

CONTROL OF STOCK ISSUES

Attorney General Wickersham Ad dresses Illinois Bar on Subject.

Chicago, June 25.—In a vigorous defense of the power of the national government to legislate on the subject of the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroad corporations subject to the interstate commerce act, Attorney General George W. Wickersham spoke for an hour before the Illinois State Bar association. The basis for his talk was the provision in the new railroad law authorizing the president to investigate questions pertaining to the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroad corporations and the power of congress to regulate them. The enactment of such a law, he contended, was not nearly so radical a step as was the enactment of the permissive act of 1866, which gave to a railroad corporation of one state the right to carry on interstate commerce, or the interstate commerce act of 1887. The attorney general pointed out that opposition had been made to every progressive measure of commerce regulation. "But," he declared, in closing his speech, "the centralizing tendency has gone steadily on, and the control of congress over interstate railroad companies has been exercised in an increasingly comprehensive manner. Such progress is inseparable from growth. The great arteries of communication between different parts of the country and the instrumentalities which control their operation can only be properly regulated in the public interest by the central national power; a power which is sovereign, which is exclusive when exercised, and which should be exercised to correct every evil of a public character which experience demonstrates to be susceptible of correction only by national legislation."

WALLACE INSPECTS ROAD

Noted Engineer Employed by Receivers of Interurban Company.

Boone, Ia., June 25.—John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, who has been here inspecting the property of the Des Moines, Fort Dodge and Southern Interurban Railway company, left for the east. His presence was kept secret by the officials of the road, and it did not become known until shortly before he left. It is said he was employed by Receivers Loring and Sheldon to go over the road and submit an expert opinion as to the value of the property, with a view, it is believed, to raising funds for rehabilitation. In addition to this, Mr. Wallace is expected to furnish plans for improvement of the power plant at Prazier, which has been tied up for some weeks owing to some mechanical defect.

NEWTON BEATS PHONE PLAN

Proposition to Renew Local Company's Franchise Is Defeated.

Newton, Ia., June 25.—The proposition to grant the Jasper County Telephone company the second ten years' franchise was defeated here, the vote being 564 against and 65 for. The old franchise expires next April. The company desired to raise the rates 25 to 50 per cent. The company has recently leased the Bell lines. It is generally believed the company will attempt to operate under the Bell franchise, and company officials say they will raise the rates July 1. A lawsuit is expected.

BANKER JOICE IS INDICTED

Charged With Fraudulent Banking in Hundred Counts.

Fort Dodge, Ia., June 25.—Simultaneously with the arrest of H. M. Joice of Lake Mills at St. Paul, his indictment by the federal grand jury here was announced. Mr. Joice is charged with conducting fraudulent banking in over 100 counts. Mr. Joice has retained Attorneys Kelleher and O'Connor of this city, who said he will furnish the \$15,000 bond demanded and will not appear in person next Tuesday when summoned before the federal court.

GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

No Reference to Cownie-Carroll Investigation.

Des Moines, June 25.—Returning seven indictments, the Polk county grand jury made its report to Judge DeGraf of the criminal division of the district court. In its report the grand jury made no reference to the Cownie-Carroll investigation that has been under way for more than three weeks. Members of the jury state they are not yet ready to pass judgment on the case.

Henry Thomas was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. He is the negro who is said to have stabbed Harry L. Cook, a timekeeper on a paving job in East Des Moines, on which Thomas was working.

FOUR-HOUR AIR EXCURSION

Zeppelin Airship Makes Two Trips With Twenty Passengers.

Dusseldorf, June 25.—The Zeppelin airship made a four-hour excursion with twenty passengers over the industrial cities of this district. The return and landing were made without incident. The machine later made a second but shorter excursion.

SENATORS BY POPULAR VOTE.

Signs of Its Coming, Though Senate Itself Is Adverse.

IN FORCE IN MANY STATES.

