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TO AMEND RAILROAD BILL

Senator Brown's Amendment
Plunges Senate
Into Confusion.

MEETS WITH FAVOR
OF PRESIDENT TAFT.

New Amendment Regarded by
Chief Executive as Essen-
tial to Bill's Success

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Just when the final vote on the railroad bill seemed imminent and when the clouds had shown a rift of sunlight and when everybody seemingly thought the long debate was at an end, Senator Brown of Nebraska presented an amendment to take the place of section 12 of the bill, and which now threatens to continue the debate for an indefinite period. Mr. Brown offered his amendment almost at the close of the day's proceedings and which so farred the senate that it decided to adjourn in order to look at it in cold type.

The senate took the important step of adding an amendment placing interstate telegraph and telephone lines under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce commission. This action was followed by Mr. Brown's effort to restore a portion of section 12, affecting mergers, which heretofore has been voted out.

Senator Brown's amendment is as follows:

"That no railroad corporation which is a common carrier, subject to the law to regulate commerce approved February 6, 1887, as amended, shall hereafter acquire directly or indirectly any interest of whatsoever kind in the capital stock or purchase or lease a railroad of any railroad corporation owning or operating a line of railroad which is directly and substantially competitive with such first named corporation to which such acts to regulate commerce applies and any such corporation which acquires any interest in the capital stock or which purchases or leases a railroad contrary to this section or which holds for retains any interest in the capital stock or in a railroad hereafter acquired in violation of this section shall be fined \$5000 for each day or part of day during which it holds or retains such interest unlawfully acquired."

Senator Brown's amendment, which was offered as a clarifying proposition to the other section of the bill, plunged the senate in confusion. An adjournment was the only way out of the seeming difficulty. It came like a thunder clap from a clear sky, wholly unexpected, yet at the same time, with the weight of President Taft behind it, for as Senator Brown said, the amendment was substantially in the terms of the president and that President Taft regarded the amendment as essential in order that the bill might be as perfect as possible in all its parts.

The bill as it stands today if nothing else is added to it, is a tremendous step forward in the regulation of the railroads and not only railroads, but telegraphs and telephones within the purview of the law. It also provided for the adjustment of the long and short haul feature and the wearisome debate is more than compensated for with this feature added to the bill.

Under the amendments of the senate, railroads cannot raise rates without permission of the Interstate Commerce commission, and that body has eleven months in which to decide the case. Under the existing laws railroads can notify the Interstate Commerce commission they will raise rates at a certain fixed time and rates will be raised because the Interstate Commerce commission has not the power to prohibit such raises.

All this is corrected under the present bill, and with the long and short haul clause prohibiting railroads to raise rates and with telegraphs and

telephones placed under the operation of the law, the country will wake up some morning and find the railroad rate bill passed which will demonstrate that President Taft is working out his campaign of remedial legislation in a most effecting way.

Senator Cummins, when he came off the floor late this afternoon was "all in" over Senator Brown's amendment, and he could say nothing except to predict an indefinite period of debate on the amendment.

More conservative members of the senate, however, believe that a vote can be had on the bill certainly by the middle of next week.

All Through Trains to be Electric
Lighted.

In the history of American railroading no such extensive and costly improvement of coach lighting has ever been attempted up to this time as that which will be made effective by the Burlington Route the first of June.

On that date all of it through trains will be electric lighted from locomotive headlight to observation platform. The most efficient electric lighting system yet devised has been adopted, namely, the dynamo system. With this system there is installed in the baggage car of each train a high power dynamo which supplies the current for the entire train. Ordinarily, when the dynamo car is detached, there is a distinct dimming of the lights, but under the dynamo system not only is enough current generated to light the train when it is in motion or standing still, but enough surplus current is stored in each individual car to brilliantly light it for several hours without any direct current from the dynamo. This in itself is a big improvement over other systems of car lighting.

To inaugurate this service it has been necessary to entirely re-equip, electrically, 72 complete trains, for the Burlington's through trains not only reach all the cities of the Middle West, but also the Pacific Coast. In addition, practically the entire passenger equipment of the railroad, including locomotives, baggage cars, mail cars, coaches, chair cars, dining cars, sleeping cars and observation cars, has also had to be entirely re-equipped for electric lighting, and at very large expense.

Another very important feature and one not found on any other railroad is the exclusive train electrician, which each one of these electrically lighted through trains carries. The train electrician is an electrical expert who travels with the train from start to destination and whose duty it is to see that the electric lighting system is kept in perfect working operation all the time. It is also his duty to look after the proper ventilation of the train and to see that it is properly heated—that it does not become too cold by night nor too warm by day.

