

RAILROAD BOOKS DEMANDED

Hamer Wants to Find Out Profit in Hauling of Cream.

MATTER UNDER ADVISEMENT

H. B. Sherman of Columbus Appointed to Succeed Hayward as Superintendent at Industrial Home near Kearney.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A demand for the books of the railroad companies asking an increase in cream rates was made to the State Railway commission this afternoon by Attorney Hamer, representing the central creameries.

The commission took the demand under advisement, but intimated later that it would turn down the demand and not compel the corporations to bring their books into the hearing. Mr. Hamer prefaced his demand by saying that he had read faithfully all week to get some information relative to what it cost the railroads to transport cream, but each of the railroad witnesses insisted he did not know and could not find out. Mr. Hamer insisted that the Burlington railroad particularly, all railroads in general, made enormous profits, which were coming from the public and he further declared that the rates on cream were higher than on the products of the packing houses. Discussing the Burlington earnings, Mr. Hamer quoted from a pamphlet issued to investors that the equity of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific in the Burlington earnings amounted in 1906 to \$74,146,671. Out of this, Mr. Hamer said, \$95,000,000 is to be taken for operating expenses. Of this he said about \$14,000,000 is a matter of bookkeeping. After the Burlington has received 4 per cent on its investment he said the other two roads receive at least \$15,000,000. The Burlington, he said, paid in the neighborhood of 30 per cent on the investment. Mr. Hamer then read the following comparison of cream rates and packing house products:

Table with 2 columns: To Omaha, Cattle, Hogs, Cream, Miles. Rows include Proper, Stanton, Neigh, Emmet, Thatcher, Gordon.

In comparing rates to Chicago, the statement shows that ten cars of hogs would indicate an earning of \$480 from the nearest of these points, while ten cars of butter out of cream shipped from the nearest point indicates an earning of \$573. Ten cars of cattle would earn \$66; ten cars of hogs, \$175.50, and ten cars of butter cream shipped to Omaha indicates an earning of \$512.50.

Threat of Sibley Law. The threat was made this morning by a representative of the central creameries that if the commission raised the cream rates as requested, the creameries would at once apply for an order for the enforcement of the Sibley law enacted by the last legislature. They hold that cream rates come under this law because cream is carried on passenger trains. In view of this statement it is taken that this attorney has an intimation that the commission is likely to increase cream rates slightly if not the full amount asked by the Western Traffic association.

During the week's hearing the railroads and express companies have placed numerous witnesses on the stand in an attempt to show that the small local creamery is capable of manufacturing a better grade of butter than the central creamery; that the butter, therefore, would bring a higher price on the market and the dairy-men would receive more money for his cream. To show this contention they have had among their witnesses the following: Mr. White of the agricultural department, Washington; Food Commissioner Wright of Iowa; Food Commissioner Wheaton of South Dakota, and Food Commissioner Slater of Minnesota. Each of these men testified in favor of the higher rates and that the establishment of small local creameries worked to the benefit of the producer as well as the consumer. The railroads claimed and tried to show by witnesses that the present cream rate was put in as a milk rate when milk was shipped to large places for consumption by private families and others, and that thereafter the central creameries sprung up and took advantage of the rate to ship in cream for manufacturing purposes. They have offered no evidence to show whether the rate is remunerative to the corporations or not, but their witnesses insist that it is out of proportion to all other kinds of merchandise. All efforts of the commissioners and the attorneys to get some information regarding the cost of hauling cream have failed, the witnesses saying it is impossible to separate the various articles of merchandise shipped.

Claims of Big Creameries. On the other hand the witnesses of the central creameries which are protesting against the increased rate, claim that the conditions in Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota do not exist in Nebraska and no comparison can be made between these states and Nebraska. They claim Nebraska is not thickly settled; that it takes 50 cows to support a creamery, and there must be manufactured 150,000 pounds of butter a year to make a creamery pay. For this reason their witnesses have testified that the central creameries have done more and will do more to develop the dairy industry in the state than can be done

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NORMAL BOARD HEARING CASE

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A warrant has been sworn out in the district court of Nebraska county for the arrest of Prof. J. W. Searson for attempting to assault Katharine Hudson, a student in the State Normal school at Peru. Sheriff Robrs of Nebraska county arrived in Lincoln this morning with the warrant and will arrest Prof. Searson during the day. Searson is a professor in the normal school at Peru.

Rumors of bad conduct on the part of Prof. Searson have been going around for some time and recently he requested the State Normal board to make an investigation. That investigation is on today behind closed doors. Miss Hudson, the girl in the case, is about 22 years old and alleges the attempt was made on her last April. She lives at Humboldt. Prof. Searson is one of the best known educators in the state, is prominent in the State Teachers' association and a member of the Schoolmasters' club. Prof. Searson was at the head of the schools at Wahoo for 12 years and has been professor of English at the Peru Normal school. He is married and has one child.

