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RATE ORDER BEING ARGUED

General Attorney Wright Opens Discussion at Lincoln.

QUESTION OF INTERSTATE RATES

W. T. Thompson, for several small cities in Nebraska, Urges that Order Be Not Put in Effect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—It is not so much a question of local rates in Nebraska as it is of interstate rates, according to General Attorney Wright of the Northwestern railroad in his argument this morning before the state railway commission on the proposition of putting into effect modified rate schedule No. 19 as prepared by the commission.

On account of the large number of railway representatives, commercial club secretaries and others the hearing was transferred to the supreme court room, where Attorney Wright opened the argument for the railroads.

He said present conditions regarding the short hauls from terminal points had become something to be considered, and cited one case in which auto trucks were being used to carry freight out from a certain town to a distance of ten or fifteen miles. Such conditions took away some of the earning capacity of the roads and he thought the commission should take cognizance of that fact.

In another case he cited that during the hearings a month ago someone had criticized the Missouri Pacific road because its showing of maintenance was too high according to the ideas of the critic. The road representative had shown that the maintenance was something short of \$1,000 a mile.

"There is not a member of the commission, or anyone else who would want to ride on any railroad where its cost of upkeep was less than \$1,000 a mile," said Mr. Wright. "One trip would be all that would be necessary to show its condition."

Thompson Talks for Cities. W. T. Thompson, representing the towns of Grand Island and Hastings, challenged the legality of modified order number nineteen. In support of this charge he called the attention of the commission to section 22 of the railway commission act which condemns and declares illegal any act of the railroads which would result in the discriminations the rates named in the order would produce.

He pointed to the fact that if the law prohibited the carriers from making discriminatory rates, the commission could not, through the adoption of a schedule of rates, produce the results the law intended to prevent. He argued that the rates proposed would discriminate in favor of Omaha and Lincoln and the commission could not legally put in effect any such rates. In closing he said: "May we not indulge the hope that some just means may be discovered and provision made by the commission, whereby the discriminatory consequences of order nineteen in its present form may be eliminated, to the end that business in the central cities of our state may not take the place of commercial activity; that law and beneficial manufacturing industries and commercial enterprises may not be broken up and destroyed; but that these industries and enterprises may survive, so that not one part, but all parts of the state may grow and develop to the lasting good of the people of the whole state, and to the wisdom and honor of this commission."

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Governor Sets Apart Day to Plant Trees

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—According to custom Governor Morehead has issued the annual Arbor day proclamation setting forth Wednesday, April 22, as the proper day to set out trees. The day is fixed by statute, but is annually called to the attention of the people by the executive officer of the state. The governor says:

On Wednesday, the 22nd inst., which is fixed by statute as Arbor day, I suggest that we devote the entire day to the planting of trees, shrubs and vines, and that the teachers of the state put forth special effort to develop in the minds of their pupils a love for flowers, plants and birds. The great life of usefulness before the child calls for more than mere book instruction. Children must be taught to deal with real things and help them develop a love for beautiful surroundings. I earnestly urge that this day be observed in a loyal and public spirited manner, that we may show ourselves worthy to be known as "The Tree Planters' State."

PAWNEE BOY CORN GROWER ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Thirty-five of the fifty Pawnee county boys who have entered the W. M. Thompson corn growing contest were guests of Mr. Thompson at a dinner given at the Exchange hotel in this city Saturday. Every precinct in the county was represented at the dinner and the event served to stimulate the interest which the contestants, as well as their parents and friends are showing in the contest. After the dinner the boys listened to short addresses by speakers whom Mr. Thompson had invited to talk to his guests. Miss Hulda Peterson of the state farm told the boys something of what the national corn contest means and what they may win by participating. F. W. Chase, one of the county's progressive farmers, spoke of what successful farming means to the county and state. N. Z. Snell of Lincoln gave the young farmers a practical talk on "Doing Things." Prof. J. P. Stack, who has charge of the agricultural department of the Pawnee City high school, impressed upon the contestants the importance of good seed and told them how to make a seed corn tester. Arnold Martin, Pawnee county's famous "twenty-acre" farmer, instructed the boys how and where to select their seed corn and at the close of his remarks offered a riding cultivator to the boy who raises the best single ear of corn. This prize will be given in addition to the liberal cash premiums already offered by Mr. Thompson and a number of citizens of the county.

