

PLAN TO FIGHT RATE ADVANCES

Railroad Commissioners from Several States Gather in Omaha to Formulate Plans.

MEANS MUCH TO RAILROADS
Increase to the Producers of This State Would Run Into Large Sums If the Railroads Have Their Way.

Representatives from the railway companies of nearly a dozen western states held a session at the Omaha Commercial club rooms yesterday in an effort to agree upon a plan of action before the Interstate Commerce commission in opposition to the proposed increase in freight rates the railroads have asked for in the western classification territory.

A suspension of the increased rates has already been obtained from the Interstate Commerce commission, and now it is necessary for the commissions of the various states to map out a plan of action to make their fight before the Interstate Commerce commission for permanent suspension.

Chairman Thorne has estimated that the proposed increase would mean an increased revenue to the railroads of \$70,000,000 drawn from the pockets of the people in the western states, or in what is known in rate circles as the western classification territory.

Big Increase in Nebraska.
In Nebraska alone it would mean an enormous increase in the amounts paid annually for freight charges. H. G. Taylor of the Nebraska Railway commission estimates that in the shipment of grain alone in Nebraska the increase would amount to \$40,000, as it would average \$5 a car, and the average number of cars shipped is given as about 8,000.

The proposed increase is to be tacked on to a great many commodities. Fifteen hundred tariffs have been filed by the railroads. They ask for an increase on grain, hay, live stock, lumber and a great variety of goods.

Thirty-six railroads are agreed upon the request for this advance, besides many agency publications of western trunk line companies, the Southwestern Railway commission, the Transmissouri Freight association, and the Ohio River committee.

Many in Attendance.
Among the railway commission men from various states who were present at the opening meeting this morning were Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa state commission; Judge Henderson, secretary of Kansas; Commissioner Charles E. Hingst and Rate Expert Warner of Minnesota.

LADY DECIES, FORMERLY VIVIEN GOULD OF NEW YORK, who was struck by a piece of a bomb thrown from a German aeroplane over Dunkirk while active in Red Cross work there. A splinter of the bomb tore her shoulder so she will carry a mark of the wound for the remainder of her life.



CITY IS ENJOINED BY LIGHT COMPANY

Commissioners Stopped from Curtailing Extensions for Heat and Power Purposes.

NO DATE SET FOR HEARING
City Dada by Resolution Had Attempted to Prohibit Light Company from Extending Lines—Case in Federal Court.

In answer to the recent resolution of the city commissioners, declaring that the electric light company has no license to extend its electric heat and power lines, that corporation has secured a temporary restraining order in federal court. The order, signed by Judge Page Morris and effective until the further order of the court, restrains the city from enforcing, attempting to enforce or taking any action under the resolution passed by city commission December 5.

W. D. McHugh, attorney for the light company, has filed a supplemental bill of complaint in the original suit, brought in 1912 by the Omaha Electric Light and Power company against the city of Omaha and the city electrician, Judge McHugh also submitted a temporary restraining order in blank, as desired by his company, which Judge Morris signed, without setting any certain day for hearing the arguments for and against making the order permanent.

The resolution of the city commission, to which objection is now made by the electric light company, followed the recent supreme court decision against the city in the electric light company permanent franchise suit.

ANOTHER PIONEER ANSWERS THE LAST CALL



STEPHEN D. BANGS.

Stephen D. Bangs, one of the earliest pioneers of Nebraska, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard S. Hall, 324 Farnam street, Friday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock.

Mr. Bangs was born in England October 11, 1831, and came to America when a boy of 17. He spent a few years in the eastern part of the United States, but gradually travelled westward until he came to Nebraska, locating at Belle-

vue in 1864. He was a witness of many scenes of early life now historic, among others the funeral of Logan Fontenelle, the chief of the Omaha Indians, who was killed in battle with the Sioux. He served several terms as county clerk of Barry county and was also clerk of the territorial legislature when the capital was located at Omaha.

Mr. Bangs moved from Bellevue to Omaha about thirty-five years ago and had since made this city his home. He retired from active business several years ago and had been gradually declining in health for some time. He was identified with the foundation of Trinity Cathedral, and one of the first members of the Masonic order, Nebraska lodge No. 1. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from 324 Farnam street. The pallbearers will be Charles Reynolds, F. D. Weed, John Ringwalt, A. C. Wakeley, George Stebbins, A. L. Reed. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery and will be private. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

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We recommend Economy Coal for soft coal furnaces, heating stoves, fire places and cook stoves. It is a pure, strong, clean, serviceable and "GOOD-BUY" COAL.

PETROLEUM COKE, \$9.50

No ashes to carry out. No smoke; no clinker; no waste. \$9.50 for 500 lbs.; \$5.00 for 1,000 lbs. Half as heavy, therefore, twice the bulk of hard coal. Much cheaper.

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Special Easy Terms on Gift Goods
We will make special easy Credit Terms on any articles you select. We will give you a year or more in which to pay for the gifts.

