

CHEAP FARES FOR LINCOLN

Six Rides for a Quarter on Street Railway is Order of Commission.

ORDER BASED ON VALUATION

General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington Promises to Furnish the Commission a Complete Pass List.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—In the matter of the application of the city of Lincoln, made to the State Railway Commission for an order compelling the Lincoln Traction company, the Citizens Street Railway company of Lincoln, the Lincoln & Beatrice Railway company and the Capital Beach & Millard Railway company to sell six tickets for a quarter, ten tickets for school children for a quarter, and to issue universal transfers, the commission has dismissed the application against all the companies except the Lincoln Traction company. It issued an order against this company compelling it to grant the petition of the city except in the furnishing of universal transfers. It was shown by the evidence that the Citizens company now sells six fares for a quarter, and that the other companies were operating under the laws governing street railroads, and therefore the minimum charge they are permitted to make is 5 cents. The commission valued the property of the Lincoln Traction company at \$1,400,000, and it figures that on this valuation the evidence shows it will make a fairly good rate of interest on the investment by selling tickets in conformity with the order made. The order goes into effect before November 1 and the Traction company is to sell tickets at the rate of 5 cents for a quarter, and to issue universal transfers. The tickets sold to school children are good between the hours of 7:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m., during the school days only.

C. S. Allen, attorney for the Traction company, would not be quoted as to whether the order would be obeyed, but the impression is that for the present, at least, there will be no appeal to the courts. "The action of the commission is certainly in line with the policies of President Roosevelt," said Mr. Allen, "but in the end, if this policy is followed, it will lead to government ownership of public utilities. The action of the commission is revolutionary, and is a great big question. If the commission can adopt this policy with the traction company it can also find the value of a railroad company and limit its earning power by fixing rates in accordance with its own valuation. In the matter of the traction company the commission has lopped off about \$500,000 in the valuation of the plant. There was invested in cash in this company's property \$1,900,000. Mr. Allen said the company here was organized under very peculiar conditions, having had to buy up four franchises, and cost more probably than the same property would cost under ordinary conditions.

How Valuation Was Reached. In arriving at its conclusion the commission stated it took into consideration the amount of the investment in the plant and the net earnings of the company. The original cost, it says, was \$1,900,000. The added expenditure for improvements was \$500,000. On the basis of par for its stocks and bonds and preferred stocks and 150 a share for its common stock the value is \$1,375,000. There was evidence to show that a tentative offer had been made of \$1,750,000 for the property. The commission says the evidence regarding the cost of replacement was very conflicting, but basing it on the cost of the Citizens line, which has recently been constructed together with the cost of other local, power house, real estate and the interest on investment, the value is \$1,100,000. This, it says, corresponds very closely to the value of reconstruction, as testified to by the company's expert, \$1,152,722. Its present value on an earning

basis of 7 per cent is \$1,400,000. Its present assessed value is \$1,300,000. The commission then arrived at the valuation of \$1,400,000 by taking into consideration the work of the company in its pioneer stages, its development and expenditures. It further finds the present net earnings of the company are \$110,000.

Holdrege to Furnish Pass List. G. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, called on the State Railway commission today to talk over the pass question, and before leaving assured the commission the name of every person who held a pass would be reported to the commission. Some time ago the commission was seriously thinking of having Mr. Holdrege arrested for not complying with its orders regarding the filing of his pass list, but it is likely now nothing will be done, as Mr. Holdrege has agreed to toe the mark.

Thompson Goes to St. Louis. Attorney General Thompson left this afternoon for St. Louis, where he will attend the meeting of the attorney general of the Mississippi valley states to be held Monday and Tuesday. This meeting is for the purpose of exchanging ideas of the legal heads of the various states regarding legislation affecting the control or regulation of corporations. Mr. Thompson will discuss railroad rate legislation.

Wanted for Murder in California. Elmer Sides arrested an Italian named John Spera, charged with murder committed last June in California. Information was received by Sheriff Rees several days ago that Spera was in Lincoln, and Deputy Sides was assigned to the case. He spotted Spera in the postoffice and placed him under arrest. In going to the county jail Spera jerked away from the officer and tried to make his getaway, but after a couple of shots he gave up and was placed in jail, where he confessed to the crime. Spera said he killed his man in a fair fight, which started about the ruin of his daughter by his victim.