The Burlington is also the only railroad in the country which has a completely lighted suburban passenger train service of any size, all of its suburban trains, of which there are 60 odd, being dynamo electric lighted.

With this great improvement, the Burlington Route, which already is unexcelled in its equipment, dining car service, regularity with which its trains run "on time," and complete block signal equipment will have passenger service as nearly perfect in all details as it is possible to make it.

Jerome Andrus, the trusty and faithful watchdog and guardian of the majority of the law at the commonwealth of Greenwood, is in the city today having come down last evening to fetch the dangerous and ubiquitous Sam Thomas who is being held on old score charging him with divers and sundry crimes and misdemeanors, such as being drunk and disorderly and assaulting and resisting an officer, etc. Mr. Andrus expressed himself as being highly gratified at the fact that Greenwood is limited to a single saloon, as the lack of bar space makes it difficult for a the crime wrung debauchees who come out from the Capital City for the purpose of filling themselves with rot-gut to get near enough to the seat of the scintillating beverages. Mr. Andrus says there has been an astonishing influx of visitors to the fair little city in the past few days.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Thirty-Two Graduates of Plattsmouth
High School Receive Diplomas.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS
BY SUPT. W. M. DAVIDSON

Oration and Musical Selections by
Members of the Class. Large
Audience Present.

(From Friday's Daily)

Last evening the City High school of Plattsmouth held the annual commencement exercises at the Parmele theatre in this city and one of the largest classes ever graduated from this school received diplomas. About 800 of the friends and relatives of the graduates were present to attend the exercises and the whole affair was one of the most successful from every standpoint that has ever been held in the city. The crowd began to fill the house about 8 o'clock and by the time the curtain rose the theatre was packed from orchestra to gallery and every seat was taken.

When the curtain was raised the audience was greeted by a very pretty sight, the graduates being seated in two rows, one above and behind the other and the whole stagelighted up by a large and beautiful design in the shape of the class numerals, "10," in orange and brown, the class colors, and with large and brilliant incandescents.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. L. W. Gade, of the Presbyterian church, in his usual impressive and able manner, and this introduction was followed by one of the finest things in the way of an instrumental duet ever heard in the city. Miss Virgie McDaniel and Mr. Francis Whelan were the performers and their work gave evidence of a most thorough knowledge of the art. They both are young people of talent and ability and received many encomiums for their excellent work. Large bouquets of roses were handed to each of them upon the completion of their number.

Following the instrumental duet the vocal solo, entitled "Rockin' in de Win", sung by Miss Harriette Grace Adams, was one of the prettiest little pieces of the evening, Miss Adams being the possessor of a voice of unusual clearness and sweet and pure in tone, having a remarkable carrying power for its volume. Miss Adams carried roses and looked very sweet and charming.

The salutatory or address of welcome was delivered by Miss Mattie C. Larson. Miss Larson took up her subject that of "Normal Training" in the Nebraska High Schools" and the way in which she handled her subject showed that it received the most thorough and careful attention at her hands. She spoke at length on the growth and development of the branch of the Normal Training as it had been and is being taught in the High schools of this state and made clear to the audience of parents and friends that the High schools of this state are really doing something in a practical way when they provide the students in the High schools with an opportunity to receive at home at a reduced cost the practical training for the teaching profession that would otherwise be obtained away from home at a much greater cost. Not only in the matter of cost but in the matter of efficiency are the pupils of the High school benefited by the installation of this system of Normal training. Miss Larson's address was a most excel-

lent one and greatly pleased the audience.

The valedictory address was delivered by Miss Marie Douglas, whose reputation as a public speaker of ability has recently become state-wide by reason of her distinction in winning the State High School debate held at York. Miss Douglas last evening took the subject "Industrial Training in Our High School" and it is needless to say that the subject was handled in a most masterful style and that the hearers sat motionless throughout the address. Miss Douglas told of the manner in which the Industrial Training has been introduced and the widespread benefits to be derived from it. There is no doubt in the minds of those who are capable of judging these matters that this young woman has before her one of the brightest futures that the study of oratory ever opened up to a girl and her progress from now on will no doubt be rapid and will be watched with interest by her many friends in this city. There seems a likelihood that she may attend the state university the coming year and if such is the case that institution may be congratulated upon receiving into its halls one of the most polished and self-possessed public speakers, and one whose oratorical ability would compare very favorably with that of many an experienced platform speaker.

In the rendition of an instrumental solo upon the piano Miss Hattie Hafman distinguished herself as being a pianist of most excellent ability and one whose work is sure to be heard of in the future. This number was entitled the "Grand Valse" and was well received by the audience.

