

RAILROADS OF NEBRASKA LOSING THOUSANDS PAY MILLIONS TO PEOPLE IN WAGES, TAXES AND FOR SUPPLIES EVERY YEAR

It is a strange fact, but nevertheless true that in times past the people of the average state have not regarded their railroads as an "industry"—and yet, next to agriculture, there is not a single Central or Western state in which the railroads do not pay out more money for labor and supplies than does any other single enterprise, however large.

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Up to People of Nebraska In few other states have the railroads had a larger share in progress and development than in Nebraska, whose broad prairies they helped to convert from the habitat of roving herds of buffalo and savage Indians—and from that hour to this they have contributed their full share to a story of thrift and enterprise which swells with pride the breast of every true Nebraskan.

The last federal census report shows that from 1900 to 1910 the general value of Nebraska farm lands increased 156 per cent—and in view of these facts, had the men and women who put hundreds of millions of dollars into Nebraska railroad securities years ago invested their money in Nebraska farm lands, would not the investment have proven infinitely more profitable to them? And have not the railroads played a tremendous part in these advancing land values in the past, and will they not also have much to do with the value which will be added from this time forward? Have not the interests of the farmer and the railroads always gone hand in hand in this great Western country?

Did they not conquer the wilderness together and build the progress of one large, happy, contented, and united people? Should not the railroads of this state, therefore, have the good will and friendship of the farmer when all they ask is that they be permitted to earn a reasonable income upon their investment? Splendid as has been our progress in the past, Nebraska today stands merely on the threshold of her true destiny. We have ample room for thousands of additional tillers of the soil. So, too, our splendid inland towns and cities plead for factories in order that we may ourselves produce much of the finished merchandise for which our people spend many millions of dollars annually. Again, we still need hundreds of miles of new railroad mileage before we shall be able to make the most of our agricultural and commercial possibilities—and the millions necessary for the construction of these factories and these added transportation facilities will not be forthcoming unless we treat fairly the millions already invested within our midst.

No state can rise higher than its people. The state is what its people make it. We are all dependent upon each other. The welfare of the town and the surrounding farms depends upon a spirit of kindly co-operation between those who live in town and those who live upon the farm. Without splendid little inland towns we would have a rural atmosphere which would drive every bright country boy and girl from the cities while without the farms the towns would wither and die. Even so it is with our great commonwealth as a whole—a commonwealth which for its own sake and for the sake of the great nation of which it is a part should contribute its full share to the "New Day" to which the President referred so beautifully in a recent address—a day fraught with a broader understanding and justice for every man or interest, whether great or small. At this moment there are half a million men out of work in New York City, nearly 200,000 in Chicago, almost 100,000 in St. Louis, while the Kansas City Commercial Club for the first time in the history of that splendid city is grappling with the problem of thousands of idle men. Truly it is a time to think!

The Course of Empire Slowly but surely the course of empire is moving westward. Her lands impoverished in fertility, New England, as well as the great nations of the Old World, today look to the Corn Belt for foodstuffs—and sooner or later the center of this mighty nation's wealth will be found here amid the rich valleys of the Missouri and the Mississippi, which, in point of production, are without an equal in any similar area upon the habitable globe. Here our people are assured that Nature will always sooner or later amply reward honest thrift and industry. Here our families are farthest removed from those influences which corrode and corrupt civilization. Here American manhood and womanhood find their broadest opportunity, and with a commonwealth so rich in promise and so much in need of additional capital with which to develop its resources, can her people do a wiser thing than to say to the world that every dollar invested in Nebraska enterprise and industry shall be permitted to earn a fair return for its owner from this time forward? Would not such a declaration be fair? Would it not be infinitely wise as a matter of pure business policy on behalf of our great state?

It is because Nebraska railroads believe that Nebraska people will be generously fair—once they know the truth about this great question—that has persuaded them to make this appeal through the public press. In doing so they have tried to state their side of the story fairly. They have made no attack upon anyone or sought to appeal to prejudice—and that the reader may accord to them the same credit for sincerity which he claims for himself—that he may be willing to raise his voice in defense of their rights as he would expect others to do in his behalf under similar circumstances—this is all the railroads of Nebraska ask. (Paid adv.)

Items of Interest from our Exchanges Worn Tribune: J. W. Albrecht has started a skating rink in the brick building on the east end of Fifth street.

