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RAILROADS REVERT TO THEIR OWNERS SUNDAY NIGHT

President Wilson signed the railroad bill Saturday evening and at 12:01 a. m. yesterday the government handed over to their owners 240,000 miles of main line railroad and terminals and equipment valued at approximately \$20,000,000,000, over which its direct authority has been extended since December 23, 1917.

The properties will go back, leaving the government with a deficit of \$715,500,000 for its 25 months of operation. But while the deficit appears large, "federal operation has cost the public considerably less under the conditions, through rates and taxes, than would have been the case under private control," Director General Hines declared in a statement of government management.

Mr. Hines believed that the nation and railroads as well gained benefits of a lasting character from the period of unified operation.

Answering directly assertions that the roads would be returned "wrecked," Mr. Hines declared they would be restored in a condition which "compares favorably" with that in which they were taken over and in his opinion in better shape to meet demands upon them than they would have been after the two such strenuous years, under private management.

The administration, he said, had made every effort to observe the contractual obligations to maintain the properties in substantially as good condition as it received them. He pointed to the expenditure of approximately \$1,200,000,000 for improvements, equipment and rebuilding as proof of this.

The government bought for the roads a total of 100,000 freight cars and 1,930 locomotives. While this is below normal purchases for a like period, it was explained that physical inability to obtain equipment because of the exigencies of war was the only reason the normal purchases were not made.

The roads will go back to private control with important wage demands pending, but the same condition obtained when the government assumed direction, Mr. Hines pointed out, adding that machinery will be set up either through the railroad bill or through bi-partisan and voluntary action to adjust differences. The whole question of rates of pay will then be reviewed, he said, in the light of existing conditions and based on the just needs of the employes.

Swedish Mission

Next Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. March 5th, we will have our meeting as usual at the People's Mission and hereafter we will have regular meetings every first and third Friday evening of each month at same place. The attendance has been good and we hope it will continue. Everybody welcome.

See the great Kentucky horse race with scores of riders galloping madly over the course, and a girl jockey winning by a nose. It's a real race and just as intensely exciting. Anita Stewart "In Old Kentucky" Sun Theatre for four days beginning today.

They say that the new dresses at The Style Shop are beautiful.

LINCOLN COUNTY EVENTS AND PERSONAL MENTION

(Condensed from County Exchanges.)
 The contract was let last week for the construction of a 15,000 bushel capacity elevator at Sutherland by the Farmers' Co-operative Association. Deposits in the Sutherland banks as shown by published statements last week aggregate \$470,243, an increase of \$30,189 over the preceding statement.

Statements show that on February 14th the deposits of the two banks at Brady were \$642,891.

Bruce Brown, manager of the Brady telephone exchange, had a rib cracked last week when a telephone pole fell with him. One darn thing after another seems to happen to that portly form of Brown's.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Vanarsdale, of Sutherland, were called to Canada last week by the illness of Mrs. Vanarsdale's sister.

Sunday, February 22d, Ft. McPherson Post, American Legion at Maxwell, presented French memorials to the nearest of kin of the following Brady and Maxwell boys who died in service: Helge Eleander, Ray E. Harman, Lee R. Yost, Elmer Shaner, John F. Schaeffer, William Rush, John H. Jordan and Arthur Hendricksen.

Published statements show deposits of \$268,052 in the two banks at Maxwell.

Chas. Leyoldt has sold his residence property in Hershey to Geo. M. Smith for \$3,000 and has purchased the Carl Wickstrom residence for \$4,000.

The school board of Hershey has been notified by Co. Supt. Cochran that the country school districts adjacent to Hershey have voted against the proposed consolidation with the Hershey district.

President Cary and Secretary Turpie, of the Beet Growers association, have been spending several days in the east part of the county advising growers to stick to the demand for sliding scale prices.

W. H. Jenkins, manager of the Hershey Telephone Co., has been in Lincoln for a week or so conferring with the state railway commission relative to a raise in rates.

W. F. Smith has traded his 160-acre farm north of Hershey for a garage in York.

In a notice to beet growers, G. M. Cary, president of the Keith and Lincoln County Beet Growers Association says: "Do not sign any contracts with either the Great Western or American Beet Sugar Companies for 1920 until the Keith and Lincoln County Beet Growers' Association gives the word. When we are ready to contract we will call a meeting of all growers in the valley and will contract together. Now is the critical time, don't sign yet."

Wallace has already started the preliminary campaign for a base-ball team this season.

Deposits in the bank at Dickens are \$59,399, and in the Wellfleet bank \$229,646.

The two banks at Wallace show deposits of \$399,278 as per statements published.

The ban on dances and picture shows at Wallace has been removed the flu conditions having improved.

Mrs. Dollie Freed, of Wallace, has returned from Rochester, Minn., somewhat improved. Owing to her serious condition the surgeons would not operate.

