

ORDER GRAIN RATES REDUCED

State Board of Transportation Attempts to Show Cause for Its Existence.

ACTION ON THE HAIGLER COMPLAINT

Land Commissioner Wolfe Replies to Some of the Statements of Secretary Porter—Board the Responsible Body.

LINCOLN, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The State Board of Transportation this morning ordered a reduction of 30 per cent on the local distance rates for the transportation of grain. The order will take effect February 20, and unless complied with by that time, the railroads will be required to show sufficient cause why it should not be enforced.

This action of the board of transportation, while it will probably be followed by a sweeping reduction on all farm products, is not a surprise, as the railroads have already intimated their willingness to make such a concession, with the understanding that the present live stock rates are to remain in force. The cattlemen in the western part of the state, as well as the farmers in eastern Nebraska, would be benefited by such a change in rates, and this will be held out as an inducement by the railroads for an agreement to the board of transportation. The board of transportation took this action as a means of winning the good will of the people, hoping to secure for itself all the credit for any reduction that may be made by the railroads.

The order of the board was issued on the following recommendation of the board of secretaries:

Believe Rate Too High. In a complaint filed by the citizens of Haigler they complain that for things that the rate on corn from Minden to Haigler, a distance of 100 miles, is unjust and unreasonable. The rate is 10 cents per bushel. The complaint on the corn rate filed with this board numerous verbal complaints have been made that the rate on corn and other foodstuffs is excessive. Most of these complaints come from parties feeding cattle and sheep in the western part of the state, remote from the corn belt, who are compelled to ship their stock to the corn or other feed in the western part of the state. We therefore recommend that a general order be made reducing the local distance tariff rates on corn, oats, barley, bran, cornmeal, mill feed, mill stuff, chop grain, screenings, oat hulls, oat dust, corn meal, alfalfa, clover hay, timothy hay, and cane fodder (straight carloads) and stationary meal to the rate of 10 cents per bushel, taking effect December 1, 1894, and now in force, and that all the roads doing business in this state be given time to show cause why said order cannot be served.

In compliance with this recommendation the Board of Transportation issued an order upon the Chicago, O'Neil & Western, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley, Burlington & Denver, and Western St. Joseph & Grand Island and Missouri Pacific railroads to reduce the local distance tariff 30 per cent. The order required to show cause before February 20 why this order should not be enforced.

Will Not Stop Past Practices. In the case of the citizens of Haigler, who complained that fast through passenger trains on the Burlington railroad, running between Lincoln and Denver, did not serve at Haigler the Board of Secretaries found that there is no discrimination in the way of train service and recommended that the complaint be dismissed. The recommendation was adopted by the board. In brief the citizens of Haigler complained that the Burlington railroad unjustly discriminated against them in favor of other nearby towns. The secretaries found that the through trains could make no more stops than they are now doing and make their western and western connections at five towns along the line adequate mail and passenger service. If the fast trains were made to stop at all the less important points they would become mere local trains.

A similar complaint was filed by the citizens of Ansley, asking that all through trains be compelled to stop at that place. The finding of the secretaries was the same as in the Haigler case.

The State Bank of McLean was chartered today by the State Banking board. Its capital stock is \$5,000.

Wolfe Makes a Statement. Concerning the Porter matter, Land Commissioner Wolfe made the following statement:

"I could say a good deal and then not exhaust the subject. Mr. Porter and I have always been the best of friends, and I am sure we will remain so, and generally agreed on questions coming before any of our boards, and as he doesn't want any 'personal altercation' with the other members of the board, perhaps I had better just grin and let it go. I am a good deal of a 'nigger' I once saw at a city election here in Lincoln a number of years ago. Two 'niggers' had some words and one of them was talking yoke from a buggy tongue and yelled the other over the head three or four times, and

A RESTAURANT EPISODE. A Sort of Straw Vote. An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburg restaurant.

