

ADVANCE IN GRAIN IS LOADED

Grain Men Essay to Punish Roads for Raising Rates to Gulf.

EXACTION WOULD MEAN LOSS

In Retaliation Against Roads for Advancing Export Tariff the Domestic Rates Are Declared Too High.

When representatives of the Omaha-Gulf roads backed by the Chicago Board of Trade appeared before the Interstate Commerce commission and secured an advance in the rate on grain for export from 15 1/2 to 15 3/4 cents from Omaha, it is the opinion that they did not know that the thing was loaded.

They not only secured this advance, but they secured it in such a manner as to cause the Omaha grain men to stand to lose large sums if it went into effect on the three days' notice, as ordered by the commission, for as the matter now stands, the low rate is to expire Monday and the new rate to become effective at that time.

Omaha grain men have around 5,000 cars of wheat sold for December and January, all for export and all to go through the New Orleans and Galveston gateways, bought on the basis of a 15 1/2 cent rate, their idea being that the low rate was to maintain until March 31, that being the date fixed for expiration before the commission backed up on its order.

As a result of the restoration of the 15 1/2 cent rate Monday, the Omaha men are unable to get their wheat started to market in time to take advantage of the 2 cent differential and consequently they stand to lose this amount on every bushel of the wheat contracted for sale.

Not only have the Omaha grain dealers asked for more time, but they have taken steps looking to the punishment of the three roads—the Missouri Pacific, Illinois Central and Burlington—that applied the 15 1/2 cent rate and then without the customary notice, got out from under.

The Omaha grain men have taken the preliminary steps to level the domestic rates on wheat to the gulf ports. At the present time the domestic rate on wheat, applied to New Orleans and Galveston by the Missouri Pacific, Illinois Central and Burlington is 23 cents per 100 pounds. This is on grain that goes to these ports and there is no mill, sold for feed, or sent out in the country for seed.

On the other hand, the same wheat, in the event it is billed out for export, under the advance ordered by the commission, takes the 15 3/4 cent for 100 pounds rate, though the expense of shipping and handling at the gulf ports is the same, as both rates include elevation, switching and terminal charges.

Rates Are Out of Line. Omaha men claim these rates are entirely out of line and that the differential is too far apart. They say that the domestic rate is altogether too high, or else, even at 15 3/4 cents the domestic rate is about 15 cents per 100 pounds too low.

They will ask a hearing before the commission and demand that there be an equalization of the rates. They feel that in this matter they will have the united support of the New Orleans and Galveston men, contending that if these cities are going to stay in the grain trade, they must have the output of the Missouri river country, which they cannot get if the domestic rate is practically three times the rate to Chicago and Duluth.

Police Detectives and Captain Dempsey are in a quandary. Yesterday afternoon a healthy appearing and affable individual by the name of George Bathrick walked into the police station, shook hands with numerous cops, made himself very agreeable and was then examined by the police surgeon and found to be suffering from a well-developed case of smallpox.

Bathrick was hustled to the pesthouse. There was a sudden scattering of policemen following the disclosure that he was suffering from the serious malady.

Captain Dempsey has an idea how many cops shook the affable gentleman's hands. Those who indulged in this friendly greeting have no inclination to tell him.

Fire Chief Salter says he is willing to call out the department and play cooling streams of water on the coppers at the first sign of fever. The city health department has issued an edict pronouncing this course unsafe, and so the police department is at present in a rather awkward position, the difficulty that it was following the police surgeon's diagnosis.

TO PURCHASE OR NOT. THAT IS THE QUESTION. The teapot tempest of the Benson Hook and Ladder company over the proposed purchase of a new truck howled in district court again yesterday.

Those in favor of the purchase, now in the ascendancy, went before Judge Troup with a petition to cancel an order or warrant for \$50, which was given to Theodore Gallagher, the man who is seeking to prevent the purchase. An order restraining Gallagher from cashing the warrant during pendency of the suit to cancel it was procured.

After the hook and ladder company voted to purchase the truck Gallagher started suit to enjoin the purchase. The suit still is pending.

The company appears as plaintiff in the new suit. It is stated in its petition that last May it was proposed to issue P. Thompson, a member, an order for \$30. Twelve members were present. The meeting broke up in a row. Five members voted for the order; the other seven did not vote. There was no way of knowing whether or not the proposition carried. At any rate, the action, if any was taken, was rescinded at a later meeting.

