

# The O'Neil Frontier

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Lord Melbourne, who was queen Victoria's prime minister, was so strongly addicted to swearing that he had difficulty in pronouncing his name when he first became the adviser of the young queen. On one memorable occasion he forgot himself. He was sitting in his accustomed place at dinner, when the conversation turned upon the recent conversion of Sir Robert Peel to free trade. "Ma'am," said Melbourne excitedly to the girl queen, "I am damned to hell." The ladies in waiting were in great consternation, but the queen, with the admirable tact which distinguished her even in these early years of her reign, smilingly told Lord Melbourne that he might discuss the corn laws with her in private.

In the Ragged mountains of Virginia live the lost Hessians, a queer and interesting people. They are the descendants of the Hessian prisoners who were confined at Charlottesville during the revolutionary war. At the close of the revolution the Hessians were released in a body. They determined to march back into the Ragged mountains and establish a new home in those hills. Here they and their descendants have lived ever since. They put up their rude cabins made of logs and mud, and they have had no her kind of dwelling from that time to this.

Constantinople's scheme for a metropolitan electric line is well under way. It includes the formation of what is known as the Ottoman Metropolitan company, capitalized at \$5,000,000, for the purpose of building and operating the line. Work is to be finished as far as Panseloni in four and a half years from October 1, 1912, according to the terms of the contract, and the rest will follow within a 10-year period. A new bridge over the Golden Horn will be part of the work.

English rowing men a century ago wore costumes far different from what they wear now. In 1805 it was the correct thing for them to wear a green leather catskin cap with a jacket and trousers of nankeen. In 1820 Oxford rowing men wore blue checks, while Cambridge was in white with pink waistcoats. Broad brimmed, heavy straw hats came in a little later.

The manufacture of cement in the Philippines, whose supply now comes almost entirely from Hong Kong, will probably be commenced toward the end of 1912. The Rizal Cement company, the Philippine corporation which has acquired large property and limestone and silica deposits in Binangona, Rizal province, about 30 miles from Manila, is commencing the erection of its large factory.

The Norwegian government has just issued regulations for the censorship of cinematograph films intended for public exhibition. Under these regulations all films must be registered and numbered, and will then be examined in private by number by two officials appointed for that purpose. These two may call in a third person to help them in their decisions, if necessary.

Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest mountain, will be commercialized to meet the demands of tourists. A project is under way looking to the erection of a hotel on the peak to occupy the site of the former meteorological observatory. The plans embrace a railway nearly five miles long. In an ordinary season it is estimated that fully 15,000 people climb Ben Nevis.

Stock raising is the basic industry of northern Paraguay. The amount of capital invested, and the application of modern methods of administration on a large scale are destined to give this part of the republic a momentum heretofore lacking in the country's affairs and bring it into definite relations with the outside world.

Guthrie, King county, Texas, one of the few remaining stands of the cattle kings and real cowboys, has a \$15,000 ranch which he has converted into a county prison. Guthrie and his family live in the lower part of the jail building. Guthrie has no county attorney and there is not a practicing attorney in the county.

The Tuscaloosa Times-Gazette editor wrote a pleasing editorial on "A Need to Be Careful," and then the printer sent the editorial page through the press upside down. At last reports the editor was admiring the editorial, or something just as good, to his printer.

Salt making by the evaporation of sea water is the principal industry of the Tuko and Calcos islands colony, and is carried on at Grand Turk, Salt Cay, and Cockburn Harbor, the latter being the principal settlement in the Calcos islands.

Norway, according to the American-Scandinavian Review, within the last five years, has become the fourth sea-faring nation in the world, counting by ship tonnage and in proportion to its population it ranks first.

The British consul at Bogota reports that a boot and shoe factory, equipped with American machinery, is soon to be erected in Bogota. The output is expected to be about 250 pairs of boots or shoes daily.

