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Time to Get Together.

As a representative of the third party—the public—which has been injured by the prolonged strike for the Union Pacific employes, the Tribune believes that concerted action on the part of business men and others should be taken in an effort to induce the company and shopmen to get together and end the strike.

Without discussing the merits of the propositions involved, but giving the men the credit of conducting the strike on the Union Pacific in a very decent and orderly manner, it must be admitted by all that the strike has been a costly one to the three parties directly concerned—the men, the company and the public. To the men it has been a loss of wages that a majority of them can ill afford to lose; in fact in some few cases at least, the men and their families have actually suffered for the lack of actual necessities of life. The strike should therefore be settled as a humanitarian act, if nothing else.

The direct as well as indirect loss to the company has been enormous; that such is true is shown by the published decreased earnings in November and December. Perhaps the officials and the directors figure that in order to defeat certain demands made by the men they can afford to lose a million or two, but in view of the present anti-corporation agitation, it is policy for a railroad to "be good"—or at least as good as possible.

Next to the men the public, and especially the business men at the division terminals, have been the worst losers. It is not only the decreased trade from the men involved, but the strike has an effect on other people not involved, it causes them to draw their purse strings tighter, it defers real estate transactions; contemplated improvements are held back—in fact it deadens a town in all particulars. It is true that the number of men employed in the shops is nearly as great as before the strike, but these men are of little or no value so far as trade is concerned. They are boarded and lodged at the shops, they seldom come over to town; they earn a bunch of money and then seek other fields. They don't come to North Platte for the purpose of making it their homes.

A large percentage of the North Platte shopmen who are out on a strike are home owners; they are respected citizens; they support our schools and our churches; they are part and parcel of the business of our city.

What is written above is not new; all are conversant with the facts; the object is to call attention of our business men to use as far as possible their influence in inducing the company and the men to get together and thus end a struggle that has been barren of results.

Telephone Merger a Fact.

The merger of the Bell Telephone company in Nebraska with the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, recently authorized by permission of the Nebraska state railway commission, was completed Tuesday.

President Frank Woods and Secretary C. J. Bills of the Lincoln company issued checks for \$2,203,000 to Vice President G. E. McFarland of the Nebraska Bell company in return for which the Lincoln company became possessed of all of the Bell exchanges south of the Platte river and east of the west line of Adams county in Nebraska. The Bell company immediately paid back the money to the Lincoln company in return for stock.

The checks issued were three in number, one for \$2,000,000, another for \$222,900 and a third for \$70,100.

By this deal the Lincoln company buys forty-eight exchanges of the Bell company and several toll lines. In return it withdraws from the North Platte country in Nebraska. To perfect the deal the Lincoln company asked for and received permission from the state railway commission to issue \$350,000 of common stock and \$3,000,000 of 5 per cent preferred stock.

The break between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey was given publicity, it appears, by a southern editor who has long been hostile to the New Jersey scholar. It is suspected that he received the information from Colonel Watterson, and that the story was put out at the moment when it was calculated it would do the greatest possible lot of harm. The attacks upon Wilson are almost devilish in their cunning and their timeliness. The democrats who think he is as good as nominated do not take sufficient account of the power and resourcefulness of the men who have decided that they will not do as their candidate.—State Journal.

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May Cut Down Expenses.

The Omaha Bee of yesterday contained the following article:

President Mohler, Vice-President Munroe, in charge of traffic; Passenger Traffic Manager Port and General Manager Scott of the Union Pacific are in Salt Lake City attending a family meeting of officials of the Harriman lines in the west. Information is given out that the meeting is for the purpose of rearranging divisions on the Union Pacific and formulating a new train schedule. Rumor, however, says that this is far from being the real purpose of the meeting.

Men in railroad circles say that the president, traffic managers and general managers do not travel 1,000 miles for the purpose of arranging divisions that have already been arranged and to work out a train schedule that is under ordinary circumstances prepared by dispatchers and superintendents and then approved by managers.

Those who assert they know, contend that the real purpose of the head men of the Harriman lines at this time is to formulate some plan by which the expenses of the system may be reduced and the revenues correspondingly increased.

Like all other roads, the Union Pacific made a poor financial showing for December. When New York bond holders and stock jobbers saw this report they clamored for something better in the future and some trimming is anticipated. In fact, it is already being done, and the start is being made in the low, as well as in the high places.