Indiana Campaign a Case in Point. The Corner on Bathtubs—Gossip About Roosevelt and Taft—A Minister Who Would Make an Ideal Peace Envoy.

Washington, June 25.—Despite the decision of the senate against popular election of senators, there is a general feeling in Washington that this reform is soon to come. Already nearly enough states have petitioned congress for a constitutional convention on this subject to insure that the amendment will be presented. Not only so, but many senators are now elected by what amounts to a popular vote. The case of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon is notable. Chamberlain received a majority of the popular vote for senator, and, although he is a Democrat, the Republican legislature felt in honor bound to elect him. One of the most important senatorial elections of this year is that of Indiana, where both parties have named their senatorial candidates. Beveridge for the Republicans and John W. Kern for the Democrats, who will go before the voters precisely as do the nominees for any other office. The adoption of this method by all the states—and it has already been adopted by many—would bring about the popular election of senators without any formal amendment to the constitution.

A Combination in Restraint of Bathing

The government is investigating the bathtub trust. When the free American citizen cannot even take a bath without paying tribute to some soulless corporation it is time to turn on the hose. Why not paraphrase the new keynote of "the special interests must get out of politics" to a warring ruling like this: The trusts must get out of the bathtub. If cleanliness is next to godliness, then a bathtub trust is doubly a child of the evil one.

Still Wondering About Roosevelt.

Since the return of Roosevelt and his decision to say nothing on politics for two months the question of a possible break between him and President Taft has grown acute. If the uncertainty continues much longer the American people will be betting on the outcome, and the wagers will rival those on the Johnson-Jeffries affair. One Brooklyn paper thinks a break cannot be averted, and other papers are just as certain that the colonel will get behind the administration and boost for all he is worth. One significant fact is that practically his first words after landing in New York were "Hello, Gifford!" spoken in greeting to Gifford Pinchot, who was then fresh from the St. Paul banquet of "new party" and "drive the special interests out of politics" fame. On the other hand, friends of Taft claim that the president has received a letter from his predecessor, although the contents of the epistle are known only to the sender and the recipient, and they are careful not to tell.

Bouquets For Both.

In paying a tribute to Roosevelt after his return one Washington minister rather deftly handed a bouquet to the present occupant of the White House. He said that not the least important of Colonel Roosevelt's services to his country "was when he selected Taft to be his successor." That was rather adroit, but the eulogy that followed was even more nicely balanced between calling Roosevelt "the greatest living American" and describing the debt that Roosevelt owed to Taft, whom he characterized as having "a backbone of chilled steel." We respectfully submit that if there should be any unpleasantness between the present and former occupants of the White House this minister would be an ideal peace envoy. He could carry an olive branch in his hat and a bouquet in either hand.

"You Know Roosevelt."

A rather neat reply is on record from Secretary Wilson as to what Roosevelt is liable to do in the fall campaign.

"Do you think he will keep out of the campaign this fall?" the secretary was asked.

"You know Roosevelt, don't you? Well, you don't imagine he's going to bed and stay there."

Taft Program Complete.

Matters in congress are shaping fast in the closing days. The senate has ordered the Lorimer inquiry, but has refused to hasten it. The investigation will be carried on by a subcommittee during the recess. The land withdrawal bill, to which the senate had added the reclamation bond bill as a rider, was again amended to leave off the rider. The only important amendment was to the effect that lands containing minerals should be open for entry under the mineral land law. The reclamation bond bill was pushed through as a separate measure, but the house insisted that the amount be reduced from \$20,000,000 to \$20,000,000. By the president's personal solicitation the campaign publicity bill was also crowded to passage. Pressure was put behind the postal savings bank bill, and with all these measures under way the Taft program was practically complete.

Spanish Cabinet Refuses to Yield.

Madrid, June 25.—At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting Premier Calagajas announced that the government's religious program would be carried out. He said that the protest of the Vatican against the imperial decree of June 11 would be ignored and that the decisions of the government already announced would stand.

Browne Case Goes to Jury.

