

Nebraska
CARRIERS ATTACK ORDER

Insist State Has Not Made Allowance for All Road Expenses.
MUCH COMPANY BUSINESS DONE

One Railroad Witness Declares It Is Not Right to Divide Passenger and Freight Business on the Ton Basis.
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special.)—In an effort to show that business carried on by the railroads of the state did not show revenue sufficient to warrant any reduction in freight rates as proposed by the State Railway commission under its schedule No. 19 and the revised schedule now under consideration, the carriers of the state placed upon the stand today two representatives of the auditor's departments of the roads in the second day of a hearing before the commission.

At the hearing yesterday C. F. Baich, who had represented the auditing department of the Northwestern, was on the stand most of the time, but later C. S. Stebbens, rate expert of the Union Pacific, occupied the chair and was again called this morning when the hearing began. Mr. Stebbens repeatedly objected to questions asked on the grounds that he did not believe that evidence he might be able to give would bear very much on the situation.

Dividing on Ton Basis.
Mr. Stebbens did not like the way Mr. Powell arrived at the figures he presented. He did not think it right to divide passenger and freight traffic on the ton basis. He thought some allowance should be made for the speed of passenger trains, as the wear and tear on a track was greater made by a swiftly moving passenger train than by a slower moving freight. He thought that Mr. Powell ought to add about 25 per cent to the cost of passenger service on this account, as he had done. He thought the most reasonable basis for division was train mileage. Some roads, he said, used engine mileage, but the Union Pacific does not because it does not double-head its trains in Nebraska.

Business Undercharged.
Neither did Mr. Stebbens think that classifying all freight hauled should be listed as producing revenue, because about 26 per cent of the freight tonnage hauled by his road was company stuff and about a third of this should be charged up to the passenger department expenses of operation. He thought the commission's plan resulted in overcharging the freight service and undercharging the expense of business done in this state.

Finns Novel Idea.
A little later in his testimony Mr. Stebbens said that the freight trains on the main line of the Union Pacific were three times the weight of the passenger trains. The average tons per freight train mile in 1908 were 43.38 and in 1913, 42.95. Mr. Stebbens said that he could not grasp the idea of Mr. Powell regarding the weight of gross mileage. He thought it a very novel idea. In charging costs of movement of freight when it was charged 6 cents of it went to intrastate charge. Mr. Stebbens did not believe the apportionment of freight and passenger earnings made by the commission was of any value whatever and was unfair. To show this he said he had a shipment from Council Bluffs to Ogden, which would get credit for but two miles, yet the terminal expense of the shipment was unusual and no way under the commission's system to apportion expense to the state. Again it was much more expensive to haul freight trains through Wyoming and Utah than through Nebraska, for in those states it was necessary to use two engines to pull trains across the rough country. Under the commission's figures, he said that for every \$100 Nebraska would get \$47. In case the shipment was made over the Burlington the latter would get about \$37.50 and Nebraska about \$30.

Burlington Statement.
General Auditor Charles Sturges of the Burlington said that the operating revenue for his road in Nebraska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, was \$1,253,142.58. The commission's figures on the valuation of the road were given as follows:

Rate of return on valuation.
Reproduction \$128,720,250
Present value 108,242,493
Depreciation 195,597,120
The reproduction value as given by the railroad is \$236,383,642 with a rate of return on valuation of 2.79 per cent.

Mr. Sturges said that the branch lines of the Burlington were covered about 52 per cent of the total mileage of the road.
In giving figures as to operating expenses, compared to operating revenue, the whole road was placed at 66.59. Nebraska at 64.37, Iowa at 66.54, Illinois at 67.35 and Missouri at 66.44 per cent.

Expense Much Lower.
Mr. Sturges pointed out that Nebraska's percentage of expense was lower than any other state and said that an effort was made to hold down expenses in this state to its very lowest possible amount.
For the seven months ending January 31, which Mr. Sturges said was the last month in which they could make a comparison with last year, the following was shown:

1914. 1913.
Net operating revenue \$21,664,286 \$22,549,722
Net revenue from outside 86,720 62,638
Taxes accrued 2,123,221 1,996,779
Operating income \$19,644,299 \$20,596,581

HOWARD MOOSERS FORM COUNTY ORGANIZATION
ST. PAUL, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—P. P. Corick of Lincoln, chairman of the state committee of the progressive party, was in town Tuesday for a few hours to meet with as many of the progressives as could be gotten together on short notice. There were about twenty of those interested present. H. D. Leggett was selected chairman of the county central committee, and a committee of five was named to act until the time of the county convention in July, when a county committee will be chosen. The committee named was A. Pratt, Cushing; Frank Polansky, G. E. Woodbury and John Jensen of St. Paul. N. J. Paul was named as treasurer.