There are rumors floating about that the meeting of the Harriman officials at Salt Lake has to do with the strike that was declared by the shopmen some months ago, and that it is possible that a solution of the difficulty may be brought about.

While the strike is still in force it is known that some of the men have been going back to work during the last few weeks. There has been no break in the ranks of the strikers, but they are going back singly and in pairs and sometimes in bunches of several.

Strikers admit that some of the men have returned to work in Omaha and elsewhere, and railroad officials declare that this is true. Up to this time no overtures have been made by either side. However, whenever an old shopman has applied for a position he has been put at work in the event a vacancy could be found. Returning to work the old-time shopmen go as new employees and take the same standing as if they had never worked for the company. They lose all seniority rights, and if they have had years of service they re-enter the company employ on the same footing as if they are strangers.

P. A. Barrows, a former Plattsmouth newspaper man who is quite well known among the republican newspaper men of the state, has advised in a communication to The Bee

of a few days ago, that the manner of criticism of President Taft by the LaFollette boomers will not tend to the exercise of the "soft, soft pedal" by the adherents of the President with reference to LaFollette, and rather encouraged the indulgence of similar criticism in retaliation. But it doesn't pay to retaliate in this matter. The LaFollette tirades against the President—a growing conviction that he has not been dealt with fairly and that the features of his administration which have met with an honest difference of opinion among republicans have been argued while the progressive achievements of the administration, such as the prosecution of the trusts, the establishment of the postal savings bank system throughout the country, the placing of the postoffice department on a paying basis, the introduction of economy in other departments, the establishment of a tariff commission, etc., have been entirely disregarded and kept from the attention of the public by the noise of criticism, which noise had as its main motive the advancement of the personal interests of an opposing candidate.—Grand Island Independent.

Advertisement for Thedford's Black-Draught medicine, including text about indigestion and a testimonial from Mrs. Riley Laramore.

Advertisement for Joe B. Redfield, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, specializing in skin diseases.

Advertisement for Registered Percheon Horses for Sale, listing a yearling stallion, three-year-old mare, two-year-old mare, and yearling mare.

Notice for bids for the purchase of material finished and unfinished for the construction of a new building, including details of the bidding process and board of directors.

Legal Notice regarding the estate of Earl W. Brodine, defendant, and the plaintiff, Lincoln County Land Company.

42-Piece Royal Blue Dinner Set worth \$10.00, with details about the set and how to purchase it.

The F. C. Ayres Mer. Co., 20th and Wazee Streets, Denver, Colorado.

Notice regarding the estate of Herman P. Chelins, defendant, and the plaintiff, William Henry Essex.

Notice regarding the estate of Jack Morrow, defendant, and the plaintiff, Jack Morrow Flats Telephone Company.

Notice regarding the incorporation of Jack Morrow Flats Telephone Company, detailing the terms of the incorporation.

Notice for publication regarding the estate of William Henry Essex, including details of the estate and the executor.

Advertisement for Dr. W. F. Crook, Dentist, Graduate Northwestern University, Office over McDonald State Bank.

Advertisement for Doctors Ames & Ames, Physicians and Surgeons, Office over Stone Drug Co.

Advertisement for L. C. Drost, Osteopathic Physician, Office over McDonald State Bank Building.

Advertisement for Geo. D. Dent, Physician and Surgeon, Office over McDonald State Bank.

Advertisement to send us your shipments of grain and hay, with details about the shipping process and the benefits of using their service.

Advertisement for The F. C. Ayres Mer. Co., located at 20th and Wazee Streets, Denver, Colorado.

Referees Sale notice regarding the estate of Oliver S. Christian and David E. Martin, with details about the property being sold.

Notice for publication regarding the estate of Jack Morrow, including details of the estate and the executor.

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Advertisement for Cigars for Gifts, featuring an illustration of a woman and a child, with text about the quality and price of the cigars.

Advertisement for J. F. Schmalzried, Merchant Tailor, featuring text about the quality of his work and the services he offers.

Advertisement for F. J. Broeker, Merchant Tailor, featuring text about the quality of his work and the services he offers.

Advertisement for Dr. J. S. Twinem, Homeopathic Physician and Surgeon, featuring text about his medical services.

Advertisement for E. H. Funk, Auctioneer, located at 6th and Locust St., featuring text about his experience and services.

Advertisement for E. H. Funk, Referees Sale, featuring text about the property being sold and the terms of the sale.

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