Chicago, June 25.—The Browne case went to the jury. Judge McSurely consumed the greater part of an hour in reading his instructions.

ROCK ISLAND ROAD DEFUNCT

Failed to Pay State Occupation Tax Imposed by Law.

MAY HAVE TO REINCORPORATE.

Time Has Passed When Railroad Can Pay Fee of \$200 and Unless Some Technical Loophole Is Discovered It Will Be Obligated to Pay \$48,000 for Little Oversight.

Lincoln, June 25.—Among the big corporations in this state which are defunct, according to the proclamation of Governor Shallenberger under the occupation tax law, is the Rock Island railroad. The time has passed when this corporation can pay the occupation fee and secure a permit to do business in Nebraska, and unless there is some technicality that can be discovered it will be up to the railroad to reincorporate, which will cost it in the neighborhood of \$48,000. Had it paid the tax when due the cost would have been \$200, the fee for corporations with a capital stock of over \$1,000,000.

The governor issued his proclamation some months ago, in fact, last September, but the statement evidently was overlooked by those having charge of this department of the railroad, for the record shows that it is one of the big concerns which have not yet paid its fee. The legality of the law has already been upheld by the supreme court.

WANTS LOWER OIL RATES

Victor Wilson Files Petition With State Railway Commission.

Lincoln, June 25.—Victor Wilson of Polk county, a member of the late legislature, has filed a petition with the state railway commission asking that a date be set for a hearing for the purpose of securing a reduction on oil rates in this state. In his brief filed with the petition, Mr. Wilson sets out that the average rate on oil in this state is 30.93 cents, and coal 7.4175 cents per 100 pounds. The average rate petitioned for is 8.09 cents on single line and 9.04 cents on double line. This rate asked for, Mr. Wilson says, makes the oil rate 5 per cent greater on single lines and 22 per cent greater on double lines than coal. The only reason he does not ask for the same rate, he said, is because of the existence of a precedent for the rate prayed for. Kansas, he said, has by statute fixed the rates as asked for here, and these rates have not been contested in the courts of that state.

Mr. Wilson sets out in his brief that the selling price of oil at the wells in Kansas and Oklahoma is only 1 cent, and even less, per gallon, and that many wells are idle because of a lack of a market, due to the high freight rates. He says 147 pounds of oil is equivalent to a ton of coal, and the people of Nebraska are entitled to a freight rate which will enable them to get this cheaper fuel.

OPTIMISTIC OVER CROPS

Northwestern Official Says Dry Weather Will Make Cattle Move Early.

Omaha, June 25.—S. F. Miller, general freight and passenger agent for the Northwestern road, says that he has no fears for the crops of Nebraska this year, but he is of the opinion that the dryness of the last few weeks will tend to bring about an earlier movement of cattle than usual.

"Crops ought to be good," said Mr. Miller, "and from what I can learn Nebraska will not be behind this year on the fruits of the soil. Many people are pessimistic, but I look for good crops. The dryness of the past few weeks, however, has made the pastures so barren that the cattle can not get nourishing food and it looks as though there will be an earlier shipment of cattle this year than ordinarily. The stockmen cannot afford to let their cattle get thin in the pastures, and they will be shipped to market sooner than usual."

Hecla Given Soaking.

Hecla, Neb., June 25.—A splendid rain fell here, assuring a good hay crop as well as greatly benefiting the small farmers, who have crowded into this section in the last year. The rains general over the northwestern part of the state and came in good time in the extreme west, owing to the dry conditions that were beginning to be alarming.

Mason City, Ia., June 25.—Held in jail here for a petty crime committed at Mankato, Minn., Theodore Koerber, aged forty five, hanged himself with a piece of baling wire.

TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK

Business Confidence Gains as Crop Prospects Improve.

SITUATION IS CLEARING UP.

Retail Trade Is Better, Although Not Up to Expectations—Textile Mills Curtailing Operations to Avoid Accumulation of Stocks—Conditions Are Worst Throughout Northwest.

