

NEBRASKA NEWS

STATE WINS GREAT VICTORY IN THE EXPRESS CASE.

GIVES THE STATE INITIATIVE

Can Secure Order for Enforcement of Law Pending the Adjudication of Its Validity—Other State News.

The state has won its suit against the express companies doing business in the state of Nebraska, the supreme court having overruled the plea of abatement filed by the attorneys of the company. The decision compels the express companies to obey the Sibley law unless they can show the rates provided in that law are not compensatory. The law reduced the rates twenty-five per cent. The court ordered the express companies to show cause by March 17 why a temporary injunction should not be issued to compel them to obey the law. This will bring the case up on its merits. The decision is recognized as a landmark in judicial history and will have its effect on similar cases in other states.

The effect of the decision on the public control of railroads, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies and other common carriers will be more powerful than any other judicial decision of recent years. It extends to the enforcement of laws regulating rates and the management of common carriers a new application of the remedy by injunction and provides a method of compelling public service corporations to obey the laws until they are declared unconstitutional. It means that the state, on behalf of the people, can be the aggressor and demand enforcement of the laws as soon as they become operative. It recognizes a new power and dignity in state sovereignty and affects the question of the right of the state to maintain its proper supremacy against the interference of federal authority at the instigation of foreign corporations. It means that the state, without any other interest than to promote the public welfare and to protect the public from the extortions and oppressions of railroads and other corporations, may maintain suits in equity where no pecuniary interest of the state is involved.

The holding of the court is a recognition of the doctrine that a remedy which requires obedience to law regulating rates of transportation may be more potent and necessary than the imposition of fines or imprisonment of offenders.

RAILROAD BRIDGE BURNS.

Train Has a Narrow Escape From Plunge Into River.

The bridge on the railroad just west of Neligh was partly burned out after a night passenger had passed. A freight train came upon it suddenly without warning and the crew had only time to throw on the brakes and jump from the train. When the train stopped it was within a few feet of the stream. The engineer had his foot badly hurt by being run over by the train. He will probably lose a part of it. The Long Pine passenger came down to the break shortly after, but was stopped in good season and returned to Clearwater to remain until the bridge was repaired.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Big Gathering Held at Omaha During Last Week.

The democratic state convention was held in Omaha last Thursday and was a large one. There was nothing but harmony manifested, and every one there seemed to be full of optimism and encouragement.

The Bryan Volunteer organization work, carried on by Secretary Gruenther, resulted in the addition of many recruits, and the membership is now about 500.

The delegates at large are Frank W. Brown, Lincoln; Dan Stevens, Fremont; I. G. Dunn, Omaha, and F. J. Hale of Holt county.

Want a Packing House.

The Humboldt Commercial club at a recent smoker began agitation to establish a small packing house to be backed jointly by the farmers and business men. It is thought this might solve the question of cheap hogs and high priced meat, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The club also passed resolutions condemning the present opera house as unsafe and advising the owners thereof to put it in the necessary repair, or the club would feel at liberty to put up a new one. The building has long been recognized as a fire trap.

FRED HEDDE PASSES AWAY.

Death Takes Early Settler in His Eighty-Ninth Year.

Fred Hedde, one of the first white men who set foot upon Hall county of Nebraska soil, west of Columbus, passed peacefully away March 4 at the age of eighty-nine years. He was perhaps the oldest editor in the United States, when he laid down his pen eight years ago. Mr. Hedde was a student at Kiel, Germany, and prepared himself for the practice of law. He early became a fighter for liberty and feeling the restraint in the fatherland at the time emigrated to New York in 1855. He practiced law for a short time there, was married to his first wife the same year, but soon went westward and located in Davenport, Iowa. In 1857, when a colony of Germans proposed to locate in Nebraska, Fred Hedde, Christian Menck and one Barnard were the advance guard of a colony of thirty-five other men who made the trip overland. Mr. Barnard was a civil engineer and the settlement at Grand Island was located on July 4, 1857. He was the first county judge, a member of the territorial legislature, and one who took a prominent part in the development of the community. He was a strong character and has left an indelible impress upon the community he aided in founding and developing. He was a republican, but in local affairs fought for non-partisan administration particularly as to the municipal and school affairs. His first wife died early in the eighties. He was united in 1884 to Miss Louisa Spethmann, who survives him, also do several nephews in Hall county. He also leaves relatives in Germany, one of whom is a civil engineer for the city of Berlin.