ONCE NAME IS AFFIXED IT STAYS ON PETITION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—A. F. Leermakers of 201 Range block, Omaha, is sorry he signed the petition for woman suffrage and has written the secretary of state and wants the secretary to devise some means whereby the name may be taken off. He wants it off so badly that he will make a trip to Lincoln if necessary and scratch it out, or will pay any expense necessary in order to get the name off. Secretary of State Walt has taken the matter up with the attorney general and finds there is no authority in law which will permit him to allow anyone to strike his name from a petition after it has been filed and accepted.

Beatrice Changes Fair Dates.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The board of managers of the Gage County Fair association held a meeting Saturday and changed the dates of the fair from September 23, 26 and October 1 and 2 to October 6, 7, 8 and 9. This was done so that the association could become a member of the Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska circuit. The dates for the race meetings at the towns in the circuit are as follows: Smithville, Mo., August 11-14; St. Joseph, Mo., August 20-25; Hiawatha, Kan., September 1-4; Seneca, Kan., September 8-11; Pawnee City, Neb., September 15-18; Tecumseh, Neb., September 22-25; Auburn, Neb., September 29, October 2; Beatrice, Neb., October 6-9.

District Court in Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The next regular term of the district court in and for Johnson county will be convened in Tecumseh on Monday, May 11, by Judge J. B. Raper of Pawnee City. The following have been drawn for the petit jury service: F. E. Moore, Ed Colton, John Derr, Robert Van Winkle, George Goering, Bert Traer, Frank Sikya, William Oldfield, George Weaver, Albert Pulphol, Edward Anderson, Samuel Bushler, Harry Carmine, Ed Farley, S. B. Wilson, Solon Bacon, J. O. Crabtree, G. B. Fielding, Frank Pilmore, Joseph Reed, Ora Van Winkle, Harold Way, John Schowalter and B. S. Phelan.

Beatrice Club Elects Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Beatrice club held its annual meeting Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, Peter Jansen; vice president, S. C. Smith; secretary, H. E. Anderson; treasurer, Ralph Kline; executive committee, T. L. Hartwell, D. E. Dalbey, S. D. Killen and T. A. Woodward, Jr.

Big Price for Unimproved Land.

ARLINGTON, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The John McCann farm of eighty acres five miles northeast of town sold Saturday for \$100 per acre to the F. Z. Wilson Mercantile company. The land is unimproved and this is the top price paid for that kind of land around here.

Tecumseh Church Calls Pastor.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The members of the congregation of the Tecumseh Presbyterian church have extended a call to the pastorate to Rev. W. W. Alverson of Council Bluffs. He preached to the congregation yesterday. He will move his family to this city in the near future.

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BRYAN DEVELOPS A GROUCH

Secretary of State Shows Newspaper Men Few Favors Nowadays.

EDGERTON TALKS OF HIS VISIT

General Belief is that Casual Tolls Fight is Doing Large Amount of Harm to Democratic Party.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—Assistant Attorney General Frank E. Edgerton, who has just returned from Washington, where he went to represent Nebraska land owners of Grant and Hooker counties in a successful fight for an official reserve, said he was surprised to learn of the attitude now assumed by the newspaper men toward Secretary of State Bryan. Every newspaper man he talked with on the subject told him that Mr. Bryan has the ill will of the fraternity. They said that he has not shown them the courtesy that formerly marked his intercourse with newspaper men; that he has been impatient and gruff; that he seemed to desire to conceal news that he might properly give out.

Serious Blow to Party.

"The general opinion in Washington is that the tolls fight will be most serious for the party," said Mr. Edgerton. "I heard Champ Clark deliver his address against the president's policy, and he got plenty of applause. Everybody seemed to think the president himself had started discrediting his party by repudiating a direct declaration of his platform. The discussion of the question in the press galleries and in the corridors does not go into the economic principles involved. The question is, 'Will it lose the administration the fall election?' The question with many of the congressmen was, 'Will it lose me votes this fall?'"

Patronage Nearly Distributed.

Most of the presidential patronage excepting that which belongs to Nebraska has been parcelled out to democrats, ac-

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cording to Mr. Edgerton.

Many of the chiefs of divisions and subdivisions in the departments have been reduced to the ranks and democratic favorites have been put in their places. Most of the big appointments in Washington and in other states have been made. The impression in Washington is that the Nebraska appointments will not be made until congress adjourns. Recess appointments will then be made, which will be good with the senate meets again. It is thought this will be the procedure adopted, whereby Bryan democrats will be given the places in Nebraska. It is not thought that either Bryan or Hitchcock will compromise the fight which is now on.