Scientists have found 56 areas in the ocean where the water is more than three miles deep, 10 where it exceeds four miles and four where the bottom is farther than five miles down.

A French bicycle rider is the inventor of a man power street sweeper, consisting of a tricycle with a revolving brush mounted between the rear wheels.

Dr. Beatrice M. Victory, of Philadelphia, is the first woman to win the degree of doctor of philosophy in Germany at the University of Pennsylvania.

In Holland many milk men deliver their wares in bottles wrapped in red wax, the keeping quality of the fluid being greatly increased thereby.

That wireless telephoning to and from automobiles is possible has been proven by a Los Angeles experimenter.

Bread may be kept fresh for several days at temperatures below freezing or exceeding 100 degrees, according to a Dutch scientist.

Oil of the Hawaiian kukui nut has been found to be better than linseed oil in the manufacture of paint.

A motor driven reciprocating saw has been patented by a California inventor for slicing meats evenly.

An English insurance company issues a policy covering damage done by militant pig agents.

## INDIAN BOYS FOLLOW GIRLS FROM SCHOOL

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 8.—Indian boys run away from the Genoa Indian school because they cannot endure school life unless the girl students are there too. When the Indian maidens take a vacation or have graduated there are always two or three escapes in the part of the young male students.

Four of the Indian boys ran away from school a few days ago. Two of them have gone to Kansas and the other two were captured by the conductor of a Union Pacific work train between Norfolk and Columbus. The two boys, about 17 years old, were walking along the tracks, bound for Norfolk.

It developed that two Indian girls had passed through Norfolk a few days ago, enroute to their home near Niobrara. The two boys were following the girls.

### PRIMROSE BANK ROBBER STILL ELUDES PURSUERS

Albion, Neb., Dec. 8.—The search for the Primrose bank robber ended last night with but meager results. The robber has not been caught. He had a good start, from half an hour to 45 minutes after leaving the bank, when he leisurely walked down the road to the west, disappearing in the darkness and fog. The robber got \$4,000 in currency. He warned the cashier and a clerk in the bank not to give the alarm for an hour, and it was half an hour before they ventured from the building. The robber is believed to have had a horse concealed outside the town of Primrose.

### FARMER'S WIFE ASKS FOR \$8,000 IN ALIMONY

Madison, Neb., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Althea Louise Schinkus has brought action in the district court for divorce and alimony against her husband, Henry Robert Schinkus, a well to do farmer, residing north of Battle Creek. She alleges in her petition that her husband owns 280 acres of land, valued at \$40,000 and personal property of the value of \$8,000.

### RATE PROTEST IS FILED BY MOTORCYCLE CONCERNS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The Omaha Bicycle company, and various cycle concerns in western Iowa and Nebraska, today filed a complaint against the Northwestern and other road rate agencies in the Interstate Commerce commission. They allege excessive charges west of the Mississippi, and from Chicago, Milwaukee, Malvern and Walnut, Ia., and Smith Center, Kan., to various destinations. These charges were two and one-half times first class and alleged to be "grossly excessive."

## OBJECTIONABLE ARMY CORPS QUITS ZABERN

### Every Soldier of Offending Regiment Is Removed From Barracks.

Zabern, Germany, Dec. 8.—Headed by its energetic commander, Colonel Von Reuter, the Ninety-ninth infantry regiment, whose officers have caused so much strife between the military and civil authorities in Alsace, marched out of Zabern today on the way to uncomfortable camp quarters. Half of the men go to Hagenau, 14 miles northeast of Strassburg, in the forest, and the other half to Bitsch, a small fortified town at the foot of the Vosges mountains, in the north of Alsace.

Not even the customary detachment was left in charge of the barracks and army property, a guard being detailed for this service from the garrison of Strassburg.

The viceroy of Alsace-Lorraine, Count Charles Von Wedel, returned today to his conference with the emperor, and the Alsatian papers gladly interpret the fact that he has not retired from office as an indication that he received from the emperor the necessary civil authorities in Alsace-Lorraine.