GEORGE P. MARVIN IS DEAD.

Beatrice Editor Well Known in Nebraska Newspaper Circles.

George P. Marvin, editor of the Beatrice Daily Sun and the Weekly Democrat, died at his home in Beatrice, Neb., after a few days' illness of pneumonia. Mr. Marvin attended the meeting of the State Press association in Lincoln, and on returning home, immediately went to bed, but his condition was not thought to be serious but he gradually grew worse.

Mr. Marvin was one of the pioneer newspaper men of the state. He entered a newspaper office at the age of twelve years and had been actively connected with the newspaper business since that time. He came to Nebraska in 1859, locating at Brownville where he worked on the Nebraska Advertiser for a number of years. Later he removed to Falls City, where he began the publication of a paper. About thirty years ago he located in Beatrice, and on December 19, 1879, began the publication of the Weekly Democrat, which has been under his charge since that time. He published the Daily Democrat for several years, later disposing of it to W. L. Knotts, a little over five years ago he began the publication of the Morning Sun, which paper he edited up to the time of his death.

Mr. Marvin in times past was actively engaged in politics, being prominent in democratic circles. He was a personal friend and follower of the late J. Sterling Morton.

The news of his death came as a shock to the entire community, who were not aware that Mr. Marvin's condition was serious.

Grocer Case Reversed.

Lee Grier, convicted of misappropriating funds belonging to the city of Omaha, when a clerk of the police court, secured a reversal of the decision from the supreme court. The court held that under the statute under which Grier was convicted the matter of time was not a mere form, but of particular importance, the case was reversed because of error in the trial in the lower court.

Chamberlain Gets New Trial.

Charles M. Chamberlain, convicted in the district court of Nemaha county of embezzling funds from the Chamberlain Banking company of Tecumseh, Neb., in 1902, and sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary, has been granted a new trial by the Nebraska supreme court, which tribunal handed down a decision reversing and remanding the case to the lower court.

Bridge Contract Let.

The Ashland city council signed a contract with the Canton Bridge company for the erection of a 180-foot steel approach to the new Silver street bridge across Salt creek, the contract price being \$2,573.40. There were five bidders for the work, the Canton Bridge company being lowest.

Columbus Paper Sold.

The Nebraska Beine, Columbus, one of the oldest German newspapers in the state, was purchased from the estate of the J. H. Johannes by Henry Wilckens and J. F. Siems. The Beine has been democratic in politics but will be run as an independent paper hereafter.

CORNER FOR THE JUNIORS

SUSIE.

The True Story of a Little Squealing Pig.

When Susie was a little squealing baby, Uncle Hezekiah adopted her. She was all alone in the world, and so was he. He wrapped her in a piece of old carpet and tucked her into a box filled with hay in the wood shed.

"A queer crib for a baby," you say. But Susie thought it was delightful. She had never seen such a nice bed before, for she had been born in the slummiest of slums—to tell the truth, in a pig pen.

That pigs are really clean creatures, no one could doubt who saw Susie's milk-white coat. She was the dearest, sweetest little baby piggy in the world. Her pretty pink nose and little pink ears and the curl of her little tail were simply irresistible. So thought Uncle Hezekiah, as he fed her a bowl of warm bread and milk three times each day.