Bryan Addresses Conference. W. J. Bryan spoke at the Methodist conference today. Most of the day was taken up by the conference in a discussion of the record in the case of Preacher Ferguson, who was charged with misconduct, and who withdrew from the ministry. The records were made to read that Ferguson withdrew under charges, instead of saying his withdrawal was an intimation of the truth of the charges. Ferguson today gave out a lengthy statement, giving his reasons for withdrawing from the ministry. His friends tell him he now expects to start a few liberal suits.

SHUMWAY KEPT UP HIS NERVE

Only When He Nerved Beatrice Did He Become Nervous.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 28 (Special).—Sheriff McNulty and Ivan Blair, county attorney of Polk county, Missouri, who brought R. Mead Shumway to this city yesterday and accompanied Sheriff Truda to the penitentiary at Lincoln, where the alleged murderer was safely landed, returned to Beatrice last evening. In speaking of Shumway's capture, Sheriff McNulty stated that he found him working on a farm near Oregon, and the man by whom he was employed thought he was a first-class farm hand. A day or two after Shumway went to work he bought a horse, for which he paid \$125, a second-hand buggy and single harness. He also purchased a good suit of clothes, and of the \$200 which he is supposed to have taken from the home of Jacob Martin after the brutal murder of Mrs. Martin only a few dollars were left. The officer said that when placed under arrest Shumway seemed perfectly unconcerned until the party arrived in the vicinity of Beatrice, then he became very nervous and appeared to be well pleased when the party reached Lincoln.

After we reached St. Joseph," Mr. McNulty said, "the news of Shumway's capture traveled much faster than we did, and all along the route people were gathered at the stations to get a glimpse of the prisoner. When we left Wymora and drove to Beatrice I felt a trifle uneasy lest a mob would intercept us, but it was determined to protect the prisoner no matter what happened.

TALKS ON TEETH

By Dr. E. R. L. Murphy, (Fifth Floor N. Y. Life Bldg.)

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All that we demand is that you have two or more teeth left in either jaw to work with. The work takes but a few days to complete. Then you have a real set of teeth, almost as perfect as nature's and which should last as long as you do. They are firm and solid in the mouth—look, act and feel like your own teeth.

We tighten loose teeth and cure Pyorrhea (decayed gums) by our Alveolar Pyorrhea cure. And we guarantee this cure permanently.

From a mass of testimonials which are on file at our office we submit the following one:

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(Signed) MR. FRANK CUNNINGHAM, 233 S. Omaha, Neb. If your teeth have decayed we can replace the missing parts with our Alveolar inlays which we make that will fit the cavities and match the tooth perfectly. Our work is practically painless and there is nothing about the Alveolar method to be dreaded.

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We invite those who are in need of dental services to call at our office and we will make a careful examination without cost to you. If you cannot call at once write for booklet on Alveolar Dentistry, which is sent free upon request.

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been called for October 8 for the purpose of voting bonds for the construction of a municipal electric light and power plant, to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is strongly in favor of the proposition and it is likely to carry.

BEATRICE.—Nathan White, a young man in the employ of Daniel Freeman, the first homesteader, accidentally shot himself in the leg yesterday. He was taken to the hospital on North Fifth street. The ball ranged downward, inflicting an ugly wound eight inches in length just below the knee. The attending physician anticipates no serious results.

BEATRICE.—At the meeting of the county board yesterday afternoon Campbell introduced a resolution recommending the erection of a new jail or the improvement of the old structure. On motion the board decided to defer the expenses of Miss Anna Campbell, county superintendent, to Lincoln to attend the state meeting of county superintendents, which will be held there soon.

FULLETON.—A steady rain set in about 5 o'clock Friday and has continued throughout the day. The weather in this vicinity has been exceedingly dry for the last month. Farmers were feeling blue over the fall wheat prospects for next year. Nance county is becoming a wheat-raising county and a larger acreage will be put in this year than ever before.

HARVARD.—The county fair is now being held at Clay Center. Yesterday being school day, there was a large attendance from over the county. The fair grounds are booked. Many head of fine horses and cattle are on exhibition, but in general the fair expects a below average showing, there being no fruit raised this year of any special interest.

