CONFER ON BILL OF LADING

Railroad Men, Shippers, Bankers and Insurance Men Participate.

TWO FORMS ARE SUGGESTED

One is Negotiable and the Other Not, but No Conclusion is Reached and the Task Will Be Continued Another Day.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—A most important public hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission was held yesterday upon the subject of a uniform bill of lading, which hearing the commission requested because of the wide divergence of thought on the part of shippers, railroads, bankers and by insurance companies as to what the bill of lading should contain. The conference room of the commission was packed by those interested, overflowing into the corridors. More were there to present their own views than to hear the opinions of others, and as a result the commission was enlightened by expert testimony such as it has not had in some time.

The railroad forces were divided into three distinct camps, the carriers in official classification territory east of Chicago and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, who are sponsors for the uniform bill of lading which the commission has tentatively adopted; the southern railroads, which were not allowed any voice in the construction of the bill of lading, and the roads west of Chicago, which occupied a neutral position because of their close association with the eastern roads.

Commercial Interests.

The American Bankers' association was represented by counsel, and their bill of lading committee, in order to secure the greatest amount of negotiability. The insurance interests were represented by counsel to eliminate one clause of the bill of lading which was adverse to their interests.

The shipping interests were largely interested, even Canada sending delegates because of the importance of the subject.

E. J. McVann of the Omaha Grain exchange and member of the uniform bill of lading committee of the National Industrial Traffic league, was present to protest against certain features of the proposed bill of lading, the effect of limiting the liability long assumed by carriers and interfering seriously with established customs in the grain trade.

All day yesterday and last night representatives of the shipping interests as well as bankers were in conference for the purpose of reaching an agreement upon some bill of lading which would be most generally accepted by all interests. As a result of this conference, of which Mr. McVann was secretary, an exceedingly simple form of bill was adopted and presented to the commission.

An effort was made throughout the conference to make an ideal contract, free from every objection which detracts from the bill of lading tentatively adopted by the commission and at the same time binding in every part.

Two Forms Presented.

Of the proposed bills submitted by the conference of shipping interests, one is a plain, non-negotiable bill of lading, and the other is what is known as the uniform "order" bill. The conference further recommended that in order to make these two bills distinctive they be printed on different colored paper and that on "order" bill of lading the carriers' official stamp be used in addition to the agent's signature.

The bankers approved these bills not only on account of their simplicity, but because of the distinction made as to their negotiability.

The commission sat throughout the entire day listening to expressions from bankers, shippers, insurance and railroad interests and the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow without a conclusion being reached.

Minor Matters at Capital.

John M. Francis, general passenger agent of the Burlington, formerly of Omaha, and Mrs. Francis are in Washington in attendance upon the annual convention of passenger and ticket agents of the United States.

Mrs. Finley of Hastings, Neb., is visiting friends in this city.

GOULD OPERATORS MAY STRIKE

Rio Grande Telegraphers Preparing Ultimatum Regarding Discharged Man.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 16.—In a statement to the public issued today Vice President Charles H. Schlaaks of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad gives the reasons for the company's final refusal to reinstate, on demand of the order of railway telegraphers, Operator R. H. Skeggs, who was discharged on September 21 for refusing to test Western Union wires at Grand Junction, Colo.

Skeggs' action, Mr. Schlaacks says, was a violation of the railway company's obligations to the Western Union company, and his refusal to obey the orders of superior officers was destructive of discipline. President H. B. Perham and other officers of the Order of Railway Telegraphers after considering the situation, issued a call for a referendum vote of operators employed on the Denver & Rio Grande on the question of striking as a result of Vice President Schlaacks' decision.

NO INJUNCTION FOR ROADS

Judge Munger Refuses to Enjoin Grain Rates Pending an Appeal.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 16.—Federal Judge Thomas C. Munger this evening denied Nebraska railways a temporary restraining order pending their appeal in the grain rate cases. The railways three weeks ago secured a temporary order restraining the Nebraska railway commission from taking action looking to a reduction of grain rates. The injunction was dissolved by Judge Munger, sitting in Omaha, and the roads took an appeal. An effort to compel non-action on the part of the commission pending the appeal was brought, and this the court denied. Judge Thomas C. Munger announced that he was authorized to state that Federal Judge William H. Munger concurred in his opinion.