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PAROLED BIGAMIST ASKS DIVORCE FROM BOTH WIVES

KUSTIS, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—William Denslein, a recently paroled convict, who was sent up from Douglas county last year for from one to seven years for bigamy, has, through his attorney, C. M. Tanner, filed a petition for divorce in the Frontier county district court. This will probably be one of the most peculiar divorce cases on record, as the young man names both wives as defendants.

McCook Will Entertain Teachers.
MCCOOK, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—McCook is making extensive preparation for the Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association meeting, which convenes here next week, April 1-3. The Commercial club is providing the Temple theater for all the general assemblies.

The program is considered unusually strong, including such speakers as Dr. J. E. Gunkel, A. C. Shallenberger, Dr. A. O. Thomas, Dr. Fletcher Wharton and Superintendent DeJellid.
McCook teachers are assisting in the entertainment features of the program. Music and folk dances will be offered by the grade pupils and the High School Glee club and orchestra will help in the various programs.

Many teachers are coming from surrounding towns to visit the work of the local schools on Wednesday, just prior to the opening of the association sessions. The McCook band, under Colonel Sutton's direction, will give the opening number on the evening of Wednesday, April 1.

Kearney "Epidemic" Not Serious.
KEARNEY, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—In Justice to Kearney, the reports that the city is under quarantine because of the great epidemic of contagious diseases in the city, should be corrected. There are several men traveling in this territory that have passed the town by on their regular trips because they have been advised that it was not safe to stop off in Kearney. The majority of the cases are mumps and measles, and nearly all of these have been pronounced cured and the victims are in school. There are sixteen cases of smallpox in the city, all of which are confined in four families. There is absolutely no more danger of contagion here than elsewhere.

Declaratory Contest at Oxford.
OXFORD, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The annual declaratory contest of the Oxford High school was held in the opera house yesterday evening. Roy Bender, who recited the "Unknown Speaker," was given first place in the oratorical class; Lucille Pettygrove, with "The Little God and Dickey," won first place in the humorous class, and Esther Bauer, with "Judith's Ride," was given first place in the dramatic class. From these three Roy Bender was chosen to represent the school in the district declaratory contest, to be held at McCook April 3.

License to Issue at Table Rock.
TABLE ROCK, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting of the citizens of Table Rock Monday night, the following candidates were placed in nomination for village trustees for two years: C. H. Mitchell, W. Linn, Frank Kovanda, J. A. R. Martin, J. B. Phillips and W. W. Cross, there being three to elect. For the one-year term the following were named, there being one to elect, Lewis Pelters and W. T. Porter. The people will vote directly on the question of license or no license under the referendum act.

Methodist Conference at McCook.
MCCOOK, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The third annual session of the Holdrege District conference of the Methodist church, opened in this city last evening, with an address by Chancellor Fulmer of the Nebraska Wesleyan university at University Place. The sessions will continue during three days, and will be participated in by over 100 delegates from over the district.

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WORK FOR NEBRASKA EXHIBIT

Funds for State Building to Be Raised by Subscription.
COMMITTEE TO GO TO FRISCO

Officers Named to Carry on the Work at Home and Aid in Raising the Cash that May Be Needed.
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, March 25.—(Special.)—The work of raising funds by subscription to aid in making a Nebraska exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915 was well started this afternoon when a second meeting of the committee appointed was held in the office of Governor Morehead.

Besides the state officers who were later made ex-officio members of the committee, there were present the members of the committee appointed from the different congressional districts, Frederick Whittier and Charles H. Kendrick, representing the exposition executive committee.
At the request of the exposition officials, a committee of three, consisting of Governor Morehead, Secretary W. R. Mellor and Peter Jensen, were selected to go to San Francisco, look over the site, take estimates of what would be needed, and report to the people of the state. This trip will be made without expense to the state. The committee starting next Tuesday.