## GOVERNMENT AID FOR MINING INTERESTS

Washington, Dec. 8.—The House committee on mines and mining today made a report on the Austin bill which would give federal aid to schools of instruction in mines and mining.

The bill is important to states like Iowa and South Dakota, having large mining interests.

In Iowa, according to this bill \$10,000 would be given by the federal government the first year and \$25,000 each year thereafter for instruction in mines and mining in connection with the expanding coal industry at Ames. The same plan would be followed in South Dakota.

## HUNDREDS WOULD JOIN REVOLUTIONIST CAUSE

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 8.—A secretary occupied today in translating an accumulation of several hundred letters from foreigners offering their services to the revolutionary army. They include proffers from machine gun operators and brass band musicians, surgeons and sharpshooters.

The letters are from veteran filibusters and boys in their teens, who seek a life of adventure, but none of the offers will be accepted, according to the uncompromising stand of General Carranza that the present revolution is a "Mexican affair" and that foreign soldiers are not wanted.

## MOTHER WOULD SEE MAN WHO KILLED SON HANG

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Frank Martin, of Warren, Pa., mother of George Gillespie, who was murdered last September by Giuseppe Di Giola, wants to attend the execution of Di Giola. In a letter to District Attorney Dudley she wrote that she intends to attend if permission can be obtained. Di Giola is now in a death cell in Auburn prison under sentence to be executed the week of January 4.

## PRICE OF EGGS TAKES SLUMP IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 6.—Fresh eggs took a drop of 4 cents a dozen in the local markets yesterday, making a total decline of 6 cents in two days.

Wholesale prices for some high grades are under 40 cents and dealers predict 30-cent eggs next week. The reductions are attributed by officials of the National Housewives' league to the organization's egg boycott. Egg men say the reason is the increase in the supply of the new laid product.

## FREMONT JUNK MAN MURDERED AND BODY BURIED IN CELLAR

### Son Held for Investigation on Account of Suspicious Circumstances.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 6.—The body of James A. Butler, a junk dealer, was found buried in the basement of his home in the south part of the city yesterday afternoon by his son-in-law, William Bales, a deputy sheriff. W. A. Lowery, who made a search of the premises for the man, who had been missing for the past two days. The skull was frightfully crushed and the skin had been peeled from his forehead. A lead pipe was found and his head was wrapped in gunny-sacks.

Bales went to the home of the aged junk buyer at the request of his wife, who had been ill and was worrying because her father had not been to visit her for two days. On arrival at Butler's home he found the house bare of all its furnishings. He became suspicious and made a closer investigation. He discovered some spots of blood near the entrance to the cellar and notified the officers.

When Sheriff Lowery and Mr. Bales reached the cellar floor they stumbled on a mound of dirt. Then the feet of the man were found projecting from the dirt that had been carelessly thrown over the body, which was lying face down. It is supposed that the rope was used by the murderer to drag the body to the cellar. The murdered man was 73 years of age and a veteran of the civil war. He made a living by buying junk, which he gathered in the surrounding country.

William Butler, son of the murdered man, was arrested last evening at Cedar Bluff and brought back here for investigation. He had been drinking heavily. In a suitcase found in his possession was a hammer smeared with blood and hair.

The young man under arrest, who is 24 years of age, had been living with his father and is known to have often quarreled. It is alleged that the son sold all the furniture in the house to a neighbor for \$4 and stated that his father had gone to Columbus to reside for a time. He drove away with his father's horse and wagon.

## BANDIT ROBS BANK AT PRIMROSE OF \$4,000 ROLL

Primrose, Neb., Dec. 6.—The Primrose bank was robbed yesterday afternoon of \$4,000 in currency by a highwayman, who single handedly terrorized the bank. The robber compelled him to hand over all the available cash and made his escape. The robber was not masked, but an accurate description of him is lacking. Primrose is a place of between 100 and 200 inhabitants in the western part of the state.