ALLEGED DYNAMITERS HELD

Five Persons Suspected of Wrecking Joplin Printing Plant Placed Under Arrest.

JOPLIN, Mo., Oct. 16.—Five persons were held today under $500 bond each for appearance in Judge Egell's court next Friday for a preliminary hearing, when formal charges of having dynamited the News-Herald plant on the night of September 13 may be preferred against them.

The suspects were arrested last night and were subjected to a sweating process by the police and in justice court today, but without important developments. The suspects are: Minnie St. Clair, formerly keeper of a resort; W. S. Martin, Hazel Reed, Bessie Blain and Charles Smith.

FAVORS SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS

Episcopal House of Deputies Votes to Place Negro Church Under Their Care.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 16.—The House of Deputies of the General Episcopal convention today voted 267 to 109 to place negro churches under suffragan bishops. This proposition tomorrow will be placed before the House of Bishops and is expected to pass.

The bishop of Oregon was appointed to preside over the missionary district of that state temporarily. Bishop L. L. Kinsolving was appointed bishop of Brazil.

SMALL STANDS BY HIS GUNS

Head of Commercial Telegraphers Says Alleged Suspension is Not Effective.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Sylvester J. Small, the "suspended" president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, who arrived in Chicago from New York today, declared that he is still president of the union notwithstanding the action of the executive board in ousting him.

CHURCH MOVE ON EDUCATION

One Day is Asked in Which Children Can Attend Religious Schools.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Oct. 16.—In a co-operation with a movement recently started in New York by representatives of churches of all denominations, the Evangelical synod of Iowa passed a resolution indorsing the idea of giving school children all over the country one afternoon a week in which they should be allowed to attend their own churches for religious instruction, this instruction to be a part of their school curriculum. The text of the resolution follows:

Resolved, That in view of the need of a more systematic education in religion, we recommend for the favorable consideration of the public school authorities of the country the proposal to allow the children to absent themselves without detriment from the public schools on Wednesday or on some other afternoon of the school week for the purpose of attending religious instruction in their own churches, and we urge upon the churches the advisability of availing themselves of the opportunity so granted to give such instruction in addition to that given on Sunday.

Low Railroad Rates to Hot Springs, Ark.

Beautiful October and November are the most desirable months at Hot Springs, Ark. Low railroad rates based on 2-cent fare now in effect. Write Bureau of Information, Hot Springs, for illustrated book showing Government ownership, and Surgeon General of the Army, R. M. O'Reilly's circular of ailments successfully treated. 300 hotels at prices in reach of all.

Writing a want ad for The Bee is only a moment's work, and incurs but a trifling expense, and does the work every time. If you mail a want ad to The Bee at midnight, enclosing price in stamps or coin, it will be printed the next afternoon and probably answered the same evening. If you would try this want filling method once you would probably find frequent use for it afterwards. That's the case with others. The Bee want ads never disappoint. They always fill your want.

CONTEST OVER OFFICIALS

Nebraska and Minnesota Unable to Agree Up to the Present.

COACH COLE BUSY WITH TEAM

Expresses No Opinion Regarding Result, but Putting Men in Condition for Hard Struggle on Saturday.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Selection of officials for the Nebraska-Minnesota game has become a serious matter, from statements made today by Manager Eager. Unless the managements of the two teams can get together tomorrow it is probable that the arbiters for the game will be unknown until Eager can meet Coach Williams next Friday. Correspondence between the two has reached a decidedly delicate stage. "I have two good officials who will be on the field Saturday," declared Mr. Eager this afternoon. "Unless Dr. Williams and I can arrive at an agreement before that time, I shall insist that they officiate in the game. If that is not satisfactory there's going to be a big clash. I shall not agree to officials whose work is not known to the Nebraska board to be fair."

It is understood that the Nebraska authorities would be willing to accept the same officials who were chosen for last year's conflict. Just what is the cause for Mr. Eager's statement today was not divulged, and members of the athletic board minimize the trouble. The fact that no agreement on officials has as yet been reached is causing considerable anxiety in the Cornhusker camp, and future developments are awaited with apprehension.