Pender Republic: Born to Mr and Mrs Albert Means, Jan 7th, a boy, Mother and child doing fine. J. B. Walden is in Lincoln this week. He was appointed one of the committee of auditors for the Farmers Mutual Ins Co.

Pender Times: Will Leonard was down from South Sioux City this week visiting relatives. He expects to move to the vicinity of Ponca where he has purchased a farm. Mr and Mrs Martin Maloney of South Sioux City are the grandparents to a baby daughter born to Mrs Hiram Baker. The Baker family now resides at Allen.

Emerson Enterprise: Mr and Mrs Aug Andersen, of Hubbard, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday. Jessie Mansfield and William McKinley drove over from Homer Tuesday transacting business. Thomas Ashford was over from Homer last Thursday. He spent a large part of the day here and made the Enterprise a pleasant call.

Winnepago Chief: Bob Small was down from Homer on business Tuesday. Sam Deering is reported to be on the sick list the past week. George Barnett Jr was down from Dakota City Tuesday afternoon between trains. George McBeath dropped into town a short while Tuesday afternoon on business. Mrs Prof Demel, of Homer, spent Wednesday afternoon at the Ray Hughes home. Mrs Emma Wilcox went to Homer Tuesday evening to spend the balance of the week visiting at the George Thacker home.

Allen News: Deputy Grand Master A. E. Bagley, H. R. Hill, T. J. Overboe and Albert Waddell were at Dakota City Monday night and installed the officers in the I. O. O. F. Lodge. On Friday night they go to South Sioux City to install the officers of the same order. Leonard Boyle and Miss Lucy Understall were married at ten o'clock last Wednesday morning, at the home of the bride's parents at Merrill, Iowa. These estimable young people have the well wishes of all as they start out in life. He will farm the Ike Boyle place, northwest of town.

Goodrich, N. D. Citizen: Wednesday morning Mrs Ella Hazelgrove and family left for Valley City, N. D. where they will make their future home. Mrs Hazelgrove was induced to leave Goodrich only because of the school advantages offered her children by the Valley City Normal school.

Many of the friends of Mrs Hazelgrove gave a farewell party in her honor at the A. A. Hendricks home Tuesday evening. Mrs Hazelgrove has been prominent in church circles in Goodrich and will be greatly missed by a large number of friends who wish her happiness in her new home.

Lyons Mirror: M. M. Warner was in Omaha Friday to see his sister, Mrs R. C. Bauer who is on her way to California from Calumet, S. D. Thos Ashford of Homer was a Mirror caller this week. He is a son of the late Mr and Mrs Thomas Ashford who settled in Dakota county in 1856. United States Marshal, W. P. Warner for a cousin of M. M. Warner was a Mirror caller this week. His father, Gideon Warner first came to Dakota county in 1857. Wm Schultz received a letter from his sister, Mrs James Hider of Spokane, Wash, stating that she is recovering from a severe attack of grip. The Hidders formerly lived here and in Dakota county.

For Sale 50 tons alfalfa hay. Frank Uffing, Hubbard, Nebr.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Dakota City, Neb., January 7, 1915. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. Oliver W. Fisher, chairman, A. Ira Davis, Geo. Cain for sheriff, J. E. Manger for deputy sheriff, W. W. Joyce for superintendent of public instruction, J. E. Manger for coroner, Martin Maloney for justice of the peace of Covington precinct, J. B. Smith for justice of the peace of St. James precinct, Fred Schmidt for constable of Dakota precinct, J. E. Manger for constable of Dakota precinct, A. L. Mathwig for constable of Covington precinct, W. W. Joyce for road overseer district No. 1, E. J. Richford for road overseer district No. 2, John Solt for road overseer district No. 3, Hugh McKeever for road overseer district No. 4, Neils Anderson for road overseer district No. 5, W. W. Joyce for road overseer district No. 6. Board adjourned to meet January 15, 1915, in regular session.