The robber, who was roughly dressed, entered the bank while two customers were there. When they had left he stepped to the cage and handed a check to the cashier, covering him at the same time with a revolver. He demanded all the cash on the counter, and was handed the \$4,000 in currency and \$600 in coin, but declined to take the latter. As soon as the cashier gave the alarm a posse took up pursuit of the robber, who left in a westerly direction on foot.

## LICENSE IN RUSHVILLE IS DECLARED INVALID

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6.—The supreme court today laid down as the law of the state that whenever a city or village by a vote of the people, decides that no saloons shall be given license, it does not lie within the power of the council or village trustees to grant any such licenses. Conversely, when the vote is in favor of saloons, the board of aldermen, if a permanent council prevails there, cannot refuse to issue permits. Last spring the town of Rushville, in Sheridan county, voted dry. The council, notwithstanding this, granted a license to Perry Thompson. The district court upheld the action of the board, but the supreme court reverses this decree and orders the license cancelled. It holds that under the law, the town having voted dry, the board was without legal authority to grant a license.

## HAD INSANE DESIRE TO KILL WIFE AND CHILDREN

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 6.—As a result of loading a shotgun, setting it in a corner and asserting that his wife and five children were dead before morning, F. Gordon, a farmer living near Harbino has been committed to the state hospital for the insane. He was charged with being a dipsomaniac and inebriate and being addicted to the excessive use of liquor.

## SUPREME COURT TEST OF "LOAN SHARK" LAW

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6.—The constitutionality of the "loan shark" law passed by the last legislature was argued before the supreme court today in the appeal of Jule Adams. A conviction thereunder in Douglas county. Athaus pleaded guilty, but moved for arrest of judgment on various grounds that bring into dispute the question of constitutionality.

The law legalizes a rate of interest not exceeding 1 per cent a month on loans not exceeding \$250 made for a period of one year or less where such loans are secured by chattel mortgage on household goods, medical instruments, wearing apparel, jewelry, diamonds or by a deposit of personal property or by an assignment of wages, credits or choses in action. The collection of a commission or fee in excess of 10 per cent is also forbidden where loans are for more than 10 per cent a year.

## WAYNE PAYS A TRIBUTE TO PIONEER

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 5.—Yesterday the public schools were closed on account of the funeral of J. W. Tombs, for a long time a resident of this place. His daughter, Mrs. A. W. Phillips, is, and has been for many years, the principal of the Wayne high school.

## JUDGE MOSS, OF WAYNE, DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Wayne, Neb., Dec. 5.—Word has been received here of the death of Judge H. H. Moss, a prominent and wealthy citizen of this place, in California, where he had gone for the winter. He was past 83 years of age and had suffered from heart trouble for some months. He was the author of a book on mandamus. He was a life-long democrat and was once a candidate for congress from the old Ashblatta district in Ohio, his successful opponent being former President Garfield.

## SUPREME COURT NOW HEARING LAND CASE FROM DAKOTA COUNTY

### Omaha Wholesalers Allege Fraud in Transfer of Title to 80-Acre Tract.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5.—A Dakota county case, in which the Raapke-Grocery company and the Paxton-Gallagher company are seeking to subject land claimed by John P. Beacom to judgments they hold against James E. Beacom, was before the supreme court today. The plaintiffs assert that James E. secured credit and goods from them on the representation to the mercantile agencies that he owned 80 acres of more.

Mr. Mason, who formerly resided at Marselles, Ill., was possessed of some \$50,000, \$30,000 of which was willed her by her late husband after his death. She made her will devising about \$20,000 to her husband's relatives and charitable institutions; the balance one-half to her sister, Florence L. Moore; one-fourth to Louisa Tryon, and one-fourth to W. D. Waite, being her brother and sisters. Mrs. Mason committed suicide by drowning in the Missouri river this summer near Beland, but when they came to collect on their judgments they found that John P. Beacom in possession under a deed executed months before by his brother. The plaintiffs claim there was fraud in the transfer of the one item in the list they cite that the note given by John in part payment does not become due until 1920.