STATE LEAGUE SCHEDULE COMMITTEE AT WORK

HASTINGS, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The schedule committee of the State league today began the preparation of the clubs' itinerary for the coming season. Following the plan of the opening one year in the southern towns and the next year in the northern it was decided that the opening games May 15 should be played in Superior, York, Beatrice and Hastings, but the pairing of teams for these and other series remains to be fixed. Fourth of July games will be played in Columbus, Grand Island, Superior and Hastings and receipts will be pooled. The season will close Labor day.

MOTHER OF CONGRESSMAN TO VISIT HIM IN EAST

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Guy C. Barton of Omaha, and Mrs. T. E. Barton of Aurora, mother of Congressman Elias Barton, spent Sunday in Lincoln at the home of John Barton, brother of the congressman. From here Mrs. T. E. Barton will go to Washington, where she will visit her son.

Two Filings in Madison.

MADISON, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—James Nichols, representative from Madison, filed today as a candidate for reelection subject to the republican primary. Mr. Nichols was recognized as one of the ablest men of the last legislature. W. R. Martin of Enola, superintendent of the Madison County Agricultural society, has filed for sheriff subject to the republican primary, and will

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same at the opening of the Western league season at the Lincoln base ball park at the same time the speeches are supposed to be given. It is probable the circumstance will test the loyalty of the "drummers" toward the state national pastime.

contest the field with Sheriff C. S. Smith, who will be a candidate for re-election.

FARMERS' WIVES EXEMPT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORTS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—Precinct assessors need not recall the names of married women on farms, according to a ruling of Secretary W. H. Mellor of the state Board of Agriculture today. In a letter to County Assessor W. J. Bobbitt he holds that the precinct assessors need not enter the names and number of hours and amount of wages earned by the wives of Nebraska farmers. "Some wives," declares Mr. Bobbitt "say they are employed fourteen months in the year with no wages."

HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE FOR ATTACKING DEBATERS

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Ben Crum, one of the eight young men charged with assaulting a party of Beatrice students at Wymore a few weeks ago today, pleaded guilty in district court and was fined \$100 and given sixty days in jail.

Forged Check Passed.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—A stranger passed a forged check for \$50 on A. H. Voortman & Co. of this city today signing the name of Mase Goble, a stock buyer here, to the piece of paper which was drawn on the Beatrice National bank and made payable to U. Gollard. He bought a suit of clothes of the Voortman company for \$25 and received \$25 in cash. ... left the suit to be altered saying he would return, but he failed to do so.

Increase in Capital.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Baker Manufacturing company of Omaha has filed with the secretary of state an amendment to their articles of incorporation authorizing the increase in their capital stock from the original \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Business Houses in Grand Island Burn, Loss is \$35,000

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire originating in the basement of the Woolworth Variety store this morning caused a total damage roughly estimated at \$35,000. The Woolworth store is located in the three-story brick Michelson block, owned by the heirs of the Michelson estate. The main losers are: Woolworth's stock, valued at \$20,000; Negel stock of millinery and ladies' suits, stock valued at \$12,000; Grand Island Music company, stock value unknown; Brunswick pool hall, \$7,000, and the owners of the building, Mrs. Joseph Killian of California, Mrs. M. H. Wilkins, Mrs. J. W. Lambert and P. H. Michelson. All stocks are insured. The Carey and Neitfeld jewelry store will have some loss by smoke. The second floor was filled with dentists and other offices. The First National bank was compelled to close, but opened up for business at the offices of S. N. Wolbach & Son.

Kaufman's Ten-Cent store was robbed last night of \$30 in cash, and it was at first presumed that the burglars might have been the same who robbed an Alhambra store of \$150 worth of jewelry Saturday night and came to Grand Island to operate, attacking the Woolworth after the Kaufmann store. Another theory is that the fire originated by spontaneous combustion or through accident in the large amount of packing and empty boxes known to have been in the basement of the Woolworth store. Councilman Broadwell was overcome by smoke while assisting the department, but revived under the attention of a physician.

Manager Ritholtz of the Woolworth store states that the basement was entirely cleared of empty boxes and rubbish. The origin of the fire is to him a mystery, but he does not place any credence in the story that it was caused by burglars. The floors of the Woolworth and Brunswick stores gave way and both were completely gutted. A close inspection since the extinguishment of the fire confirms the belief that the fire originated from the building's heating plant.

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