Officers Are Elected.
The following were elected as officers of the Nebraska exposition committee: President, Peter Jensen, Jensen; Vice President, John L. McCauley, Omaha; Secretary, W. R. Mellor, Lincoln; Treasurer, George F. Volk, Fremont.
In addition to those named the committee consists of Mrs. F. M. Hall, Lincoln, representing the First district; A. M. Conners, Grand Island, the Fifth district and the state officers as ex-officio members.

It was the sentiment of the committee that the funds should be subscribed with the understanding that there should be no reimbursement by the legislature while the state commercial clubs and the women clubs of the state will be asked to assist in the raising of the funds.
Meet Again Monday.
The next meeting will be on Monday and the executive committee of the state commercial clubs and the women's clubs will be invited to be present.
Governor Morehead voiced the sentiments of the committee in the following statement:

My position on the raising of funds for the Panama-Pacific exposition is that everybody who feels so inclined may donate by subscription what he feels justified in giving. The legislature of Nebraska is opposed to an appropriation for this purpose and I am unwilling and will oppose any subscription with any thought or understanding that the next legislature will reimburse the donor. We have something like 300,000 voters in the state of Nebraska and if each one would give 5 cents it would mean \$15,000, and it appears to me that we can raise sufficient funds to build a building that will be suitable for headquarters for all Nebraska people or others who visit this great exposition, without working a hardship on anybody.
As stated, my efforts along this line will be only with the absolute understanding that this money is to be given for this good cause without any hopes of being reimbursed. We have many thousands of feet of film showing Nebraska's products. This is to be a great exposition and these films can be shown there and the people who are not familiar with the agricultural products of our state can get a very good idea by seeing moving pictures of Nebraska's products.

Census at Shelton.
SHELTON, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—A largely attended caucus of citizens was held in the town hall last night, naming the following ticket: Members of board, J. B. Hodge, Fred Spahr and Lee Roberts; police judge, Edward Oliver. The saloon license question will be voted on.

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NE WDEPOT AT FAIRBURY SON TO BE PUT IN USE

FAIRBURY, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—Frank E. Tischer, president of the Commercial club, received a telegram from Lincoln this afternoon stating that the Nebraska Railway commission will issue an order at once for immediate construction of the crossing over the St. Joseph & Grand Island tracks.

This is an outgrowth of the hearing before the railway commission in the new depot building Monday morning, when General Manager E. Stenger of the St. Joseph & Grand Island and Assistant General Manager J. B. Smalley argued the case. The St. Joseph & Grand Island objected to the Rock Island building a second crossing over its lines and using it as a switching lead, asserting it was dangerous. This objection would not permit the Rock Island to use its new \$60,000 passenger station on the main line from Chicago to Denver; the new depot having been ready for occupancy since February 10.

Acting on advice from Lincoln, Division Superintendent H. L. West will order work on the new crossing started at once. It will take about three days to complete the work.
Teachers for Shelton.
SHELTON, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The Shelton School board last evening selected the following teachers for the coming school year: E. F. Monroe, superintendent; Lois Gardner, principal; Grace Bradburn, Lella Bon, Sara Thatcher, high school teachers; Katharine Hackman, Edna Adams, Jennie Martin and Verna Barret, grade teachers, and Ins Stimpson, primary, leaving but one position yet to be filled, which will be supplied later.

Giant White Wolf Killed.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 25.—(Special.)—While hunting near Elk mountain, in the Black Hills, some Custer men shot and killed a huge wolf which had a skin that was almost clear white. As pure white wolves are very rare, the hide of the animal, which has been preserved, is regarded as very valuable. The wolf measured six feet from tip of nose to end of tail, and for months had been committing depredations in that part of the Black Hills.

New Iowa Gym Sidetracked.
IOWA CITY, Ia., March 25.—(Special.)—Iowa's new \$200,000 gymnasium is probably lost for the time being as the result of the recent upheaval which resulted in the resignation of President John G. Bowman, following trouble between him and the State Board of Education. The state board has rescinded its entire building order for the university, and preparations for beginning work on the gymnasium have stopped as a consequence.

Miss Jennings Wins at McCook.
MCCOOK, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The McCook High school declaratory contest Monday night to select representatives in the southwest Nebraska declaratory contest April 3, resulted in Miss Mabelle Jennings being chosen, upon the delivery of "The Man of Sorrows." There were thirteen contestants for the honor.