Defense Not Heard Yet. Mr. Searson was arrested shortly after noon and taken back to Nebraska, and the investigation by the normal board committee was adjourned until September 13. Miss Hudson testified that she went into the recitation room of Searson on the afternoon of April 8, about 5 o'clock, and for forty minutes he attempted indignities with her, kissing her three times forcibly and holding her so she could not leave the room. She struggled with him, she said, and finally secured her release. She also testified that she could tell when Searson was in a room whether she could see him or not. She believes, she testified, that Miss Stoner, the preceptress at the school, could tell when anything went wrong and forced her to leave the room. The wrongful acts charged against Searson occurred in a basement room, with the door and windows open and people were passing within twelve feet of the room on the sidewalk. Miss Hudson testified her mother had been in the insane asylum.

Redmond testified to the condition of the room and that Miss Hudson had been a bright student. She was graduated this spring. The other side of the case did not come out and will not until the next hearing. H. H. Wilson appeared for the defendant and Wallace Rose and Representative Quackenbush for the woman. A committee of the normal board, consisting of Treasurer Brian, Mr. Childs and Mr. Delsel, heard the testimony, and when it is concluded will report to the board proper on the advisability of retaining Prof. Searson as an instructor.

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Dead Man o' Ticket. The primary ballot for use in the coming state primary will contain the name of a dead man, W. W. Elliott of Center. Mr. Elliott filed as a candidate for district clerk in his district on the 11th of August and was drowned. Secretary of State Junkin has finally concluded to leave the name on the ticket as he does not know what else to do. Mr. Elliott had no opposition.

Pauses Taken Up. The Union Pacific pass list is cut down this month by the cancellation of the passenger tickets by the following: H. D. Good, all of Ogallala, an attorney; E. D. Hamilton, an attorney of Grand Island, and C. A. Cameron of Sterling, a hotelkeeper.

RAIN SHORT, BUT WHEAT FINE Southern Nebraska Corn is Showing Effects of Three Weeks' Drouth. EDGAR, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The weather has been extremely warm for the last three weeks, with no rain, it is being reported against the corn. Wheat threshing has been going on rapidly and the wheat is mostly threshed. Good prices have prevailed, and for the last twenty-one days wheat has been brought to the elevators at an average rate of 5,000 bushels per day. This is the banner year for wheat in this section.

Can Makes Gasoline Nonexplosive. WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Neburg Manufacturing company will commence active business August 15. This company is formed with a capital of \$50,000, \$25,000 of which consists of preferred stock and the remaining \$25,000 common stock. Eight per cent dividend is guaranteed to holders of preferred stock. The company will manufacture the patent oil and gasoline cans upon which G. L. Neburg obtained a patent in June. The subject of the invention is a means of purifying the oil by means of electro-chemical action and has proved successful, so much so that gasoline produced through one of these cans becomes absolutely nonexplosive. A factory will be built at once to manufacture the cans.

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Richard & Wilhelm Office Furniture advertisement. Includes images of a dining chair, library table, and a rug. Text describes various office furniture items and their prices.

Advertisement for rugs and linoleum. Includes images of a rug and a linoleum tile. Text describes various rug patterns and linoleum products.

Advertisement for lace curtains. Includes an image of a lace curtain. Text describes various styles of lace curtains and their prices.

Local news snippets including: Brown County's Teachers Are Women; News of Nebraska; BEATRICE—The Fulton bloodhounds; BEATRICE—Miss Helen and Master Newell Roberts; BEATRICE—Mary, the little daughter; BEATRICE—Charles Heckathorn and Harry Brock; BEATRICE—The Schuyler Sokol Turners; BEATRICE—The Blue River association; BEATRICE—The following named persons have filed for the coming primaries; BEATRICE—Mr. William Schultz has received a letter and a number of camera pictures from his son, Harry J. Schultz; BEATRICE—The party of which the young man is a member has traveled several weeks by train and they are now a considerable distance from any postoffice; BEATRICE—M. D. Pulk, who was editor of the Plattsmouth News for a number of years, but who has been connected with the editorial department of the Evening Courier News in Boise City, Idaho, for the last four years, has tendered his resignation and will engage in the real estate business in that city; BEATRICE—The following named persons have filed for the coming primaries: For treasurer, Frank E. Schieler (dem.); W. T. Adams (rep.); for sheriff, C. D. Quinton (rep.); A. J. Box (dem.); county clerk, W. E. Rosenkrantz (dem.); F. A. Bricks (rep.); clerk of district court, J. M. Robertson and C. H. Taylor (rep.); and Marie E. Metzger (dem.); county judge,

FOR SALE New Kountze Place Home Just Completed. Price, \$4,000. Advertisement for a new home with detailed description of features and location.

Oldsmobile Sport Royal advertisement. Includes an image of the car and text describing its features and performance.

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