January 12, 1915. The board of county commissioners of Dakota county, Nebraska, met in regular session, it being the second Tuesday in January. Members present, Thomas Long, chairman, A. Ira Davis, Oliver W. Fisher, and Sidney T. Frum, county attorney and Geo. Wilkins, county clerk. When the following proceedings were had, to-wit: On motion, Thomas Long is chosen chairman of the board for the ensuing year, he being one of the commissioners, whose term expires in two years. Board approved report of Margaret Murphy, County Superintendent. Report Collections and cash on hand, \$27,712. Disbursements for Institute, etc., \$196.06. Balance on hand Jan 7th, 1915, and paid to Wilfred E. Voss, Superintendent elect, \$4,927.75. Board approved official bonds as follows: Louis N. Smith, for county surveyor, Matt Schickel, for overseer of road district No. 18, Hans Bonitzkon, for overseer of road district No. 20.

Board fixed salaries of deputies for ensuing year of the following officers, to-wit: County Clerk, the sum of \$600.00; County Treasurer, the sum of \$800.00; Sheriff the sum of \$700.00. Sheriff selects the names of sixty persons, of said county, from which the Pettit jury, for the regular February, 1915 term of the district court of Dakota county, Nebraska, is to be drawn. Board orders county clerk to correct present assessment of Wellington Smith of Homer, Nebraska. He having been assessed with a \$1500.00 real estate mortgage, which is also assessed to the real estate entered thereby. Board orders county treasurer to charge account of commissioner district no. 1 of Dakota county, Nebraska, with the sum of \$100.00, as credit same to account of commissioner district no. 1 of said county. Said sum being part payment of a certain loan made commissioner district no. 1 on September 22, 1914. Board awards contract to Dakota County Herald, North Nebraska Record, the items hereinafter specified for prices set opposite each item, as follows: Delivery of 100 copies of the Herald, North Nebraska Record, and 100 copies of the Record, for the regular February, 1915 term of the district court of Dakota county, Nebraska, at the rate of \$100 per square of ten lines, or fractional part thereof, and the sum of \$100.00 for each succeeding issue, and commissioners' proceedings at the rate of 50c per square of ten lines, or fractional part thereof, for each issue. Each newspaper to publish all proceedings of the commissioners, notices and delinquent tax list. Board awards contract for printing letter heads and envelopes to Dakota County Record for prices set opposite each item, as follows: Letterheads, full sheet, \$100 per M and \$100 per M; half sheet \$20 per M and \$100 per M; Envelopes, white, No 6 1/2 \$20 per M; Manila, No 10 \$20 per M; To North Nebraska Eagle board awards contract for furnishing and printing items as follows: Bar dockets at 40c per opening. Legal blanks, full sheet, \$30 per M and \$30 per M; quarter sheet, \$20 per M and \$20 per M; eight sheet, \$1.75 per M and \$3.00 per M.

Claims allowed on county general fund: Harry Poltz, repairing windows, \$1.00; M. J. Forehoe, taxes paid in error, \$3.00; O. E. Martin, same, \$3.00; L. C. Smith & Sons, rent for typewriter, \$3.00; Thomas C. Edge, livery and surveying, \$2.00; J. J. Manger, board of health, \$2.00; John H. Ream, same, \$2.00; James Flynn, same, \$2.00; Geo. H. Isaac, same, \$2.00; Lucile Hoagland, services on scavenger record, \$3.00; Myrtle Baughman, same, \$100.00; Margaret A. Murphy, 8th quarter salary and expense, \$75.00; Howard J. Rockwell, salary of deputy sheriff, etc., \$153.32; Frank Mahon, 8th quarter salary, \$146.88; Miles T. Reilly, hauling sand, carpenter work, etc., \$108.00; Miles T. Reilly, boarding paupers, tobacco, etc., \$119.02; Hase Publishing Co., printing official ballots, etc., \$176.30; Fields & Sianton, printing 1000 copies egg range coal, \$210.10; D. C. Heffernan, stamps, express, etc., \$14.48; Bert Anderson, public hearing, \$12.00; Miners' proceedings, \$14.22; D. E. Palmer, fuel for the court house, \$15.00; Moll A. Schmedt, publishing delinquent tax list, \$44.67; Dakota City Light & Power Co., light, etc., \$15.40; Henry Krumwiede, fuel for court house, \$15.75; Knowlton & Manning, provision for paupers, \$33.14; John Evans, same, \$28.00; D. F. Waters, same, \$72.40. Claims allowed on bridge fund: Thomas Sullivan, \$4.00. Claims allowed on commissioners' district No. 1: A. D. Ramsey, grading and repairing grade, \$9.90; John F. Berger, same, \$5.00; and 4 teams, \$35.37; M. B. Boals, hauling drag and dragging roads, \$4.00; Herman Hundt, 16 hours dragging road, \$12.00. Claims allowed on commissioners' district No. 2: Geo. Deroin, 2 days work, man and team, \$3.00; Tref Deroin, road work, \$3.00; Tref Deroin, same, \$70.00; Joseph Bagat, same, \$12.00; Joe Lendon, same, \$20.80; John Hartnett, same, \$16.00; D. J. Cobligh, same, \$16.00; Louis Smith, same, \$4.00; Andrew Geibers, same, \$4.00. Claims allowed on commissioners' district No. 3: John F. Berger, for grading, \$35.38. Claims allowed on road district fund: W. C. Heikes, 1 1/2 days road work, man and team, district No. 2, \$5.00; Thomas Sullivan, same, \$5.00; men, one team, district No. 9, \$5.00; Louis Knudsen, road work, district No. 9, \$8.00; M. T. Beacom, 1 1/2 days 2 men, 2 teams, road work, district No. 9, \$100.00. Board adjourned to meet February 1, 1915, George Wilkins, County Judge.