The class address of the evening was delivered by Superintendent W. M. Davidson of the Omaha City schools and his subject "The Human Touch," found its way to the hearts of the listeners at once and held their attention spellbound throughout one of the grandest flights of oratory that the people of this city have had the privilege of listening to since the Hon. William Jennings Bryan spoke from the same rostrum several years ago. In opening the speaker traced the growth of the teaching profession and the growth of the state from the time when Stephen A. Douglas, the little giant of Illinois, introduced the great Kansas-Nebraska bill to the time when the territory became a state and then on down to the present day.

He told of how Dr. Harris, in his speech at the Pan-American exposition had traced for, The visitors the growth of the schools and universities in this country from the teaching of seven or eight branches to the teaching for sixty-five at that time and how since that time that number had almost doubled again, until now the educational institutions of this country, by the introduction of new subjects and the subdivision of old ones, has in its curriculum about 125 subjects that are regularly taught. In speaking of the profession of teaching, Professor Davidson

divided its growth into three stages, that of the device, that of the method and, that of the philosophic insight into the art itself. He showed how by means of the illustrations that may be introduced by the wise teacher can illuminate the lesson that no space of time or other vicissitudes may eradicate it from the mind of the pupil. In this connection Mr. Davidson called forth great enthusiasm by reciting part of the famous poem by Thomas Buchanan Reed, "Sheridan's Ride" that old familiar piece so dear to the heart of every patriot.

Professor Davidson's address was the most entertaining and instructive and in closing he imparted to the graduates some excellent advice, impressing upon them that whatever they did, they should do that thing honestly, do it well and do it NOW. He also paid a glowing tribute to Superintendent Gamble, speaking of him in the highest terms as a schoolman of the highest ability, and congratulated Plattsmouth upon having had so capable a man at the helm in her school affairs.

Following this address and while E. H. Wescott presided at the piano the graduates marched across the stage and received their diplomas. The four-year scholarship as is given every year to the graduate having the highest standing was awarded to Miss Adams, and the diplomas were distributed to the graduates by Mr. Roberts of the school board.

Those who received diplomas were: Harriette Grace Adams, Leona C. Asemissen, Leland Briggs, Jennie Batton, Helen Murphy Clark, Marie Douglas, Wayne F. Dickson, George Oliver Dovey, Bessie Margaret Edwards, Laura Villa Gapen, Lucille Wendell Gass, Hattie C. Hofman, Ina Elvina Hatt, Marie H. Jiroushek, Elizabeth Helen Kerr, Mary C. Hobschmidt, Edward Kanka, Otto C. Lutz, Mattie C. Larson, Rachel Livingstone, Virginia Viola McDaniel, Anna K. Morley, Hallie Adele Parmele, Mary Petersen, Ethel Levine Schneider, Carrie V. Sherwood, Marie Swoboda, Anna M. Snyder, Hazel Louise Tucey, Helen Grace Trilety, Francis D. Whalen.

On Friday evening Mrs. A. E. Gass entertained a dinner party at her home on Vine street for the faculty of the High school and for the grade teachers in honor of her daughter, Miss Lucile, the occasion being the graduation of the young lady from the local High

school. There were present besides the close personal friends; also all the teachers that the young lady had attended while in the grades, as well as in the High school. A most enjoyable evening was spent by the guests as the time was passed with music and other forms of entertainment and refreshments in the colors of the class of '10 were served, consisting of ice cream and ices. The caterer accomplished a beautiful design in orange and brown that lent distinction to an otherwise perfect entertainment.

Here on a Visit

Miss Mary McClellan, who will be remembered by the people of this city as a former principal of the Plattsmouth schools, is in the city on a visit to the Wescotts. She will leave Sunday for Omaha and Sioux City for a brief visit before returning to her home in the west. Miss McClellan, since leaving Plattsmouth has been doing school work with her brother at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., her brother being at the head of the High school mathematics. At present he is doing a land business at Hamilton, where Miss McClellan is teaching.

Visiting Old Friends

Col. Frank Green, for many years a resident of this city, and at present engaged in the newspaper business at Lincoln, is in the city making a visit with old friends. As Mr. Green is a most pleasant and affable gentleman and one of no mean ability in the newspaper line, he has a great many friends in this city and vicinity. Everyone will be pleased to learn that Mr. Green is looking very prosperous and happy and that from the looks of the picture that he is passing around among his friends, there is no lack of sunshine in his life. The News wishes him a long life and many happy returns to his old home.

From Saturday's Daily

Mrs. Byron Clark will entertain this evening at her home on West Main street in honor of Miss Helen Clark, the occasion being the graduation of that young lady from the High school. The entertainment will be informal and there will be present only about six or seven of the intimate friends and class-mates of the guest of honor. Mrs. Clark has arranged to have a caterer from Omaha furnish the refreshments for the occasion.



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the men of this town
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