While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, as he himself was regular user of the tablets at a banquet given to honor many of the other traveling men in the room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion.

the police arrested him and took him away and the nigger that I am somewhat like was asked why he didn't defend himself, and he very coolly replied that it took a good deal to make him mad, but, said he, I was just getting a little riled when he hit me the last whack. I am still in a good humor, but if Mr. Porter keeps on using his neck-tye he may possibly rile me. Mr. Meserve says he is 54 years old. I can see him and go him twelve better, and can therefore look upon the effervescence and ambitions of youth with a great deal of allowance. Mr. Porter is young and that is not his fault. He is ambitious, and even that is no crime, but N. P. Willis says:

"Ambition, 'tis a glorious cheat; It seeks the chamber of the gifted boy, And lifts his humble willow comb-hair." The balance of the poem is just as pertinent, but too personal to quote, as I don't want any 'personal altercation' with any of my friends. What Mr. Porter has already done doesn't change my good opinion of him. I know him well and regard him highly in most respects. He is a great, big, awkward, bright, honest, brainy, off-hand boy. He is a born actor, but you never can tell when he is going to appear before the curtain, and whether he is going to play the paragon and dress circles or to the gallery. He is generally equal to the emergency, however, for he himself creates the emergency to order. I have no harsh criticism to make. I might do my friend an injustice, for I can scarcely imagine what I would do myself if in his place. I would be a candidate for congress next year for a state convention, let alone both at the same time. No, I am a modest man. My friend Porter is not afflicted in this way. Perhaps it is my misfortune. Mr. Porter, I don't think, intended to step on the toes of the rest of the board, but he is tall and his eyes are a good ways from his feet and with his eyes on a congressional prize he was a little careless where he stepped.

Not Above Criticism. "I do not say there are no merits in his plea. I do not claim that the secretaries or the board should be exempt from criticism, but I do claim that for the discharge of duty on the part of the secretaries the board is equally and primarily at fault and the demand should be just as emphatic and as loud for their resignation as for the secretaries. Mr. Porter would probably be the first to hand his resignation to the board, and I ought to know, the limited powers of the board and that its existence is justified more by what it may be able to prevent than from evils it is able to cure. I am a populist and am proud of it, and I am first in the line of the doctrine of public ownership of railroads and all public utilities. This is the only complete remedy for railroad domination and exactions, and yet, as a member of the Board of Transportation, I am willing and anxious to apply the remedy to the board of the board for the benefit of the shipper, and when I see a wrong committed and know of a remedy that can be applied I shall first bring it before the board and advocate it there and not announce my discovery and intentions first to the world through the press. Like Mr. Meserve, I find that while the people are sometimes misled by reports, yet I always have found them reasonable when acquainted with all the facts. When I retire from my office at the end of the year (I don't expect to resign) I shall do so with at least the self-satisfaction of having done my duty as I, at the time, saw it. No one, I presume, has a higher appreciation of the esteem of their fellow men than myself, and yet, as high as the esteem of the good opinion of others, this is not to be compared with the satisfaction of a good conscience. I have no regrets that the press and the people are taking hold of these matters and only hope that much good may come out of it. I don't expect to have anything but gratitude to the people for their treatment of myself before and since I have been in office and trust that I have at least partially repaid them for their kind words and deeds, and only hope that I may live long enough to more fully discharge my obligations."

Boyer on Kentucky Situation. LINCOLN, Feb. 3.—(Special.)—In response to a query from a New York paper, Governor Boyer has wired his opinion of the Kentucky situation. He says the use of armed soldiers to prevent "the lawful assembly of the legally elected representatives of the people in a legislative capacity certainly is utterly at variance with all the principles which a republic is founded." He says the conditions in that state "give us every reason to believe that the people of that state are being treated as a nation."

Four Furnish Cattle for One. WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—An operation of skin grafting was performed by two local physicians, Mrs. F. Marxmeyer of St. Charles precinct, who was recently severely burned about the body by falling into a pile of burning rubbish, was operated on. Four young men volunteered to furnish the necessary cattle and an average of five square inches was taken from each one. The operation resulted successfully and the patient is doing well. Drs. Lingelbach and Sammons performed the operation.

Adams County Gillett Located. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Last November Charles Hoffman, who lived a few miles from Hastings, came to town and succeeded in raising the mortgage by selling his corn crop three or four times and giving a mortgage on a bunch of cattle he did not own. He cleared up everything and departed from the state long before his victims were aware that they had been swindled. He returned to the state, however, and Sheriff Simmering will soon go after him.