What Do You Know About Mice, Hey?

HARVARD SAYS THEY HAVE TEMPERAMENTS.



(Prof. Coburn of Harvard says mice have been found to reveal temperamental tendencies.—News item.)

By HANK. A little mouse of modest mien once stole a piece of bread. They put him through the "third degree" 'till he was almost dead.

Another mouse sat in a trap, a great big mouse was he; He was no ordinary mouse, as you could plainly see.

For if you are a great, big mouse, and know your little game, You'll find that prison cells and home are very much the same;

BIG CON GAME WORKED HERE

Police Locate Mikers' Outfit in a Local Hotel Room.

PLAY OLD RACE HORSE GAME

Two Are Caught After a Chase by Detectives and the Third is Captured in at Room at the Hotel.

W. J. Russell, Jack Rumer and G. S. Russell, three men, who have been operating a fake horse race game in a suite of rooms at the Loyal hotel during the Country Life congress in Omaha, were arrested yesterday by Detectives Dunn and Kennelly.

A complete outfit was found in the room. The fake telephone and telegraph instruments and the large bill board on which the results of the races were posted were confiscated by the police.

Although no reports were made to the police by the "mikes," it is understood that a number of the farmers in attendance at the congress went up against the game. The clerks at the Loyal say that a large number of men, apparently farmers, went up to the room at various times.

Say There Are Four More. The police say there are four more members of the gang still in the city, and think that they have made the many recent robberies and holdups. While the three "con" men deny being pickpockets, Chief Maloney suspects them of "pulling off" the jobs reported to the police within the last few weeks.

W. J. Russell and Jack Rumer were arrested by Detectives Dunn and Kennelly after a block chase. Dunn and Kennelly were detailed to ride back and forth on the Farnam cars and try to catch the pickpockets who have been operating of these cars.

At Thirtieth street Russell and Rumer jumped off the car. The detectives gave pursuit and caught them. All three are young men and answer the descriptions turned in by the persons robbed. W. J. Russell was arrested at the Loyal by Officer Joe Hiel.

Railroads Do Big Business In and Out of the City

It has been a long time since the Omaha roads have handled such a passenger business as practically swamped them yesterday. Trains brought in the Christmas shoppers by the thousands and hundreds of students returning from the outside colleges that they might spend their vacations at home.

Michaelsen Fattens Pigeons for Another to Consume

City Electrician Michaelsen is threatened with nervous derangement, all due to the fact that he has discovered that his daily labors for months has produced a beautiful feast for the city hall's steeplejack, Herman Cromwell.

Michaelsen has a kindly disposition for all wild animals and fowls. Under his private office window he has a shelf for the pigeons which always flock to the feast with all the appearances of appreciation.

Recently these pigeons have displayed symptoms of distrust. When the grain is thrown on the shelf they hesitate, hold a

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BRENNAN FUNERAL IS HELD

Body Rests in State in the Elks' Lodge Club Rooms.

BURIAL AT HOLY SEPULCHRE

Floral Tributes Are Many and Beautiful.

Resting in a rich black casket and surrounded by friends and beautiful flowers the body of the late Thomas Brennan lay in state in the lodge room of the Omaha Elks, of which order he was a member, from 10 to 1:30 o'clock.

During the day numerous friends of the deceased called at the lodge room to pay their last respects to their old social and business associate. Elks constituted themselves into a guard of honor, serving in half-hour shifts as follows: From 10 to 10:30, W. J. Kierstead and Isaac Miner; 10:30 to 11, V. D. Dermody and John Sullivan, Jr.; 11 to 11:30, John R. Manchester and J. H. Sinclair; 11:30 to 12, H. B. Patrick and J. E. Wigham; 12 to 12:30, Moses P. O'Brien and Harry McClure; 12:30 to 1, Dan B. Butler and Harry B. Cockrell; 1 to 1:30, J. M. McMahon and Frank Chittenden.