New York, June 25.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Business confidence gains in strength as crop prospects improve and congress enacts its important bills preparatory to adjournment. In the dry goods market a reduction of 1/8 a yard in bleached cottons attracted unusual attention, because of an announcement that prices would be guaranteed to October. General trading showed improvement, but the feature, both in woollens and cottons, is increasing curtailment of operations at mills to avoid accumulation of stocks. Unsatisfactory conditions continue in the footwear market, New England manufacturers averaging about half the volume of usual business. All kinds of leather are unsettled. Further weakness characterized the hide market and some large western packers had orders to sell hides into the summer season at present low prices.

Bradstreet's Review.

Bradstreet's says: Retail trade and most crop reports are, on the whole, better this week, the result mainly of arrival of long delayed seasonal summer weather. Aiding improvement in retail trade, which, however, is not up to expectations, is offering of concessions in many lines of dry goods and wearing apparel. Exceptions to improvement are in the northwest, where a critical state of spring wheat and other crops, due to drought, is noted, and also at many southern points, where retail trade is still quiet.

DROUGHT IN WEST BROKEN

Heavy Rains Reported in South Dakota and Western Nebraska.

Deadwood, S. D., June 25.—Crop reports are much more encouraging. Considerable rain has fallen in practically every portion of the northwestern and western section of South Dakota and parts of Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana have got a soaking. Hay and potatoes are in the worst condition, but small grains are improving. More rain is predicted.

WILD DAY IN WHEAT

Reports of Showers in Northwest Halt Runaway Market.

Chicago, June 24.—Wild fluctuations, varying almost 3c, wound up today in a net gain of 1/8@1c a bushel for wheat. Experts traveling in the north issued sensational reports as to prospective crop losses, one authority putting the probable North Dakota product at only about 40 per cent of the total estimated by the government on June 1. Light but general rains over North Dakota and South Dakota, however, with cooler temperature, halted what threatened to be a runaway market. Excited speculation was also witnessed in corn and oats, where there were final gains of respectively 1/8@1/4c to 3/8c, and 1/4@1/2c. Hog products at the close were down 25@27 1/2c. Closing prices:

Wheat—July, 98 3/4c; Sept., 98 3/4c. Corn—July, 59 3/4c; Sept., 60 3/4c. Oats—July, 39 3/4c; Sept., 39 3/4c. Pork—July, \$23.50; Sept., \$22.50. Lard—July, \$12.40; Sept., \$12.47 1/2. Ribs—July, \$12.87 1/2; Sept., \$12.47 1/2. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 99 1/2c@1.00; No. 2 corn, 59 1/2c@60c; No. 2 white oats, 41 1/2c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

Omaha, June 24.—Wheat—1c higher; No. 2 hard, 91@98c; No. 3 hard, 91@96 1/2c. Corn—Unchanged to 1/8c higher; No. 2 white, 62 1/2@63c; No. 3 white, 62@62 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 58 1/2c; No. yellow, 59@59 1/2c; No. 2, 58 1/2c; No. 3, 57 1/2@58c. Oats—1c higher; No. 3 white, 35 1/2@37 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, 35 1/2@36 1/2c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, June 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,600; steady; beefs, \$5.40@5.55; Texas steers, \$5.40@7.15; western steers, \$5.30@7.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@5.65; cows and heifers, \$2.70@6.75; calves, \$6.00@8.60. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; steady to 10c higher; light, \$9.30@9.65; mixed, \$9.20@9.55; heavy, \$8.70@9.45; pigs, \$9.10@9.60; bulk of sales, \$9.25@9.50. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; weak; natives, \$3.00@5.10; westerns, \$3.20@5.75; yearlings, \$5.50@6.50; lambs, \$4.75@7.30.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, June 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 924; prices all this week have been going down rapidly; beef steers, \$4.95@7.50; cows and heifers, \$2.45@5.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@7.00; bulls, \$3.50@5.10; calves, \$6.00@7.00. Hogs—Receipts, 6,760; 10c lower; a large share of the offerings went at \$9.15@9.30, with the long strings at \$9.20@9.25. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady; yearlings and wethers, \$4.00@6.50; lambs, \$5.00@6.50; ewes, \$2.50@4.00.

