their proper places when the trunks were received.

Nevertheless Mrs. Mullen was robbed just as she left the train at Lincoln. A few minutes before the train stopped she had a small handbag on her arm. When she got off the train the handbag was missing. It contained about \$6 in cash, tickets, her trunk checks and other personal property. Sheriff Hyers thinks some thief cut the cord that held it on her arm as she got off the train.

Sending of Troops Mistake.

Des Moines, Ia.—Strong disapproval of the action of the United States in sending troops into Mexico was expressed by Bishop F. J. McConnell of Denver in his report to the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church in session here, concerning his recent tour of inspection of Methodist missions in Mexico.

"The United States had no more right to interfere with the internal affairs of Mexico than with the countries at war in Europe," he said.

To Erect Monument.

Omaha, Neb.—A memorial monument to Chief Logan Fontenelle, head of the Omaha tribe of Indians, will be erected by Fontenelle tribe No. 78 of the local lodge of Red Men. At the last council fire of the tribe a committee was appointed to devise ways and means of erecting the monument. Just what kind of a monument and where it will be erected will be decided after a conference with others interested in the first history of the state.

Not at All Pleased.

Lincoln, Neb.—Basing his observations on an early bulletin saying that western engineers had been given 25 per cent of the increase asked by the board of arbitration, C. C. Peters, chairman of the Burlington local division of firemen, said that he feared this was the last arbitration of wage differences that would ever be consented to.

"We refused arbitration at one time because of the delay," he said, "and finally consented to submit the matters in controversy on promise of an early award. We consented to arbitration last August and we get an award of a small part of what we asked for the last of April. This doesn't please the men very much."

Pritchard Wants Release.

Beatrice, Neb.—Julius Pritchard, a prisoner in the Nebraska penitentiary, who was sentenced from this county (Gage) to a twenty years' imprisonment for committing a criminal assault upon Margaret Delaney, an eight-year-old Wynmore girl, gives notice through a local paper that he has applied to Governor Morehead and the advisory board of pardons for a furlough or a commutation of sentence. The hearing on the application is set for May 13. The offense of which Pritchard was convicted, occurred in November of the same year. During the trial he became incensed when cross-examined by County Attorney Fred McEerr and threatened the life of that official.

Answers Call by Aeroplane.

Sioux City, Ia.—To answer an emergency call to an accident by aeroplane was the experience of Dr. Pearl E. Somers, of Grinnell, Ia. Somers received a telephone call from a farm home eleven miles southeast of Grinnell. Aviator W. C. Robinson of Grinnell was near the doctor's office when the call came, and, learning of Somers' mission, volunteered to take the doctor to the scene of the accident in his aeroplane. The start was made within a few minutes, and the eleven miles were traversed in six minutes, at the rate of 110 miles an hour.

Second Action Is Begun.

Lincoln, Neb.—Susan L. Sipple, widow and administratrix of the estate of Charles F. Sipple, has for the second time brought suit in district court against the Missouri Pacific Railway company, though this time, instead of asking damages in the sum of \$20,200, she prays for only \$3,000. The other suit was filed a year ago and upon application of the defendant was removed to the federal court on the ground of diverse citizenship. It was dismissed by the plaintiff at the same time she began her second action, which, on account of the amount sued for, cannot be removed.

Omaha, Neb.—A special order has just been received at the postoffice to permit the forwarding of money to European war prisoners by money order without the payment of the usual fees. The action is taken in accordance with a provision of The Hague convention, which was subscribed to by the United States and by all the European nations now engaged in hostilities.

Lincoln, Neb.—Speaker George Jackson of the house of representatives called on the board of control in an attempt to secure some convict labor for road improvements being planned in Nuckolls county, where Mr. Jackson resides.

The law provides for the allotment of convict labor by the state on contract to the counties for road work and applications for such labor have been made from time to time by several counties. As yet, however, the board has not seen fit to avail itself of the opportunity offered by the law.

Lincoln, Neb.—Proceeds of the annual pan-hellenic dance, given by the fraternities of the state university, are this year to be turned over to the state orthopedic hospital. The dance is held the latter part of May and is widely attended by the fraternity alumni from all over the state.

The inter-fraternity council has also decided that rushing next year is to be confined to five days instead of ten, as was the case last year. It will begin Friday of registration week and continue until Wednesday noon of the next week.

ANNOUNCES AWARD

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COMPACT BINDING ONE YEAR

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New Plan of Organization.

