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UNION PACIFIC PROSPEROUS

Annual Report Shows Increase of Three Millions in Net Earnings.

PROFIT MADE ON STOCK HOLDINGS. Amount Equal to 171-2 Per Cent of Face Value of Common Stock Is Available for Dividends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The pamphlet report of the Union Pacific railroad for the year ending June 30, last, was made public today. The statement shows gross operating earnings of \$28,647,727, an increase of \$5,729,181, and total operating expenses of \$20,574,588, an increase of \$3,318,718. After payment of charges, including taxes, interest, sinking funds, rentals, etc., there remained \$2,480,952, an increase of \$1,135,044. After payment of the dividends of 4 per cent on the preferred and 8 per cent on the common stock, there remained a surplus of \$2,329,863, an increase of \$2,067,090. The company received income, other than that from the operation of its own lines, amounting to \$1,157,618, an increase of \$1,257,302. Out of this a dividend of 4 per cent was paid on the common stock. After appropriations of \$1,529,000 for betterments, etc., there remained a surplus of \$1,074,833 for the year, an increase of \$2,655,533 as compared with the preceding year.

Sales of Hill Shares. The statement shows that during the year the Union Pacific sold 64,000 shares of Great Northern stock for \$19,230,000; \$2,000 shares of Northern Pacific stock for \$1,200,000; and 13,300 Great Northern or certificates for \$1,021,700. The company's operations in the Northern Securities company and the Great Northern Railway company show that the Union Pacific has just sold stock in those companies for \$118,448,000. The stock of Northern Pacific, which was sold at a profit of \$1,025,730 to the company. The Union Pacific still holds 96,984 shares of Great Northern railway stock, 77,164 shares of Great Northern or certificates, 41,528 shares of Northern Pacific railway and 759 shares of Northern Securities stock. After these sales were made shares were purchased in other companies.

Big Profit in New Stocks. The total cost of the new shares acquired Alchison preferred, St. Paul common, Chicago & Northwestern common, Illinois Central, New York Central railroad securities preferred and common and Baltimore & Ohio preferred (all common), was \$13,822,002, yielding annual dividends of \$7,721,845, or 5.5 per cent. The installments already paid on subscriptions to St. Paul preferred and common stock and Great Northern and Northern Pacific stocks added to the cost of the investments, bringing the total up to \$13,693,371, on which the dividend return is \$8,368,342, or 6.1 per cent, against 2.7 per cent, representing the yield on such part of the original investment in Northern Securities, etc., as was sold.

Market value of the original investments, which were sold for \$11,768,708, would, if still on hand, have been, at the price of June 20, 1907, \$42,342,353, a shrinkage of \$30,573,645. The market value of the reinvestments made, at the price of June 20, last, was \$10,545,378, a shrinkage of \$3,148,326, thus showing an increase in value by reinvestments of \$27,425,027.

Murder on Kansas Ranch. SALINA, Kan., Dec. 20.—Magnus Christensen, a Dane of Kenosha, Wis., was killed by Archie Wayne, 15 years old, of Kansas City at the M. M. Sherman ranch on Ellsworth county last night. The murder was committed with a heavy monkey wrench. As there were no eye witnesses and as Wayne refuses to talk, nothing is known as to what led to the crime. Wayne is under arrest.

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON. To hear patrons ordering the second piece of pie at The Boston Lunch. Because all the pastries are home-cooked, right on the premises. Not a bit of indigestible bakery goods served. The service is quick and satisfactory. No waiting, and no wonder that patrons sing its praise. "They have the proper system at the Boston." TRY IT. Open every hour, every day. 1612 FARNAM STREET.

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NEBRASKA OIL RATES CUT

Commission Decides to Issue Order on Plea of Independents.

HALL INSURANCE COMPANY BROKE

Governor Sheldon Will Attend River Congress at St. Louis City and Appoint Twenty-Five Delegates to Represent Nebraska.

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Receiver for Hall Insurance Company. G. F. Johnson, president of the Nebraska Mutual Insurance society, has applied to the district court for the appointment of a receiver, thus heading off the application of the insurance department, which intended to appoint John L. Pierce, yesterday it was decided that the department and some of the losers would make application to be heard before the receiver was appointed. September 25 an examination of the company showed it to be in about the same condition as now, but it was the opinion of the department the company could settle its affairs without a receiver, so no application was made for the appointment.