By state treasurer's receipt \$11735 00 By county general warrants redeemed 9064 81 By county bridge warrants redeemed 1127 63 By county road warrants redeemed 6333 71 By school land refund 3 78 By 1913 scavenger collections distributed 223 31 By drainage district No. 2 warrants 472 92 By Covington judgment 12 00 By school bonds 171 83 By school orders paid 21253 79 By inheritance tax, costs, etc. 62 78 By protest refunded 17 26 By district road warrants 6319 50 By South Sioux City water bonds 625 00 By Homer water bonds 500 00 By city treasurer's receipts—South Sioux City 3471 00 By village treasurer's receipts—Dakota City 200 00 By village treasurer's receipts—Homer 428 00 By redemption 3679 93 By county treasurer's clerk hire 124 00 By county treasurer's commission 1431 86 By fees 240 00 \$71137 61

BALANCES State funds \$1385 96 County road—district No. 1 755 73 County road—district No. 2 243 52 County road—district No. 3 505 66 Swamp ditch 991 39 1914 scavenger collection 25 48 Inheritance tax 2289 64 Covington judgment 18 90 Drainage district No. 2 2195 15 County general fund 600 18 County bridge fund 2569 27 Special bridge 1408 76 Soldier's relief fund 161 00 Covington annex 47 25 Road dragging fund 266 05 Dakota City bond 266 05 School district fund 14606 71 Fines and license fund 902 05 South Sioux City water bond 193 52 Homer water bond 365 24 Road district fund 4665 49 Emerson bond 34 87 Hubbard bond 281 21 City of South Sioux City 106 29 Village of Emerson 190 00 Village of Dakota City 1511 69 Village of Homer 364 82 Village of Jackson 85 53 Redemption fund 332 12 Total cash on hand \$37192 70

We do hereby certify that we have examined the above statement of D. G. Evans, County Treasurer of Dakota county, Nebraska, for the six months ending January 6th, 1915. To the best of our knowledge we believe each collection has been correctly entered and properly accounted for, and that the vouchers and other items of Credits were in proper form and correctly entered and that the footings were verified by us and found correct, and that the above statement of Balances agree with said accounts in said County Treasurer's General Ledger.

O. W. FISHER, THOS. LONG, A. IRA DAVIS, County Commissioners

BALANCE SHEET

Summary of Collections, Disbursements, Balances for the Year Ending January 6, 1915—D. G. Evans, Treasurer.

Table with columns for Collections and Disbursements. Collections total \$71,137.61. Disbursements total \$71,137.61. Balance on hand \$37,192.70.

Table showing BALANCES for various funds: State funds, County road, Swamp ditch, etc. Total cash on hand \$37,192.70.

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Dakota City Grocery. 3 Cans Corn 25c, 2 pkgs Post Toasties 25c, 3 Cans of Peas 25c, 2 pkgs Corn Flakes 25c, large cans Tomatoes 25c, 3 qts Cranberries 25c, 2 pkgs Pettijohns 25c. We have a large assortment of Heavy Men's Underwear, Duck Coats, Wool Blankets, Comforts, and Sweaters that we are closing out at about cost price. W. L. ROSS, Dakota City, Nebraska.

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