PLATTSBURGH.—A new fraternal lodge, known as the Western Bee, was organized in this city last evening by Otto H. Swanger, ably assisted by his wife, with a large number of charter members. The following named officers: Past president, Frank Boetel; president, Raymond Jackson; vice president, Raymond Henry; secretary, Miss Emma; treasurer, Mrs. M. Peterson; sergeant, Martin Peterson; captain, Mrs. Henry D. Kinney; guide, Joe Laan; examiners, Dr. E. D. Cummins; trustees, Martin Peterson, Ray Henry and F. H. Jackson.

YORK.—Lusk Detrick has charge of the office of the county superintendent of public schools until a successor to C. O. Stewart is elected. Superintendent Stewart has left for Columbia, where he takes a special course in languages, and then to travel in foreign countries, perfecting himself in the position of professor of languages.

YORK.—William Williams has sold eighty acres, eight and one-half miles west of York to Edward Pluth of Butler county for \$100. Mr. Williams says he was urged to go elsewhere and buy land, but says York county looks too good to him and he has decided to stay here. The land is 100 acres, five miles southwest of York.

YORK.—Whether it is due to another oil company purchasing real estate in York and about to build a tank house and run a tank line, or to some other cause, the Standard Oil company has been selling coal oil in York for some time from 5 cents to 11 cents per gallon, which is understood to be cheaper than at other points in the state.

YORK.—The management of the York High school has made arrangements for several games.

YORK.—W. H. Reader has sold his interest in the York Ice company to Dan Blood, who now owns all the stock of the company.

LUSHTON.—P. K. Moore, pioneer druggist and at one time cashier of the bank here, owing to poor health, has sold his stock of drugs and will move away from Lushton.

HENDERSON.—Jacob Friesen, a prosperous well-to-do German farmer, living near Henderson, has returned to his home in Norway. His property in this county was too high, has just returned from an extended land-hunting trip in Kansas and Oklahoma, and he has decided to return home for some time from 5 cents to 11 cents per gallon, which is understood to be cheaper than at other points in the state.

YORK.—A number of York county farmers, contemplating a campaign for the winter and returning in the spring, bumper crops at high prices have made nearly every York county farmer a success. Many are traveling in Europe and most of them are getting as much pleasure in their way out of their surplus earnings as the successful business man.

YORK.—B. B. Chambers, a former York boy who has been in the army, has returned to York and will engage in the plumbing business with his father, W. W. Chambers.

YORK.—York will have an automobile race, Hill brothers, the livermen, have recently purchased a new touring car and will add more autos if trade demands.

YORK.—The city awarded the work on the three new sewer districts, giving contracts to local contractors. John Resbeck secured two contracts and Jacob Zieg one.

JOSH WHITCOMB AT HOME

"The Old Homestead" as it is and its Representation on the Stage.

In one of his letters to the Record-Herald William E. Curtis tells of a visit to Josh Whitcomb (Denman Thompson), and his old homestead and the village of Swansey, New Hampshire, where today are living types of the people whose struggles, hardships and joys, portrayed on the stage, gripped the heart interest of tens of thousands of theater-goers. Mr. Curtis writes, in part: "While Mr. Thompson was not born in Swansey, his parents were, and he spent his childhood and early manhood here; and when he got money enough to buy the genuine old homestead and has since spent his summers here. He has a farm of about 100 acres and a large, comfortable frame house, painted green, with white trimmings, in the midst of handsome grounds and is ornamented with iron deer and dog and a dancing girl, and an iron colored boy stands at the gatepost to hold the horses of visitors. The barn matches the house and is quite as pretentious and comfortable. Mr. Thompson is so careful of 'them steers' and his Jersey cows and calves and colts that he has wire screens in the windows of his stables and protects them from the sun with pink awnings. He has a hothouse and conservatory in which he propagates garden plants and early vegetables and raises rare flowers. He is a practical farmer and a successful one. He takes his horses and acts as a driver in the meadow and the barnyard as he does on the stage. He needs no make-up. He is 'Uncle Josh' all the time. But it is not a continuous performance. At present he does most of his labor in a rocking chair and will soon begin the 'Old Homestead' again. He has a hothouse and conservatory in which he propagates garden plants and early vegetables and raises rare flowers. He is a practical farmer and a successful one. He takes his horses and acts as a driver in the meadow and the barnyard as he does on the stage. He needs no make-up. He is 'Uncle Josh' all the time. 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