Beacom won in the lower court. His attorneys told the court that the sale was made in good faith and at a time when James E. Beacom was admittedly solvent and that full value was paid therefor in cash and notes. It was claimed that he could not possibly have known James was insolvent, and that in fact he was not one of the notes executed, for \$1,600, ran to James.

## WHAT! LINCOLN POLICE ACTUALLY CATCH BURGLAR

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5.—The Lincoln police believe they have actually caught a burglar. He is only 18 years old, but among the plunder found in his possession loot from four different houses has been identified by him and by the owners. Pure luck led to his capture. The boy evidently wrapped for the night in a blanket, and he was in fact he was not one of the notes executed, for \$1,600, ran to James.

## DISAPPEARING TEACHERS ANNOY SUPERINTENDENT

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 5.—Dale Bugbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bugbee, of Steele City, while employed as a school teacher in District No. 68, disappeared. He closed school as usual last Friday night, and was last seen in Fairbury, Sunday, November 30. He had a short talk with County Superintendent Hays, and he has no intimation of giving up his school. He failed to return home and did not open up his school Monday. He was 20 years of age.

County Superintendent R. C. Harris has experienced considerable trouble in the last few weeks with Jefferson county teachers. Five teachers have left their schools on short notice.

## CONVINCED OF DANGER OF ATTENDING CHURCH

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5.—Sam F. Hays, janitor of the Methodist church at University Place, is convinced that he might take the stump next fall and talk against the removal proposition. He also thinks that the present campus is large enough without paying out a lot of money for extending its boundaries.

## GOVERNOR WILL OPPOSE STATE SCHOOL REMOVAL

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5.—Governor Morehead is strongly opposed to the removal of the state university to the site proposed by the legislature. He might take the stump next fall and talk against the removal proposition. He also thinks that the present campus is large enough without paying out a lot of money for extending its boundaries.

## RAILWAY CLERKS PLAN UNION ORGANIZATION

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 4.—Abrogation of the pass privilege by the Pennsylvania railroad for its employes has resulted in a movement here to organize all clerks in railroad offices into a labor union. It became known today that representatives of the freight and passenger offices in Pittsburgh last night conferred with a view to preliminary organization, the plans to be presented to the chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods for their approval. Funds for the preliminary work have been collected at a number of railroad centers, indicating that the union is not to be local.

## RECALL CRIPPEN CASE.

New York, Dec. 4.—The famous Crispin murder in England four years ago was recalled here today by the announcement of a firm of lawyers that a countrywide search had been begun for Mrs. Theresa Hunn, of Brooklyn, sister of Mrs. Hawley Crispin. Mrs. Hunn is a beneficiary of her murdered sister's estate, and the lawyers want to pay her her share. She formerly lived in Brooklyn.

## BANDITS SHOOT BANKER.

Blythe, Cal., Dec. 3.—Two robbers entered the Palo Verde Valley bank here late yesterday, shot and killed Cashier A. W. Boles and got away with about \$5,000 in gold and currency. The men rode south into the mesquite jungles bordering the Colorado river.

## KELLEY NOW IN PEN TO RESUME SERVICE

### INTERRUPTED TERM

### While Working in Boiler Room He Made Escape on Ladder Built From Gas Pipe.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—James Kelley, formerly of Dakota county, who also uses the name of Gus Wright, is back in the state penitentiary, where he will serve out the remainder of his sentence for the theft of a horse in Dakota county. Kelley had served all but five months of his term when he evaded the prison in October, 1912. Kelley's escape from the prison was most ingenious. He is a steam fitter and was employed in the boiler room. He secured together two pieces of pipe and when the guards were not looking stood this up against the wall and utilized it as a ladder. When he got to the top of the wall he drew up the pipe and slid down it. He rode that way to St. Joseph, and there worked for a few days. He located in an Oklahoma town for the next six months, but fearing the officers were on his trail, he bought a horse and began riding through the country. He finally landed at the home of a brother in Kirksville, Mo. Here the officers had been looking for him to show up, and he was nabbed.