New York.—Stockholders of the Wabash Railroad company received copies of a new reorganization plan announced by Winslow S. Pierce, chairman of the board of directors and of a joint reorganization committee. The plan provides for the organization of a new company with a capital stock of \$205,118,000, a reduction of \$17,201,377 from the stock of the existing company. It was announced that the plan was approved by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and that this firm had agreed to act as reorganization managers. A syndicate, headed by that firm, is being formed.

Cold Wave on the Pacific.

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Funeral of Oldest Mason in Nebraska.

Elgin, Neb.—The funeral of Hiram H. Brown, the oldest member of the Masonic order in Nebraska, was held Friday. The services were in charge of the local lodge, of which the deceased was a member. Upon the death of Past Grand Master Hayes of Norfolk, Mr. Brown became the oldest living Mason in Nebraska and the Jordan gold medal was accordingly bestowed upon him last September.

He was made a Mason in St. Charles, Ill., in 1850 and remained a member of the order for over sixty-five years. He was almost 87 years of age at the time of his death.

Warrants Signed for Newspapers.

Lincoln, Neb.—State Auditor Smith has signed the last warrant for the newspaper claims arising out of the printing of the proposed constitutional amendments, submitted at the last election. It cost the state \$182 for each of ninety-three counties in the state. The appropriations for the claims were made by the last legislature.

Grand Duke Nicholas Well.

Washington.—The Russian ambassador has received the following telegram from the minister of foreign affairs in Petrograd:

"Please contradict most categorically false reports spread by the German press according to which the Grand Duke Nicholas was said to be ill. The grand duke, commander-in-chief, is in perfect health and has been accompanying his majesty, the emperor, in his recent visit to Galicia."

Canal City Is Fire Swept.

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The fire destroyed completely twenty-two city blocks and was not controlled until twelve buildings in its path had been destroyed.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Alliance is to have a Country club. Work on the Farmers' bank of Craig has been started.

Is not serious, but the tower is a wreck and the bell damaged.

The cornerstone for the new city hall at Geneva has been laid.

The new Crawford city hall, erected at a cost of \$12,000, has been opened.

J. D. Anderson has been elected manager of the Syracuse baseball team.

Theodore Nelson of Nehawka was seriously injured by being kicked by a mule.

The business men of Pender have raised about \$1,000 to support a baseball team.

Otto Wrieth of Omaha has just opened a new hardware store at Springfield.

Work has begun on the excavation for the \$250,000 addition to Lincoln's postoffice building.

Work has commenced on the new \$35,000 building for the state tuberculosis hospital at Kearney.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences will be held at Lincoln May 31.

More automobiles licenses were issued by Secretary of State Pool last week than any previous week since autos were invented.

Elbert Moren, living near Johnson, suffered a broken arm and internal injuries when two teams and a wagon load of oats ran over him.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, bishop of Omaha, will administer the rite of confirmation to a very large class at West Point on May 10.

The new Methodist bell tower, erected a month ago at Ord, fell after having been struck by a runaway horse. Damage to the building \$200.

A \$200 diamond brooch pin, lost by Miss Emma Yager in front of her home in Hastings, was crushed by an automobile and its value as a pin destroyed.

The barn of E. N. Boyles, living near the Wyoming line, northwest of Harrison, was burned, together with four horses, two mules, a cow, harness, hay and grain.

Attorney General Reed has announced the appointment of Ed. P. Smith of Omaha to appear for the state and the railway commission in defense of order No. 19, the class rate order.

The Alliance Commercial club has shipped in 2,000 trees, paying the freight and selling them for less than cost. More trees will be planted there this year than in any five previous years.

While working about the railroad yards at Unadilla, Max Schreiner, manager of the Farmers' elevator, stepped on a spike that ran nearly through his foot, causing a very painful wound.

William O'Brien of Pilger, has received by express a black bear from Nyssa, Ore. The bear was captured when a small cub, by Willard Davison, formerly of Pilger. It is now one year old and quite tame.

An iron staple, approximately an inch and a quarter long and half an inch across, which S. C. Hawthorne of Lincoln swallowed over two years ago, was removed from his left lung during the first part of this month.

Adjutant Trimble at Lincoln has received an invitation from the town of Aurora asking for the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for 1916. The encampment this year is at Minden, May 18, 19, 20 and 21.

One of the most shocking accidents in the history of Alliance occurred when Vern Lyon, the nine-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scott, had his leg literally torn off at the knee as he was attempting to climb onto the rear of a buggy.

A twelve acre plot in the west part of Hastings has been leased by the school board for experimental agricultural purposes upon the part of school boys, who will be allotted one-eighth of an acre each. Eighteen boys engaged in the experimental work last year. One lad sold \$18 worth of his own products.