But pretty soon Susie was able to feed herself, for baby pigs are not babies long. In a short time she was trotting all over the farm at her foster-father's heels; out to the hen house to feed the chickens; back to the pump to get a pail of water for Sam, the old horse; down to the berry patch to pick berries for supper; over to the pasture after the cow. Wherever Uncle Hezekiah went Susie went, too, or wanted to. It was very funny to see the old farmer and his faithful follower.

One day Uncle Hezekiah had to go to town on business. He was already in sight of the court house tower when he remembered that he had not locked Susie in her shed as usual. He



Fed Her Three Times a Day.

turned around and looked behind him in some uneasiness. In the distance was a small cloud of dust. It came nearer and nearer.

Yes, it was Susie! She had followed him these three miles to town. Uncle Hezekiah stopped his horse. Susie's feet clattered faster over the dusty road as she saw the beloved face of her master turned toward her. When she reached the buggy she gave a joyous grunt of greeting.

"Well, Susie, what does this mean?" Uncle Hezekiah spoke sternly. "No one told you you might come. Go straight home!"

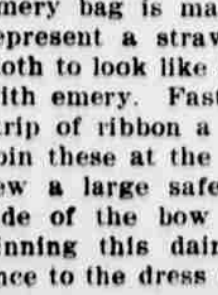
The joyous twist of Susie's tail unwound, and she stood looking at him with mournful eyes, as he whipped up his horse and rolled away as fast as Sam's stiff old legs could carry him.

It was eight o'clock in the evening before Uncle Hezekiah had finished his errands and started for the farm. He had reached the top of the hill where he had left Susie in the afternoon, when he thought he heard a familiar sound in the darkness. He listened:

FOR WILLING FINGERS.

A Sewing Convenience Which Mother Will Like.

Would you like to make this useful and ornamental sewing convenience? It is easy to make, and will be much appreciated by your mother, sister or friend. The pin cushion, needlebook and scissor-case are fashioned of any small pieces of silk or satin that you may happen to have. The emery bag is made of red flannel to represent a strawberry, or of brown cloth to look like an acorn. It is filled with emery. Fasten to each article a strip of ribbon a half yard in length. Join these at the top with a bow and sew a large safetypin on the under side of the bow for the purpose of pinning this dainty sewing convenience to the dress of the user.



"Ugh! Ugh! Ugh! Ugh!" The tones were as full of love and longing as pig language can express. It was the voice of the faithful Susie! She had waited for him all the afternoon and evening in this same spot where he had left her. How could he scold her?

"Is that you, Susie, my girl?" he called. "Well! well! You must be hungry. So am I. Let's go home as fast as we can and get some supper."

Susie trotted happily along under the buggy. She was a very intelligent pig, and she pricked up her pink ears to try to hear that song Uncle Hezekiah was chanting in his deep bass. He was chuckling so she could hardly understand him, but it sounded like:

"This little pig went to market,
This little pig stayed at home,
This little pig cried: 'Wee, wee, wee!'
I can't find my way home."
—Martha D. Taylor, in Detroit Free Press.

A NEW CUT-OUT.

Cut Out White Space Around the Head.



Cut out the disk and fasten it to back of the card at the dots. Turn and see yourself as others see you.

A FUNNY GIANT.

How a Little Fun Can Be Had in Social Company.

Some evening when your friends have come in to spend an hour with you and conversation lags, you and one of your friends can impersonate this queer-looking giant and cause much merriment.

Select a boy much smaller than yourself and seat him astride on your shoulder, draping your combined figures with a shawl or long cloak. Disguise your friend's face by making a mustache with a piece of burnt cork and ornament his head with a high hat.

The more complete the disguise the more effective is the giant. If some ready-witted and genial member of the party will undertake to act as showman and exhibit the giant, holding a lively conversation with him and calling attention to his gigantic idiosyncrasies, a great deal of fun may be produced. The joke should not, however, be very long continued, as the feelings of the person carrying the other must be considered.