Oxford Elects Teachers.
OXFORD, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last night the following teachers were elected: Fay Rabbit of Cambridge, second and third grades; Alice Marquisee of Lexington, seventh and eighth grades, and Miss G. Henton of Lincoln, as a high school teacher.

Prie for Commencement Gown.
CITIZEN, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—C. E. Crist, editor of the local newspaper, is offering a prize of \$5 to the girl graduate who will, at commencement exercises, wear the most economical gown made by herself.

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PAGE'S SPEECH TO SENATE

Much Discussed Address Transmitted by Secretary Bryan.
DEFINES NEW MONROE DOCTRINE

United States Will Protest Against Gaining Land by Methods More Refined Than Conquest.
WASHINGTON, March 25.—The celebrated London speech of Ambassador Walter H. Page, in which he was accredited with having interpreted the Monroe doctrine as meaning the United States preferred that no European governments should gain more land in the new world, and as having made certain references to the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption, was forwarded to the senate today by Secretary Bryan in response to Senator Chamberlain's resolution calling for an explanation. The speech, some 2,500 words in length, was furnished to the senate in full.

The portion relating to the Panama canal was as follows:
"I will not say that we constructed the Panama canal even for you. For I am speaking with great frankness and not with diplomatic indirection. We built it for reasons of our own. But I will say that it adds to the pleasure to build that great work that you will profit by it. You will profit most by it, for you have the greatest carrying trade. I can say a similar thing about the recent lowering of our tariff. We did not lower it in order to please you. It was for purposes that I considered economically sound for ourselves."
"Nevertheless it added to the pleasure of doing that to reflect that thereby we should have more trade with you. Concerning the recent message of the president, I take it on myself, on my own responsibility, to say this: He delivered that message not to please you, but to express the true sentiment and self-respect of the American nation. As I interpret it, his was the voice of the people. Nevertheless, it adds to the pleasure of hearing that voice to know that it does please you."

Newer Monroe Doctrine.
The portion referring to the Monroe doctrine follows:
"May I put another parenthesis, also on my own account, and correct an impression that a part of your press seems to have about the attitude of the United States government concerning the investment of your colossal earnings in states of Central America, that have volcanic tendencies? I sometimes read that the United States is entering on a policy to discourage foreign investments there. That is untrue. I think that some events are happening there that have discouraged them somewhat, but I hope that they cannot be charged to the United States."
"There is a policy forming in the minds of our government and our people which is not new, that would discourage such investments or such concessions as would carry with them the control of the government of any of those states, and only such, for so far as the United States is concerned you know how heartily we have welcomed your investments in our land, and still welcome them, and always will. You may be assured that it is none of the business of the United States to put any let or hindrance on any legitimate investments of yours anywhere in the world, and they most heartily welcome your investments in any part of the Americas, provided only you do not make them so that you may possibly take the country with them."

More Refined Exploitation.
"The Monroe doctrine meant this when it was first formulated, that the United States would object to any European government taking more land in the new world. In those days the only way that a foreign government could gain land was literally to go and take it. Now we have more refined methods of exploitation and there are other ways to take it. That is the only protest that the United States has ever whispered. You will, I am sure, understand why the United States prefers that no land in the new world should be acquired in these new subtle ways. Would you do us the kindness clearly to understand that, and possibly to correct the misimpression that has gone abroad?"

Ambassador Given Degree.
ABERDEEN, Scotland, March 25.—The degree of doctor of literature was conferred today on Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to the court of St. James at Aberdeen university. While the ambassador was being capped, the "Star Spangled Banner" was played on the organ and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung by the students as Mr. Page left the rostrum.

Mrs. Page and her daughter were present.
Swapping as an Aid to Spring Housecleaning.
When you start spring housecleaning, why not swap off all those things that are not used by you any more for something you can use. The Swappers' Column is the market place for such trades. Tell other swappers what you have and choose from the best offers you receive.
Key to the Situation—Don't Advertising
Permit for Ball Game.
Park Commissioner J. E. Hummel has issued a permit for a base ball game on the city park at Thirty-first and Dewey avenue, which has just been completed. A diamond has been laid out and bleachers will be erected. Regular "bags" mark the bases. The first game will be played Saturday afternoon by employees of the telephone company.



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