Coach Cole put the team through another stiff practice this afternoon. The freshmen were put in possession of several of the plays used by the Gophers in their game Saturday, Cole having been a spectator at the contest. Captain Weller took an active part in both scrimmage and the lighter work, having entirely recovered from his recent indisposition. Practice Wednesday will be at the state farm, where a soft field similar to the Gophers' is available. This will be the final practice of the week, although light work probably will be gone through early Thursday afternoon, before the team leaves for the north.

Coach Cole refuses to make any prophesies regarding the probable showing of the Cornhuskers, and will not discuss the work of the Gophers, except to say that they were very strong, although being forced to use a number of new men. The men are considerably encouraged by the inability of the Gophers to pile up more of a score Saturday, however, and are working hard with the expectation of putting up a fierce scrap.

IOWA AND MISSOURI TO MEET

First Hard Game of Season for Hawkeyes Comes Saturday.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 16.—The first hard game of the present season will be played by the University of Iowa next Saturday, when Missouri will appear on the local gridiron. The lineup of the men has not been determined yet, Coach Catlin declaring that it is liable to change without notice at any time. The appearance of the eleven against the alumni last Saturday gave some indication of final makeup of the team. Hastings will be a fixture at center, as will Kirk at fullback and White at right end. It has been discovered that Kirk can drop kick with some show of success and it is hoped that he may be able to take Kent's place in this department. Carberry at left end and Stutsman at left tackle, are two more players whose work will undoubtedly assure them their positions. The two guard positions are problematical. At the present time St. Clair and Seidel are the most likely candidates, though either may be replaced by some of the other candidates, among whom Elliott appears to be the most likely. Gross and Conner are being tried out at right tackle and Jewell is another candidate for tackle honors who appears to be very strong. Stewart and Brown are being worked at quarterback, the eventual selection having probably between these two men, as Bruggerman has retired from the squad. In the back field Catlin has been working two different combinations with the intention of building up two back fields. One consists of Hazard, Kirk and Miller; the other of Knowlton, Hammer and Murphy. Quiz work occupies the attention of the squad three or four times a week. Catlin is far from satisfied with the showing made against the alumni and every effort is being made to whip the team into shape for Missouri.

BIG WEEK FOR IOWA FOOT BALL

Practically All of College Elevens Have Games.

DES MOINES, Oct. 16.—(Special.)—Iowa faces the first week in which all the teams have games arranged. This will be largely an elimination week in that a majority of the games are between stronger teams of the state and some of the weaker ones.

Des Moines will have three college teams to watch Saturday, Drake meeting the Coe team at the stadium, Des Moines meeting the strong Grinnell team at Grinnell and the Highlanders meeting Creighton at Omaha in a game which will go far towards showing the class of not only Creighton, but the Highlanders.

Iowa meets the Missouri team, and while there seems to be little doubt that the Tigers will be shown, considering the Iowa team this year, the showing of Missouri indicates that they are a better team than last year.

Ames, fresh from their practical triumph at Minnesota, will have the hardest nut of the state to crack in the team from Morningside. The Morningside team is staking their all on this game and as they have a number of players who were out of the Drake game, some of them of unquestioned ability, they are liable to make things hum in the neighborhood of Ames. Whisman and Thayer should have a great punting duel, as they are without doubt the best toe artists in the state.

Creighton Practices Hard.

Coach Bell and his Creighton football team are toiling faithfully these evenings in preparation for the coming of Highland Park college Saturday and for the great struggle with St. Louis university the following week. While there is a general feeling that the Iowa men will go down to defeat on Nebraska soil, the game promises to be close and exciting. Highland Park has had no mean reputation and the team of '97 is said to be unusually fast and expert with the forward pass.

No hitch in proceeding is expected Saturday and the defenders of the white and blue promise the lovers of the sport a neat exhibition down on Pa's grass at the end of the week.

ACCIDENT TO MAIN SHEET

Trotter Stumbles Just as He Was at Point of Breaking Record.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 16.—An accident prevented the world's stallion record from being beaten today when Main Sheet, having trotted three-quarters of a mile in 1:32½, caught his hoof in his quarter boot and went to his knees as he was trotting the last quarter mile in twenty-nine seconds. The accident occurred between the last eighth pole and the wire. Main Sheet had trotted the first eighth of the last quarter in fourteen seconds and was trotting strong when the accident occurred. He will be sent against his record later in the week.