How to Get Poor Quick.

Do not try to save your loose change. It is too small an amount to put in the savings bank. It would not amount to much, anyway, and there is great comfort in spending it. Just wait until you get sufficient worth while before you deposit it.

Do not try to economize. It is an infernal nuisance to always try to save a few cents here and there. Besides, you will get the reputation of being mean and stingy. You want everybody to think you are generous.

Just look out for to-day. Have a good time as you go along. Just use your money yourself. Don't deprive yourself for the sake of laying up something for other people to fight over. Besides, you are sure of to-day. You might not be alive to-morrow.—Success Magazine.

On Wash Day.

When the odor of wash day comes in at the door, the odor of sanctity that should pervade the home flies out of the window.—Detroit Free Press.

Does God Answer Prayer?

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God as King hears and answers the petitions of his subjects. Prayerlessness ignores the ruler of the universe by refusing to petition him. The prayerless man has placed himself outside the pale of civilization by denying to the ruler the right to hear the petitions of his

subjects. If he admits that there is a God, while at the same time he denies that he answers prayer, he has brought his God down to the position of the petty savage chieftain who lives for his own pleasure without regard to the welfare of his subjects. Prayerlessness is, therefore, a species of barbarism.

Any man as a subject of the King may come before him with petition. If he has a grievance, let him not tell it to others, and thus backbite the King. The King invites him into his presence, and will give audience even to his complainings. "Let him come boldly unto the throne of grace, that he may obtain mercy and find grace to help him in time of need." God is enthroned in grace and invites every subject in need to approach with boldness. And the promise is clear: "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The resources of God's throne are at the disposal of all his needy subjects. With such a king would it not be wrong to refuse to make petition? Would it not be disloyal? Prayerlessness is, indeed, disloyalty to the King of the universe.

God as Judge.

God as Judge hears and answers the prayer of a plaintiff. In the parable of the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8) the widow has a grievance against her adversary, and pleads that he shall be punished. Though the Judge is unjust, his judicial position compels him to hear her plea, and her importunity constrains him to grant her petition. The argument is that, if an unjust judge is compelled by official position to hear the plea, and constrained by the importunity of the plaintiff to grant it, how much more will a just God respect his judicial position and answer without demanding importunity.

But a just judge cannot forgive a man who has been proved guilty, unless satisfaction to justice can be made. Mercy is injustice. It may be based upon kindness, but that does not rid it of injustice. Then how can a prayer for forgiveness be answered without impeaching the justice of the judge? Only by another's bearing the sinner's guilt.

To say that confession of sin is atonement enough ignores the righteousness of God. Confessing debt does not pay debt; it rather enforces the obligation to pay. But if the debt has been paid by another, it would be flagrant injustice to demand a second payment.

God as Father.

God as Father hears and answers the prayer of his child. If you confess the fatherhood of God and then deny that he is influenced by the cry of his child, you would degrade him below the level of the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, for they heed the cry of their young in distress and hasten to their relief. So right is it for the Father to hear the prayer of his child that the universal consciousness of mankind gives him no option. He must hear it, or be branded as infamously heartless. Even pagan ethics demands it. For a parent to be insensible to the cry of his child is a sign of insanity or depravity. To deny that God answers prayer, while we believe in his fatherhood, is, therefore, to charge him with insanity or depravity.

Reward of Obedience.

The father has, of course, the right to use his superior wisdom in deciding whether or not the child's request shall be granted. The child has no right to command the father except by his obedience. In nature we can command only by obeying. If we obey the laws of electricity or steam, we may command them and they will do our bidding. But if we refuse to obey their laws, they refuse to obey us. And so when God promises upon certain conditions, and we fulfill the conditions, his promise becomes our command, and we may lovingly insist upon its fulfillment. As a father to give a child what every whim of fancy or selfish desire might prompt him to ask would be to injure the child and make the order of home give place to the anarchy of discordant demands.