Among the floral offerings was an immense pillow or rosebush by H. W. Binder of Council Bluffs, a large wreath by J. M. McMahon and Harry McClure, and great bunches of American Beauty roses, lilies of the valley, carnations and violets by the National Life Insurance company, Frank Hamilton, R. P. Hamilton, E. O. Hamilton, Ed Maurer, Frank Haskell, Archie J. Lavo, E. W. Gannett and R. G. Holt.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock, the following pallbearers officiating: V. J. Lavo, A. L. Johnson, J. J. McMahon, Peter O'Malley, Frank Chittenden, Michael Lee, H. A. Quinn, Earl Gannett.

Binder May Get Property. H. W. Binder of Council Bluffs will inherit the entire estate of the late Thomas Brennan, according to the will of Mr. Brennan's friends. Search is being made for the will. Value of the estate is approximated at \$25,000.

Mr. Binder offered proof of death in county court and procured his own appointment as special administrator of the estate. He will serve until there is found or it appears certain that there is no will. If the will is found he may be named executor; if not, he may be named administrator.

Mr. Brennan left a letter stating that his estate was left to Mr. Binder. The letter said the will was in a tin box in Mr. Brennan's office. Search of the office has failed to reveal the document. It is presumed Mr. Brennan changed his keeping place since writing the letter.

Engineer Killed in Week. GRAND FORGER, N. D., Dec. 21.—Engineer James Lippgrove of Breckenridge, Minn., was killed and Fireman Charles Reid seriously burned in the wreck today of Great Northern fast mail train No. 2, which, through a brakeman's failure to tag it, collided with a freight train at Fleming. The crew of the freight train was not injured.

Christmas Mail Heavy.—Union Pacific train No. 9, generally accepted to be the largest mail train in the United States, is at present carrying ten mail cars when it leaves Omaha for the west every morning at 9:35. The ordinary run of mail on this train through here is six cars. On a few occasions in the fall seven cars were necessary, but the Christmas mail at the present time has already increased this to ten cars.

Stice Will Return Soon.—J. L. Stice, superintendent of the fourteenth division of the railway mail service, who has been in Washington since the first of November, is expected to return to Omaha the early part of the week. He has been getting full instructions at Washington with regard to handling the railway mail service under the parcel post, which goes into effect January 1. The authorities in charge of the division here while he is away have as yet received practically no instructions for the installation of the new system and will be given these by Mr. Stice when he returns.

Deny Themselves Sweets for Months to Make Others Happy. ARE PUPILS AT PARK SCHOOL 'They Send Their Gifts to the Associated Charities for Distribution and Each is Accompanied by Cheerful Note.

Little pupils of Park school, whose parents are themselves none too affluent, conceived the idea of bringing good cheer on Christmas day to a few poor families. For months these tots denied themselves candy and chewing gum—denied themselves for so long that it became a sign that a pupil found chewing gum or eating candy was ostracized.

Now each pupil, writing an unsigned letter to the secretary of the Associated Charities, recounts how the presents were secured and wishes whoever receives them the merriest Christmas.

"I am a pupil in Park school," writes one, "and I had great pleasure in sending a few things for you this Christmas, which I hope you will accept. I hope the dolls will please the little girls and I hope you will have a merry Christmas."

"I hope what we give you will help along a whole lot," another says. "I hope you all have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year," writes another in a very childish hand. "And I am sure you will have for we have tried hard to make it one. And may the spirit of the dear Father in heaven be with you on this night."

"Of course, I only gave one-forty-second of this," another says, apologetically. "A small part of it, but together with forty-one one-forty-seconds it made a 'gift.'"

"I and the rest of the pupils were glad to gather up these groceries for you," says another, "and we all hope you will be glad to receive them."

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BRIEF CITY NEWS

Dan Baker Wants a Divorce.—Daniel Baker has sued Ada Baker for divorce. Broyhill Joins Navy.—R. A. Broyhill of Dakota City, Neb., enlisted at the United States navy recruiting station as an apprentice seaman.

Takes Father's Body to Kearney.—Charles E. Potts of Kearney is in Omaha to take charge of the body of his father, Dr. Frank Potts, who died at the Masonic home at Plattsmouth Friday. The body arrived in Omaha at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and was sent to Kearney at 3:50 for burial there.

Mrs. Keffner Secures Divorce.—Beatrice E. Keffner has secured a divorce from Dr. Ernest Maxwell Keffner, a dentist with offices in the Karbach block. The divorce was secured in Chicago, where she has been living since she left Dr. Keffner two years ago. Mrs. Keffner is now employed as a stenographer in Chicago.

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