## ALIEN LAND LAW AGAIN SUPREME COURT ISSUE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—Whether a non-resident alien can inherit land in Nebraska is the question again put up to the supreme court in a case from Phelps county. Carl Peterson, a prosperous Swedish farmer of that county, died six years ago, leaving no will. The heirs are two brothers in Sweden and a sister in Chicago. The latter was given all of the estate by the probate court, which held that the relatives in Sweden cannot inherit land under Nebraska laws. The district court, however, ordered the land equally divided.

The defense of the Swedish heirs is that their right to inherit is guaranteed them by the provisions of a treaty entered into between their native country and the United States in 1827, under which the land was acquired by the respective countries might freely dispose of their goods and effects otherwise than by will and that their heirs, wherever located might receive in succession the property left. The Nebraska law prohibiting aliens from inheriting, they contend, cannot override this specific treaty right.

## RULES COMPANY MUST PAY FOR TELEPHONE IN OFFICE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—The state railway commission has issued an order compelling the Burlington railroad company that it must pay the telephone company for the instrument maintained in its depot at Stella. The company agent had a different idea about it. Not only had he declined to pay the monthly rental, but he had presented a bill of \$15, specifying that it was for rental space in the depot and for the time of employes in answering calls thereon. The commission directs the phone company not to pay the bill, but to require the railroad company to pay for the use of the phone. Under the law the railroads of the state are required to maintain telephones in depots for the convenience of patrons, but the Stella agent had never heard of it.

## FORMER STATE SENATOR READS HIS OBITUARY

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 4.—Joseph Burns, ex-state senator and irrigation expert, now knows what a fine fellow he is. Mr. Burns has been ill for several weeks, but is again able to be about. At his office he found waiting for him a newspaper published at Downey, Ia., where he has been pushing several irrigation projects, in which his death was announced and his obituary written. This Mr. Burns read today, borrowing from Mark Twain, "the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated."

## TEAMSTERS HOPE TO SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—Officials of the teamsters' union, which has been on strike here since Sunday, began a concerted effort today to get employers to sign a tentative agreement. It is binding for only 10 days and the only demand is that the employers pay the minimum union scale and not discriminate against union men. The Central Labor union yesterday requested the teamsters' officials to send the drivers or employers who had signed contracts back to work, but Thon today, Farrell, general organizer of the union, then declared that no one should return to work until 1,500 men were insured union conditions and wages.

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## POSTAL STRIKE DUE.

London, Dec. 3.—The dissatisfaction among the staff of the British postoffice, nearly 100,000 of whom recently threatened to strike at Christmas for an increase of pay, is finding expression in a complete destruction of government property.

## MURPHY GIRL TRIES TO OBTAIN FREEDOM FOR YOUNG BROTHER

### Girl, Who Figured in Sellers' Trial, Seeks Clemency of Nebraska Governor.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3.—Eunice Murphy, the Cherry county young woman whose wrongs at the hands of a ranchman named Sellers were avenged by four young cowboys, including her 19-year-old brother, will not cease her efforts to have them released upon parole. Governor Morehead has told her that the quartet, each of whom received a life sentence for murdering Sellers, have not served long enough time to justify him in interfering. Miss Murphy is particularly anxious to get her youthful brother out, and will bend her efforts to that end.

For the first time since her arrest she has made a statement to the newspapers. She says that it is untrue, as published at the time of the arrest of herself and the four young men, that she inquired at the Godly bank as to whether Sellers' life insurance was made payable to her or whether he had willed her his property. She says that Sellers had told her that if she refused to marry him he would kill her and that he had settled up his affairs so as to be ready to carry out his intention at any time. She says that her inquiries at the bank were merely for the purpose of finding out how he had left his affairs, as if they had been settled up it would be a circumstance to prove the making of the threats.