SEWING CABINETS
When both leaves are elevated it forms a table 38 inches long, two drawers, partitioned. Made in oak or mahogany. **9.45**

SMOKER STANDS
Solid oak, fumed, drawers, ash tray, match cup, etc. Special this sale... **1.98**

MORRIS CHAIRS
Solid oak, large massive chairs, adjustable back. Special... **7.98**

HOME DESKS
Solid oak, different finishes. Specially priced, now... **7.75**

KITCHEN CABINET TABLES
with bins, drawers and sliding bread and meat boards. Special... **4.75**

PEDESTALS
Made of solid oak, strong and durable, very attractive design. **1.95**

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Solid oak, 6 ft. high, guaranteed movements, special... **5.95**

SANITARY STEEL COUCH
Angle steel frame, very strong (best couch fabric, supported by spiral springs); both sides elevate to make full size bed. Special at... **2.75**

SOLID OAK BUFFET
Extra good value, solid oak, fumed finish, well made throughout; French bevel mirror. Priced now at only... **19.75**

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Cuts Fuel Bills 25%
Radiator Heaters have larger and longer flues than other makes. They have from 800 to 1,200 square inches of extra radiating surface. This extra radiation means more heat with less fuel. It means a saving of 25% at least—and a saving of 25% on fuel is a saving worth while. These splendid heaters have many other improved features in grates, clinker rings, drafts, gas proof doors, etc., that are too numerous to mention in detail. We urge you to call and permit us to demonstrate these better features to you. Prices: **\$24 to \$70**

SOLID OAK ROCKER
Genuine Leather
Just think of it—such a large, roomy, solid oak, genuine leather rocker for only \$7.48. It's a most unusual offering, has high back measuring 41 inches, broad comfortable spring seat, attractive mobile style, removable and upholstered in genuine leather; a tremendous value... **7.48**

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Large lamps, 20-inch shades, octagon shades, made in the rich soft verdigris finish, resembling rusty copper; for gas or electricity; special... **6.49**

SOLID OAK DRESSERS
Well made and well finished Dressers, solid oak, golden finish, French plate mirror. Specially priced, now... **6.95**

LIBRARY TABLE
Just as illustrated, genuine solid oak, fumed finish, drawer for stationery, mortised corners, posts project up through special this sale, at... **7.95**

Little Montenegrins and Servians To Receive Their Christmas on Time

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GENOA, Dec. 12.—(Special Cablegram to New York World and Omaha Bee).—A commission representative of the government of Montenegro called on the representatives of the United States Christmas ship, Jason, today, to express gratitude to the American children for remembering the children of Montenegro, whose fathers have died in battle. The committee said that in thus making its acknowledgments it was discharging a most pleasant duty.

High School Societies Hold Joint Meeting

Five of the Central High school literary societies, the Webster debating, president, Foster Aiken; Latrobe debating, president, Paul Nicholson; Elaine, president, Mary House; Lowell, president, Olive Mallory; Francis Willard, president, Ruth Alcock, participated in a joint meeting Friday afternoon. The program followed:

HAVE HEALTH TO YOUR CREDIT



Don't be a debtor to a weak stomach, lazy liver, bad digestion or clogged bowels. These ailments only drag you down—undermine your health—make you feel miserable. Nature intended that you should be strong and robust—that the digestion should be perfect—the appetite keen and the entire "inner man" working harmoniously. Any deviation from this condition needs immediate attention. This suggests a trial of Ho Stetter's Stomach Bitters, which tones, strengthens and invigorates the system and will be beneficial in every way.

Chanukkah to Be Celebrated for the Next Eight Days

One of the most interesting half-holidays in the Jewish calendar begins this year on Saturday evening and lasts for eight days. It is known as Chanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, and though not observed by special services in the synagogue, it is eagerly looked forward to by the children of the Jewish household, for a hike in large measure comes to be a children's festival.

The historical background of the celebration is found in the fact that in the year 167 B. C. Judas Maccabiah, one of the few martial heroes in Jewish history, rededicated to the service of the one God, the temple at Jerusalem after its pollution by Antiochus Epiphanes, who had set up in place of God's altar, a shrine to his heathen god. Just three years after his death, on the 25th day of the month of Kislev, the temple was reclaimed and rededicated to the service of God.

Around the festival cluster many beautiful legends, which have helped to shape the character of the celebration. One such legend is to the effect that when the temple was rededicated only a single cruse of oil was found available, but through the miraculous intervention of God, this oil proved to be sufficient for burning for eight successive nights, and until other oil fit for the service might be prepared. For this reason, to this day, Jews light candles in their homes in celebration of Chanukkah for eight successive nights, one on the first night, two on the second, and so on.

There is a theory that even before the historical event which Chanukkah celebrates, the feast had been observed by Jews at the beginning of the winter solstice, and that its origin is common with that of the Christian Christmas and the Hindu Makar Sankranti which occur at about the same season, and which are likewise celebrated by the lighting of lights and the interchange of gifts.

Among the Jews, Chanukkah is a time for rejoicing not only on the part of the children, but as well on the part of the men, who are always liberally remunerated.

Then Asking the Aid of the Court

O. Ross, jr., South Omaha live stock dealer, in district court asks an injunction against the South Omaha Live Stock exchange that the organization be forbidden to compel him to discharge James O'Brien, recently expelled from the exchange.

Then, who is a member of the exchange, alleges that it is only by virtue of his membership that he is able to do business in South Omaha and that the exchange threatens to expel him for violation of its rules forbidding the employment of expelled members. This rule, he alleges, is contrary to public policy.