Jack Leyburn, the chestnut gelding owned by Edward and Joseph Madden, sons of J. E. Madden, the thoroughbred horseman, won the Walnut Hall farm cup, valued at $500, and $3,000 stake. Ed Geers, who has won the stake three times before, drove the winner. The race proved a walk for the winner, as he jogged home three lengths to the good in the second, third and fourth heats.

York Expects Hard Contest.

YORK, Neb., Oct. 16.—(Special.)—The York High School foot ball team looks forward to a hard contest next Friday afternoon at Kearney, where they play the Kearney High school team. The York boys play foot ball from start to finish, and if they don't win Kearney will know that it has been a real foot ball game. So far York has not been scored against.

Heavyweights Sign Articles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—The heavyweight pugilist, Jack Johnson, and Jim Flynn have signed articles for a forty-five-round glove contest to be held in Coffroth's on the afternoon of November 29. They are to receive half of the gross receipts, 55 per cent to the winner and 45 per cent to the loser.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Uncle Wins the Rancho del Paso Stake at Belmont Park.

BELMONT PARK, N. Y., Oct. 16.—Uncle, running to his best form, won the Rancho Del Paso stake, six furlongs, at Belmont Park today. Uncle took the lead and making the pace, won by 6 lengths.

First race, maidens, 3-year-olds and up, one mile: Lad of Langdon, 107 (E. Dugan) 9 to 5, won; Summer Cloud, 107 (Miller) 3 to 5, place, second; Ramrod, 107 (McDaniel) 8 to 5, show, third. Time 1:39. Second Light, Park Row, First Ward, Grace Cameron, Constantia, Lacheses, Murilla and Kestral also ran.

Second race, steeplechase, 4-year-olds and up, selling, about 3 miles: Jimmy Lane, 136 (Turnbourke) 119 to 10, won; Islam, 135 (Archibald) 5 to 1, second; Dr. Keith, 135 (M. Henderson) even show, third. Time 6:14. Knight of Elway and Guardian also ran. Garrett fell.

Third race, 2-year-olds, seven furlong; Fultonville, 117 (McDaniel) even, won; Moncle, 117 (Amidon) 4 to 1, place, second; Brother Jonathan, 114 (Finn) 7 to 5, show, third. Time: 1:27⅘. Tennis, Bolando, Throckmorton, Wise Child, Billy Pullman and Latona also ran.

Fourth race, the Rancho Del Paso, for 2-year-olds, six furlongs: Uncle, 122 (Miller) 2 to 1, won; Falcada, 109 (E. Dugan) 7 to 5, place, second; Jim Gaffney, 122 (Knapp), 7 to 5, to show, third. Time: 1:13. Nostalgia, Halkett, Bouquet, Robert Cooper, Adriucho and Alfred Noble also ran.

Fifth race, all ages, 7 furlongs: Danoscara, 109 (Finn) 7 to 1, won; Earl G, 85 (Goldstein) 2 to 1, place, second; Don Enrique, 114 (Knapp) 7 to 10, show, third. Time: 1:25⅘. Grimalda, Troublemaker, Frank Lubberk, Marster, Frank Lord, Johnnie Blake and Fancy also ran.

Sixth race, one mile and three-sixteenths: Tameceo, 117 (E. Dugan) 13 to 5, won; Cairngorm, 122 (Knapp) 3 to 5, place, second; Welbourne, 124 (Miller) out to show, third. Time 1:58. Perseverance also ran.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 15.—Results at Latonia:

First race, six furlongs, selling: Hannibal Boy, 107 (C. Koerner) 16 to 5, won; Javanese, 103 (T. Taylor) 5 to 1, second; No Quarter, 100 (Pickens) 7 to 1, third. Time 1:14⅘. Martiks, Noel, Voting, Dr. Lee Huffman, Sylvan Bell, Clifton Forge, Vendor, Mayor Duncan and Severton also ran.

Second race, five and a half furlongs: Louise K, 96 (E. Martin) 15 to 5, won; Cloyne, 99 (Walsh) 13 to 1, second; Rebel Queen, 107 (Heidel) 15 to 1, third. Time 1:08⅘. May Jennie, Czar, Ordono, Arrow Swift, Balla McAtee, Darling Dan and Moscow Bell also ran.