Miss Murphy says that Sellers had pursued her with his unwelcome attentions for weeks, had terrorized her by his conduct and had told her that if she refused to marry him he would kill her and her whole family out. She says she never voluntarily kept company with him, and relates a number of instances of his brutality towards her. She says that one time he drove her cattle far away so that she could not find them, knowing she had been rounding them up each night, far from any person. Out on the prairie he had made her an insulting proposal and when she repulsed him, he had terrorized her for several hours, and only desisted when cattlemen came that way.

All of these indignities and threats she had told her relatives, notwithstanding Sellers' warning not to say anything. They had discussed several things to do. Sellers heard that she had threatened to put him under bonds to keep the peace, and told her that if she did he would give bonds and come down and wipe the family out. In desperation the four boys and her brother and two chums, went down to Sellers' ranch and strung him to a telephone pole, intending, however, merely to frighten him into leaving the country, but under his taunts and threats they held him up too long.

## NEBRASKA RAILROADS ARE MAKING MONEY

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3.—Seven railroads doing business in this state gathered in nearly \$2,000,000 more from Nebraska operations during the past fiscal year than during the fiscal year of 1912, according to a resume made of the reports filed with the state railway commission. The total business for the fiscal year of 1913 equaled \$52,545,584, while for 1912 it aggregated \$50,606,938.

In the same period the operating expenses of the road's advanced from \$33,947,972 to \$33,596,806. Four roads—the Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and the Burlington—report increases in their operating revenues for the year while the balance show a falling off in their 1913 operating incomes. In the same time the same four companies report a decrease in expenses than during the previous fiscal year.

## POLICE HOLD NEGRO PENDING INVESTIGATION

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 3.—Mathew Roberts, a 22-year-old negro, is held at the city jail following his arrest at 9 o'clock yesterday in connection with the police investigation of the murder a week ago Saturday night of James Short, express driver. Short's body was found last Sunday morning. The skull crushed, in the old fair grounds near Twenty-second and Seward streets.

Roberts was closely questioned, among other negroes, by Detectives Ring and Van Deusen following the murder, but at the time his story of his whereabouts appeared to satisfy them of his innocence of any connection with the affair. Questioned, however, following his arrest, Roberts gave quick response to many inquiries as to where he was at various times in the 24 hours preceding and following the murder. His replies, bordering almost on the tone of a recitation, were considered sufficient grounds for his detention. Several phases of his "alibi" were investigated yesterday and, according to Captain Maloney, proved false.

Maloney asserts that as yet his department is in possession of no evidence connecting Roberts directly with the crime.

## PLAN ADVANCED CLASS FOR RURAL STUDENTS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 3.—State Superintendent Delzell favors the establishment of a 10th grade rural school in each township in the thickly settled portions of Nebraska that the boys and girls of rural communities may have an opportunity to be under home environments at least two years beyond the eighth grade. The superintendent says that this course will enable them to enjoy the pleasures and the profits of tilling the soil, caring for domestic animals and the care of the home. He says that this work will create a greater and more abiding love of home environment and they will be prepared to perform the duties of life in an intelligent, honest and happy way, becoming real citizens of a better and grander commonwealth. He strongly favors the free high school law which he declares is doing a grand work for many young men and girls in the state.

## NEBRASKA BANK MEN LOSE FREE TYPEWRITERS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 2.—State bank examiners will not be furnished hereafter with typewriters to be used in their homes. The state bank board at its last meeting learned that some of the former examiners had failed to return their machines when they quit their jobs. At least two machines were not returned. The special messengers were sent to the homes of former bank examiners. The money to buy typewriters has been taken from an appropriation made for the traveling expenses of examiners.