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EVENTS IN NORTH PLATTE THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From The Tribune Feb'y 28, 1885.)
 The customary mask ball was given by the Odd Fellows on February 23d with an attendance of over 100 masked dancers and 250 spectators. The ball was given at the new Lloyd skating rink. The Tribune published the names of those masked and the characters they represented. In the published list only a few of those named are now residents. Miss Jennie Muck, now Mrs. John H. Day, appeared as Snowflake. Judge Hoagland as an armored knight, J. E. Evans as an old woman, R. L. Graves Out on a Lark, and Ed Wheelock as a sergeant of the U. S. Army.

The employes of the shops were working nearly every evening and on Sunday and were making big checks for those days.

The Catholic choir announced a musical for the evening of St. Patrick's day, the program to be followed by an oyster supper.

John Burke, foreman for Bratt & Co. at the Windmill ranch, came to town for supplies, and reported cattle in good condition, although the winter had been very severe.

The city council had under consideration the levying of an occupation tax on land agents, of whom there were twenty-six in town at that time.

Jimmie Cannon, who was trapping on the Birdwood, again came to town to get supplies and incidentally get drunk. This time he brought the pelts of six deer, fifty skunks, fifteen coyotes, seven beaver, six coon, three badgers and two lynx. Jimmie, who was a notable previcator, claimed to be the only survivor of the Alamo massacre. Be this as it may, it was certain that he had been in the wild west for many years.

A corps of Union Pacific engineers had pitched their tents east of the round house and The Tribune wondered if the Union Pacific was about to head off some of the proposed lines of the Burlington.

The city had entered into a contract with the Sperry Light Co. for six arc street lamps. North Platte was one of the first towns in the state to be electrically lighted.

The cornet band, under the leadership of N. Klein, gave a complimentary concert at the Lloyd skating rink as a testimonial to Mr. Lloyd's enterprise in erecting the rink. In return the proprietor, "set up a fine treat for the members."

A new supply of hymnals had been received by the Presbyterian church, and those men who had been staying away because they did not have the advantage of a hymn book were invited to "come and sing their heads off."

H. F. Costes, who was holding down a homestead in Keith county, visited town and said he proposed to build a flour mill in North Platte.

A scheme was on foot to build a bridge across the South Platte river at O'Fallon.

Ben Clinton, who had been day clerk at the Railroad Hotel, was transferred to Laramie as manager of the U. P. eating house.

Anna J. Norris had arrived in town as the minister of the Unitarian church.

In speaking of the death of a citizen The Tribune said "he had gone to a far happier home." The widow of the deceased took exception to the statement and visited The Tribune editor. She "didn't want any reflections cast on her treatment of her husband or the manner in which she kept her home; that her home had been as happy as a home could be."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Perhaps you, Mr. Farmer and Stock Raiser, read with more or less interest the article entitled "Southern Farms and Ranches" which appeared in the February 24th and 27th issues of The Semi-Weekly Tribune. Unded ordinary circumstances wisdom would forbid comparison and contrasts between different sections of the country but in the present case the interest of humanity at large makes it a duty not to be evaded. Unless Northern and Western cattle men can provide ample feed and water beyond all chance of failure, it seems the part of good judgment and sound business sense for them to move their herds to regions where those important elements are always available. We do not believe that any of our friends in the livestock business in this section of the country, or any other business man, will argue against the logic of this position. These men are facing a condition in which sentiment cannot be permitted to enter. As an example we call your attention to the drought which prevailed in the states of Wyoming and Montana during the past year, which made it necessary for stock to be transferred to other sections of the country for feeding at an enormous expense, or sold at a great sacrifice. The small farmer who raises and finishes only a few head of good stock annually may provide water and feed—very often with the greatest difficulty and heart-breaking expense, but the great cattle and sheep owners who are trying to furnish beef, mutton and breeding stock on a large scale, men who need large areas for pasturage and much water, cannot much longer continue under the strain they have endured.

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Lookout Homestead No. 3030 Brotherhood of American Yeomen held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Thursday evening, February 26th at the Knights of Columbus hall. Forty-three applications for membership were presented, and the applicants elected to membership. A class of twenty-five was initiated by the ladies' degree staff, and two symbolical degrees were conferred, the Merit degrees of Fearlessness and of Purity, the former being conferred upon Roy E. Humphrey and Noah F. Harrison, and the latter on Mrs. Amanda Bacon, Miss Cora M. Souser and Miss Rose Kopf. A committee of five was appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the Supreme Officer of the society, Grand Foreman George N. Frink, who, accompanied by Mrs. Frink will visit North Platte on Friday, March 12th, on which date the Homestead will initiate a class of sixty or more, and will close its present membership campaign. Mrs. Pearl Smith was installed as Correspondent, to succeed Mrs. Leah Baskins, retiring, and Mrs. Frank Yearsley was installed as Master of Ceremonies.

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