SWOPE WILL CONTEST

J. C. Henry Testifies Late Millionaire Was Married in New Jersey.

Kansas City, June 25.—In a deposition supporting the claim of Elmer Swope of Martinsville, W. Va., to the estate of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, John C. Henry, an old soldier, formerly of New Jersey, said that Colonel Swope was known in his boyhood as Peter Moss Swope and that he married in New Jersey about the time the civil war commenced.

Colonel Swope's relatives here deny that he ever was married. He was known as a bachelor during his long residence here.

Henry declared that Colonel Swope in 1879 in this city told him about his marriage to a Miss Carroll. Henry said that Colonel Swope left his wife just before a son was born to them. Henry is sixty-eight years old. The witness said he was employed as a carpenter by Colonel Swope in 1879 and that an intimate acquaintance developed between them, because they were both soldiers in the civil war.

BOLT KILLS TWO IOWANS

Men Take Refuge in Tool Shed While Working on New School Building.

Luverne, Ia., June 25.—August Will of Luverne and Tony Campagna of Independence were instantly killed by lightning. They were working on the new school building and took refuge in a tool shed during a thunderstorm. Others in the same building were uninjured.

WABASH TRAIN RUNS INTO DITCH

Twenty-five Hurt When Passenger Cars Leave Track.

Des Moines, June 25.—Twenty-five people were injured, two perhaps fatally, in a passenger derailment and rear end collision on the Wabash railroad near Percy. The wreck was caused by water which had undermined the track. The engine and three cars ran into the ditch, but the rear car was left on the track. The passengers in the rear car had not had time to recover from their fright when a fast freight struck it, knocking it from the track.

The seriously injured: C. J. Riley, Moberly, fireman or passenger, hurt internally, may die; E. L. McAtee, Moberly, mail clerk, jaw broken; R. L. Carter, conductor, left ankle crushed; Julia Lenon, Little Rock, Ark., ankle and arm dislocated; W. G. Brown, Ottawa, Ill., left leg cut off at ankle, may die; L. W. Matthews, ankle and knee broken; Mrs. L. E. Warner, knee dislocated; Gertrude Wilson, Centerville, Ia., knee broken; Wallace Fletcher, Moberly, Mo., injured internally.

The wreck came without a moment's warning. The train was going at a forty mile clip, when the engine suddenly toppled into the ditch, followed by the three cars.

The injured were transferred to a relief train, which reached Des Moines this morning.

GENERAL FUNSTON ILL

Stricken With Heart Disease at Leavenworth, Kan.

Leavenworth, Kan., June 25.—General Frederick Funston, commandant of the army service schools here, is dangerously ill with an attack of heart disease at his home here.

General Funston's condition is such that the post army physicians and the best trained nurses in the hospital are in constant attendance upon him.

Mrs. Funston, who is at the Funston summer home, near Oakland, Cal., has been notified of the general's condition. It was learned that General Funston has been subject to slight heart trouble for some time, and it is believed that the heat of the last week brought on the present severe attack.

GUTHRIE STILL THE CAPITAL

Oklahoma's Financial Headquarters Remain There.

Guthrie, Okla., June 25.—On the advice of Attorney General West, the financial operation of the state department was resumed here. State Auditor Trapp commenced again issuing warrants, the state treasurer paying out state funds.

Attorney General West stated that he would press the capital injunction cases to a settlement in the state courts.

Kaiser Wilhelm Will Take Helm.

Kiel, June 25.—Emperor William will be at the wheel when the yacht Meteor again tries conclusions with the American schooner Westward, owned by Alexander S. Cochran of New York. The announcement that the emperor would possibly participate in the racing has given new life to the annual regatta.