Saunder County Farmers to Meet. WAHOO, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—A county farmers' institute will be held here February 15 and 16. An interesting program is announced, made up of the best local talent. T. L. Lyons of the State university will address the institute on the first day of the session.

New Catholic Pastor at Constance. WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Rev. F. Schmitz, who has been assistant pastor of the Catholic church here, has been appointed by Bishop Scannell to the vacant pastorate at Constance, Cedar county. He left for that place Wednesday.

Union Pacific Depot Completed. DAVID CITY, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The new Union Pacific depot has been completed and the agent moved in today. It is located on Fifth street near the business part of the city and is the most commodious depot in the city.

Nebraska & Gulf Railway Survey. HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The plan and survey of the Nebraska & Gulf Railway company have just been completed and will soon be filed in the various counties through which the proposed line is to be built.

To Meet and Name Delegates. WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The secretary of the Cuming county democratic central committee has called the body to meet in this city February 17 to elect delegates to the state convention.

Knights Templar Exerting. NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Damascus commandery No. 20, Knights Templar, gave a reception to the Masonic fraternity at Masonic hall last night. Members of the order from many surrounding

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CULBERTSON, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Quo warrant proceedings were instituted against the county clerk and county sheriff of Hitchcock county some time ago and the feeling has been very bitter as a result. Charges and counter charges of fraud and trickery have been made yesterday the ballots were missed from the courthouse and were found west of the county seat a few miles.

J. W. Cole, an attorney of this place, was arrested and bound over to the district court for tampering with the ballots. It is claimed that he threw them from his buggy, having had them in his possession. Partisan feeling is bitter and an unbiased report is hard to get at this time. Cole is out under bond.

TRENTON, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—At a late hour last night the ballots that had been taken from the vault of the county clerk were found about five miles west of town by a searching party near the place where J. W. Cole was ordered to halt by an officer with a body to the Omaha Medical institute with instructions that after giving it proper burial and a headstone. He said his life had been a failure and he would prefer to die. He was found dead in a private home yesterday afternoon and the evening the voters found him dead. He left a note giving the name of the doctor who had given him the headstone. He said his life had been a failure and he would prefer to die. He was found dead in a private home yesterday afternoon and the evening the voters found him dead.

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Dinmore Seeks Change of Venue. KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The attorneys for Frank L. Dinmore this afternoon filed a written request for a change of venue. Judge Sullivan will not act on this request until February 12, when court will convene again, he having adjourned it over the coming week.

Mortgages in Polk County. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The Polk county mortgage record for January shows that twenty-six mortgages were filed amounting to \$33,806.76, and forty-four releases, amounting to \$34,825.25.

To Recruit Militiamen at Wahoo. WATERLOO, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—J. L. Sundau has been commissioned recruiting officer for the First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, to organize a company to be stationed at Wahoo.

Stark Commences Campaign. THAYER, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Congressman Stark has commenced his campaign in this county sending out speeches of Congressman DeArmond of Missouri, entitled "Foreclosure."

Lapeer Postoffice Discontinued. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—An order was issued today discontinuing the postoffice at Lapeer, Cheyenne county, Neb. Mail will be sent from Camp Clarke.

Laramie Prisoners Do Not Die. Statistics Show Wyoming Prison is a Good Place to Live. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The annual report of the State Board of Charities and Reform, which has just been completed, shows a somewhat remarkable record for the state penitentiary at Laramie. During the year 1899 there were 141 prisoners confined in the institution. There was not a single death and only one escape, and that individual was captured a few days after getting away. The fact is also brought out that there has not been a death at the state penitentiary for many years.

Of the prisoners who were confined during 1899 thirty were Catholic, 115 Protestant, six Mormon, one Jewish, one Quaker and twenty-eight with no religion. Thirty of these were moderate drinkers, seventy-four were intemperate and eighty were temperate. There were only three female convicts. One hundred and seventy-three of the prisoners were white, five black, three Mongolian, one mulatto, one Mexican, one half-breed Indian. Thirty-five of these were foreign born and 149 were born here.