General Visits Old Haunts. General Jacob H. Culver, former adjutant general, called at the State house this afternoon, having come in from his summer resort, Shogo Litchia Springs, on business. The general has spent the fall and summer erecting new buildings at the springs and preparing for the influx of visitors next summer.

Getting Away from the Noise. Because the boisterous manner in which Food Commissioner Johnson dictates his daily press bureau matter disturbs Mr. and Mrs. Carter, who occupy the adjoining apartments in the great family hotel, commonly designated the state house, the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, which allots apartments to the various families, will in all probability put Mr. Johnson on the second floor. Carter asked the board several days ago to build the low partition between the two apartments to the ceiling so as to shut out the sounds from the commissioner's room, but the board couldn't see its way clear to do this, so Dr. Wilson, the state health inspector, will draw back into the speaker's room and Johnson, with his press bureau, will move into the clerk's room, which was pre-empted by the inspector. Mr. and Mrs. Carter asked to concentrate their effects in the room south of the one where the sounding board is located and the two big rooms vacated will remain vacant and no heat will be turned on in these apartments. Mr. Carter is deputy game warden. Mrs. Carter is clerk in the office of the deputy game warden.

Women Solicit Donations. Numerous women of Lincoln did penance today by standing on the streets and holding up all the men who passed along for a few dimes and dollars for the benefit of the Charity Organization society, of which C. E. Prevey is secretary. It is understood that the poor people of Lincoln will be given a dinner with the money. Each collector was loaded with printed notices to be given to the persons who contributed to protect them from further onslaughts.

Delegates to River Congress. Governor Sheldon, who has accepted an invitation to speak at the first annual convention of the Missouri river congress at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 23, has been asked to appoint twenty-five delegates to attend the meeting. The governor will appoint the delegates and it is expected a large crowd will attend from Omaha.

Resignation for Lamb. Governor Sheldon has issued a requisition on the governor of Iowa for the return to Omaha of James Lamb, wanted for passing a forged check. Lamb is charged with having signed the name of E. V. Lewis to a check for \$10 issued against the Omaha National bank. Lamb is in jail at Sioux City.

Hayward Puts Politics Aside. Chairman William Hayward of the republican state committee was in Lincoln last night on his way to the west end of the state on business. Mr. Hayward has frequently been mentioned as a possible candidate for a place on the ticket to the national convention. When asked about the matter last night he replied that

Truth and Quality

appeal to the Well-informed in every walk of life and are essential to permanent success and creditable standing. Accordingly, it is not claimed that Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is the only remedy of known value, but one of many reasons why it is the best of personal and family laxatives is the fact that it cleanses, sweetens and relieves the internal organs on which it acts without any debilitating after effects and without having to increase the quantity from time to time. It acts pleasantly and naturally and truly as a laxative, and its component parts are known to and approved by physicians, as it is free from all objectionable substances. To get its beneficial effects always purchase the genuine—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists.

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Suits and Overcoats that we sold up to \$12.00 7.50. Suits and Overcoats that we sold up to \$18.00 12.50. Suits and Overcoats that we sold up to \$30.00 18.50. SAVE TWENTY PER CENT ON YOUR BOY'S CHRISTMAS OUTFIT. Our discount offer of 20 per cent will continue until Christmas—You simply select the garment you like and pay us 4-5 of our regular price—All boys' and youths' suits and overcoats included except a few lines of young men's blacks and blues. Save 20 per cent.

BUY A MAN'S GIFT AT A MAN'S STORE. Where they know men and study their likes and dislikes and where a force of courteous, painstaking salespeople will assist you in selecting the gift you had in mind—or who can make many valuable suggestions if you are undecided what to give. MUFFLERS 50c UP. NECKWEAR 50c UP. GLOVES \$1.00 UP. FANCY VESTS \$1.50 UP. FANCY HOSIERY 25c UP. FANCY SUSPENDERS 50c UP. FANCY HANDKERCHES 50c. UMBRELLAS \$1.50 UP. SMOKING JACKETS. BATH AND LOUNGING ROBES. Few men but would appreciate one of ours—then too, they are so moderately priced—\$3.50 to \$10.00. Lots of real comfort in one—we've too many to attempt descriptions—better see them \$5.00 to \$25.00.