Third race, one mile, selling: Harting, 96 (E. Martin) 3 to 1, won; Hazel Parth, 108 (C. Koerner) 6 to 1, second; Beau Brummel, 106 (J. Lee), 6 to 1, third. Time: 1:39⅘. Woolstone, Highbear, Devout, Uncle Henry and Bonebrake also ran.

Fourth race, mile and a sixteenth handicap: Lighwool, 100 (Shilling) 5 to 2, won; Luxoline, 107 (J. Lee) 5 to 1, second; Old Honesty, 115 (Heidel) 12 to 1, third. Time 1:45⅘. True Wing, Monsignor, Deutschland, Red Gauntlet, Guardi also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs, handicap: Rustle, 102 (Powers) 7 to 1, won; Stanley Fay, 109 (C. Koerner) 9 to 10, second; Lady Martha, 92 (E. Martin), 15 to 1, third. Time: 1:13. Col. Bob Banbridge and Labora Clay also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling: McChord, 110 (C. Koerner) 13 to 5, won; Cutter, 105 (Schelessinger) 9 to 5, second; Fay, 105 (Heidel), 12 to 1, third. Time: 1:14⅘. Ben Strong, French Nun, Merrick, Prytania, Mattie H., Copperfield, Stonerhill, Belltoone, and Magistrate also ran.

Seventh race, one mile, purse: Miss Strome, 102 (V. Powers) 2 to 5, won; Belle Scott, 103 (E. Martin) 17 to 1, second; Electorine, 100 (Pickens) 9 to 1, third. Time 1:49⅘. Sister Polly, Miss Albert, Anna Ruskin, Lavelta also ran.

WITH THE BOWLERS.

There was a very warm time on the Metropolitan alleys last night when the Bicycles locked horns with the Walter G. Clarks. The Bicycles took the first two games and fought hard for the third, but could not ride fast enough. Sutton was high man for the Clarks, with 216, and Nelson high three games. Score:

CLARKS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Sutton	149	159	216	...
Nelson	215	153	213	...
Marshall	156	177	176	...
Mahoney	140	148	191	...
Seaman	167	138	143	...
Totals	826	775	941	2,542

BICYCLES

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Hull	196	184	185	...
Gilbreath	186	151	186	...
Jones	170	185	176	...
Drinkwater	147	146	176	...
Keyt	160	156	122	...
Totals	859	823	845	2,526

The Gate Citys won two games at the Association alleys last night, but the Omahas went so fast in the last that they came within three pins of Captain Gjerde's boys on totals. Eddie Maurer kept up his fine work of the last week and was high man for the night, with an even 600 and a single game of 223. In the afternoon practice he broke the alley's record since the new alleys were installed by rolling a total of 721 in three successive games. The game for tonight will be postponed to next Wednesday. Score:

GATE CITYS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Chandler	183	147	173	503
Bengston	177	165	176	518
Lucas	124	199	157	480
Gjerde	166	204	146	516
Jones	179	182	194	555
Totals	829	907	836	2,572

OMAHAS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Tot.
Maurer	200	177	223	600
Rea	161	169	179	509
Larson	139	136	180	455
Ohnesorg	123	129	179	431
Marble	193	199	191	583
Totals	816	801	952	2,569

Sporting Gossip.

Fireside base ball will now have to be played until spring.

Doane college is forging back to the position it held in foot ball in the good old days.

Foot ball will have to give way in point of roughness to the potato races which are run at the Horse Show this week.

Foot ball teams averaging 145 or 150 pounds wishing games for Sundays, call or write S. Coady, 252 Capitol avenue. Telephone D. 3440.

Frank Gotch is now in Minneapolis. He may be seen on an Omaha mat this winter in spite of the rumor that he is to enter the boxing game.

Highland Park will make an effort to make better time in coming to Omaha Saturday than did the Des Moines College Foot Ball team for its game with Creighton last week.

Unless Minnesota is playing sham the Gophers will have to look to their laurels when the Cornhuskers meet them Saturday. That 5 to 0 with Ames sounds pretty good to Nebraska ears.

Comiskey says he has men on his White Sox team for whom he wouldn't take an amount equal to the salary of the president of the United States. Well, that shows the old Roman loves his boys, anyway.