There were 131 prisoners with a common school education, thirty-nine poorly educated, eight with no education, five with college educations and one high school graduate. Almost every trade and profession is represented among the prisoners, there being a minister among the number.

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Oratorical Contest. MITCHELL, S. D., Feb. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual contest in oratory at Dakota university to select an orator to represent it in the collegiate contest was held last evening. Gustav Lovinger was awarded first place. The oratorical contest, with six state colleges represented, will be held here in May.

Heavy Insurance Business. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The insurance taxes paid in this state this year are in excess of any former year, and as the tax is based on the volume of business transacted, the payments indicate an increase in the volume of business. The receipts of insurance tax for Thursday of this week was over \$5,000.

South Dakota News Notes. There is not a vacant building at Milbank. A commodious school building heads the list of what is wanted at Flathead in the public improvement line. A lodge of Knights of Pythias will soon be organized at Bowdle and will start out with a membership of about thirty. Bureka is considering the enlargement of its water supply system, which at present does not afford enough protection against fire.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen and Modern Workmen of America lodges of Bradley have decided to erect a lodge building and committees have been selected to perfect plans.

YAQUI PUT UP STIFF FIGHT Large Number of Mexicans Killed, Including General Torres. CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A special to the Tribune from Bisbee, Ariz., says: A dispatch was received here last night from Guaymas conveying news that General Lorenzo Gortari, commander of the Mexican forces in the Yaqui war, had been killed in the Bacatote mountains. The report is lacking in detail and has not been confirmed. Advice also received that a battle was fought between the Yaquis and the Mexicans on January 27, the Mexicans then being under command of General Torres. The fighting occurred fifty miles east of Guaymas.

The number engaged was 2,000 on the Mexican side and 3,000 on the Yaqui side. Nine Yaquis, thirty-one Indian women and twenty-six Indian children were taken captives by the Mexicans. General Torres lost eighty-nine killed, 210 wounded and fifty-nine missing, while the Yaquis' loss is put at ninety killed and wounded.

BURNS DROPS OUT OF FIGHT Action of Caucus Leaves Him No Chance for the Senatorship. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The Examiner this morning prints a statement over the signature of D. M. Burns in which he formally withdraws his name from consideration as a candidate for the office of United States senator. This insures the election of Thomas B. Bard, the republican caucus nominee.

After thanking the members of the legislature who have supported him, he reviews the incidents of the senatorial contest and the proceedings of the caucus held yesterday, stating that the action of the meeting of his opponents which harmonized on Bard virtually controlled the action of the full caucus and abridged the right of individual members to vote as they pleased. He stated that in hearing was refused a committee of his supporters, but without comment says he is a loyal republican and submits the matter to the party for consideration.

DEATH RECORD. Mrs. George McKenzie. Mrs. George McKenzie, born January 16, 1841, in Knox county, Ohio, died February 2, 1900, at 4804 North Twenty-fourth street, where she, with her husband and family, had resided continuously for twenty-seven years. She came to Nebraska as Miss Eleanor Maxfield in 1866, as a teacher on the Pawnee Indian reservation. She married George McKenzie, Jr., at De Soto in August, 1867. They came to Omaha in 1869 and in 1873 moved to their present home. Besides a husband, father, five sons and one daughter to mourn her loss, she left a host of friends.

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We announce at this time our very replete stock in this department. A strong feature being excellent Cheviots from the best manufacturers abroad and at home. Correct fashions for tailor suits, etc. Orders for these goods were placed at a slight advance of today's prices, and will be offered as long as they last at old prices.

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Everything that is new and stylish or that which makes dressing easy can be found here in the greatest profusion. New Dimities that have the style, tone and finish of the best, worth 20c—advance sale 15c yard. New Marlboro Cloth in Dresden designs for wrappers and sacques, new mercerized Foulards for dresses. New Irish Dimities—new Shirt Waist Linens, —new Madras Cloth—new all over colored Tucking for Shirt Waists. New Colored Swiss—new White Swiss—new India Linen, Persian Lawns, White Dimity and Check Mulls. New Suesucker Gingham and Toile du Nord—new French Flannels in all the latest shades.

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