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plage in Wyoming, Ill., December 12, and are now visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. W. W. Coates, in this city.

BLAKE HILL.—Grandpa Wagner an old citizen of Blue Hill, died yesterday at the age of 84 years. He has been an invalid for the last ten years. Funeral services were held here Friday at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Marlin of Guide Rock.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Parties who were on hunting Sunday last, have a crime to answer for. They went to the farm of William Monroth, seven miles south of the city, and killed a steer for him. One shot with a rifle and the other with a shotgun.

YORK.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen, took place on Saturday the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Allen and John C. Johnson of Polk, Neb. Miss Allen was born and reared here, and is one of the popular young women of York.

PLATTSMOUTH.—John A. Donelan, a well known resident of this county for years, but who recently removed to Lincoln and engaged in the same business, is expected to return to Plattsmouth in the near future for appendicitis in a hospital in Omaha.

BEATRICE.—C. E. Morrison of West Beatrice was called to Dixon, Ill., yesterday by the death of his grandfather, a pioneer resident of that section. He was the father of Hon. C. E. Morrison, an attorney at Chicago, third official adviser to President Roosevelt.

YORK.—C. E. Perkins, manager of Rogers Lumber company, has returned from a tour of inspection of the Rogers Lumber company's yards in this and Fillmore counties, and reports business as good as last year and that the outlook and prospects good for spring trade.

BEATRICE.—An effort is being made by the merchants of Beatrice and Pawnee county to have the Rock Island company put the two passenger trains recently taken off back in service again. C. E. Knight, chief of the officials on the road, was here yesterday investigating the matter.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Miss Kate French, one of the ablest and best known stenographers who have ever made this city their home, died yesterday at Los Angeles, Cal., of pneumonia. She went there to benefit her health, but the climate did not agree with her so she made all arrangements to return to this city, when she was fatally stricken.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Superintendent R. C. King has announced that he will be a candidate for state superintendent of public instruction on the republican ticket. Mr. King has been superintendent in this county for the past six years and the last year terms he was elected to make the position, and no one cared to make the race against him.

YORK.—R. Carlsden, cashier of the Germania American bank of York, is slowly recovering from a serious injury received in the bank vault. Mr. Carlsden had climbed up to secure a book from the top shelf and accidentally fell, striking the corner of the safe, painfully injuring his spine, and has been confined to his bed for the last week.

COLUMBIUS.—These gentlemen will look after the interest of the known Order of United Workmen for the ensuing year. Master workman, Louis Held; foreman, C. W. French; overseer, Marlin Langford; recorder, Richard Hamey; receiver, J. W. Herrod; inside watchman, Herman Green; outside watchman, Lee Laughlin; trustee, Martin Costello.

just elected their officers for another year, as follows: H. B. Reed, commander; A. Boone, senior vice commander; Charles Wardenman, junior vice commander; A. L. Rollin, Henry Westbrook and E. P. Dussell, camp council; Bert J. Galley, secretary; A. Jenkins, treasurer; Rev. J. B. DeWolf, chaplain; George H. Grubb, musician; Dr. J. DeWitt, patriotic instructor; J. P. Theidig, color bearer; Henry Westbrook, sergeant of the guard; C. E. Devlin, corporal of the guard; C. C. Jones, camp guard; Eugene Clark, picket guard.

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tion some hogs have been found to have nearly lost their lungs while others that died from apparently similar symptoms seemed to have their lungs in their entirety. Out of a herd of 183 Charles Nitzsche lost 16 and many farmers have lost in like proportion. Farmers have learned to sell off the shoats as well as the large ones as this disease nears their pen and as a result most "everything that will go" has been shipped out of the county. A car load of pigs weighing about 60 to 75 pounds was sent passing here for the St. Joseph market. The country has been cleaned out so thoroughly that brood sows will be very hard to procure here next spring. Hogs are not so plentiful here now as they were during the dry year of 1901.

AGED WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE. Mrs. Schroeder of Germantown Found Hanging to Red Post by Relative. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. W. H. Schroeder, mother of Mrs. Wilhelm Miller, living near Germantown, hanged herself last evening on the post of her own bed. She used a binding twine, which she twisted like a rope, binding the noose carefully with cloth to prevent disfigurement of her body. The woman was 84 years of age and has suffered failing health due to her advanced age. She retired to her room at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and was not found until 6 o'clock.

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