Probing preliminary to a grand jury investigation is being carried on at Hastings. According to Deputy Attorney General Barrett, the investigation promises many sensational features.

While riding in a carryall with her husband and family, Mrs. Phillip Volmer, who resides ten miles from Merma, fell from the back of the vehicle to the ground and broke her neck. She lived but half an hour after the accident.

The state board of control has arranged that between 1,500 and 1,600 loads of sand and cement, needed for the permanent roadway which will be constructed on the Lincoln highway near the Kearney Industrial school, will be hauled by the boys there. The sand will be taken from the Platte.

Thousands of horses are being gathered at Grand Island for the warring nations of Europe.

Colonel A. B. Persinger, who resides near Chappell, had twenty head of 2-year-old steers struck by lightning and killed. The cattle were worth over \$1,000.

It is expected that 200 women from various parts of the country will be in Omaha May 8 to 13 in attendance upon the biennial convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the general synod of the Lutheran church.

TWO NEW BUILDINGS

UNI. REGENTS ORDER STRUCTURES TO COST \$400,000.

BESSEY HALL IS TO BE BUILT

Attorney General Reed Issues Ruling Regarding Assessment of Banks.

Lincoln.—The University of Nebraska Board of Regents authorized the first two buildings to be constructed on the city campus under the plans for university extension. They are the Bessey hall and the chemistry building, each to cost \$200,000. The board also selected the site for the new dairy barn at the state farm.

The junior medical college in Lincoln has been abolished, it being the intention to give these courses at Omaha. The board made plans to construct the new \$150,000 hospital building at the Omaha Medical college authorized by the legislative appropriation. The department of forestry was abolished at the university and a department of poultry established at the state farm.

Assessment of Banks.

Attorney General Reed has issued a ruling that requires county assessors in appraising the capital stock of banks to give its "franchise value." This means that not only the paid-up and book value of the stock, surplus and undivided profits shall be figured, but that the assessor is also to take into consideration anything else that may affect the value of the stock. The real estate and all tangible property is to be added as a part of the capital stock value. The real estate is then to be deducted and taxed separately. The ruling takes cognizance of and is issued in view of the corrective law passed by the last legislature, repealing the exemption that banks previously had as to real estate mortgages.

After Session Talk.

Senator Jack Grace of Harlan county, a member of the last and preceding senate, was a caller at the state house last week and in a discussion of the statement made by Senator Quinby of Omaha that the senate had nineteen "wooden Indians" in it at the last session, the statesman from Harlan remarked, "I don't know about the wooden Indians, but I know there was one wooden head in the senate and he came from Omaha." Speaking of the work of the last senate, the senator said he believed the record of that body would stand up well with the work of other senates in the past. "One thing is sure," said Senator Grace, "if the state of Nebraska had had only one body, the house, and no senate, as Senator Quinby advocates, there is hardly an institution of the state but what would have been crippled for funds to run it or have been compelled to sacrifice its efficiency because there would not have been funds to run it on a business basis."

May Ninth Mothers' Day.

Following the custom of the last few years Governor Morehead has issued a proclamation designating Sunday, May 9, as Mothers' day and asks that a fitting observance of the day be followed. The proclamation in part follows:

"Gratitude is one of the cardinal virtues; to remember gratefully acts of kindness bestowed is an evidence of true nobility; to exemplify it by word or deed is commendable in all. One day of the year has been selected in which this may be shown in a manner that must tend to make ourselves and other better. It is the day wherein we show by some outward token how dearly we esteem the one who gave us birth, and watched over us in our infancy and youth, and who has at all times been our best friend. That friend is mother. The day is intended to start in the mind splendid recollections of the past, and will make that Sunday more sacred than it otherwise would be. It would be well if special mention of the day be made in all the churches throughout the state. I therefore recommend that Sunday, the 9th day of May, be observed as Mothers' day and trust it will be recognized as generally as circumstances will permit.—John H. Morehead."

Signal Officers Service School.

The War department has authorized Adjutant General Hall of the Nebraska national guard to send the officers of the signal corps to the service school for that branch of the service, to be held at Fort Leavenworth, Kas. June 5 to 15.

Florence Left Out.

Governor Morehead has issued another Greater Omaha annexation proclamation, which excludes the village of Florence from the operation of the annexation election. The governor's new proclamation cancels the one issued on April 24, and provides for an annexation election which affects only South Omaha and the village of Dundee under S. F. No. 2. Florence not being supplied from the gas plant in the city of Omaha with its gas, does not come within the provisions of the bill.