Publicity Bill Is Passed.

Washington, June 25.—The house conferees receded from their disagreement to the senate amendment to the campaign publicity bill and the act will provide for publication of contributions after elections. Senator Burrows made a report to the senate and it was adopted.

Putnam for Lighthouse Commissioner.

Washington, June 25.—George R. Putnam of Davenport, Ia., has been appointed commissioner of lighthouses at \$5,000 per annum.

ON RECORD FOR DIVORCE REFORM

Iowa Bar Association in Favor of New Procedure.

PASS STRONG RESOLUTIONS.

Judge Howe Declares Not More Than One Out of Four Would Be Granted if Cases Were Contested—Oskaioosa Chosen as Next Meeting Place. Officers Elected.

Des Moines, June 25.—Before the state bar association, in the discussion of the divorce evil in courts, the fact was brought out that in Polk county alone there were 465 divorce cases brought in one year. Judge Howe of the district court declared that not more than one out of every four of the applicants would secure a divorce if the cases were contested.

Because of this and other similar abuses of the divorce laws the bar association went on record emphatically in favor of reform in divorce procedure. The next convention of the association will be held at Oskaloosa.

The following officers were elected: President, J. M. Carley of Marshalltown; vice president, Senator C. G. Saunders of Council Bluffs; secretary, C. M. Dutcher of Iowa City; treasurer, Charles S. Wilcox of Des Moines.

IOWA LIQUOR LAW DECISION

Petition of Consent Abrogated by City, Extending Limits.

Marshalltown, Ia., June 25.—Judge J. M. Parker in the district court handed down a ruling of state-wide importance in liquor litigation when he denied an application asked by the Anti-Saloon league and state for temporary injunction against a saloonkeeper. The injunction was asked for on the allegation that a petition of consent circulated in 1906 had since been abrogated and made inoperative because the city council had increased the city's territory by taking in numerous additions. The point never had been passed on by the supreme court. The Anti-Saloon league will appeal.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDERED

Body of Aged Dubuque Man Recovered From River.

Dubuque, Ia., June 25.—Autopsy held on the body of John Babcock, aged seventy, recovered from the Mississippi river near Levee, reveals the fact that the wound in the head, at first believed to be a gunshot wound, was really a blow of some instrument. The doctors believe it was inflicted after the body fell into the water. Another theory is that the deceased fell into the river and drowned and the bolt on a paddle wheel on a passing boat inflicted the injury after death. He had been missing since Tuesday.

Phone Merger Causes Trouble.

Des Moines, June 25.—A movement has been started among business men of Des Moines to force actual consolidation of the two phone companies, which are now owned by the Iowa, and which are operated as two companies. They have banded together to refuse payment for more than one phone in the business houses having two, claiming that the agreement was that the consolidation should take effect some time ago.

Will Get New Coal Bids.

Des Moines, June 25.—The state board of control will advertise for bids for the state institutions. The prices offered by the Iowa companies were too high for the appropriations and unless there is a lower rate secured, the state institutions may have to go cold next winter. It is believed that a little later in the season better prices can be secured.

Musical at Murray.

A musical will be given by Mrs. Boedecker and Miss Walker, assisted by local talent, at the home of the auditor on Friday afternoon, July 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Admission 15 cents. Refreshments will be served.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED.

The Government pays Railway Mail Clerks \$800 to \$1,200, and other employees up to \$2,500 annually

Uncle Sam will hold examinations throughout the country for Railway Mail Clerks, Custom House Clerks, Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Department Clerks and other Government positions. Thousands of appointments will be made. Any man or woman over 18, in City or Country can get instruction and free information by writing at once to the Bureau of Instruction, 79 J, Hamlin Building, Rochester, N. Y.

Rain in Case.

At 3 p. m. this afternoon the Platts-mouth Telephone company reports very heavy rain at all points in the west part of the county as far as Louisville and coming this way.