

TALKING REFORM OF THE INSURANCE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Matter Is Largely Agitated by the Big Insurance Companies Who Do Not Like Our Laws as They Protect and Foster the Home Insurance Companies of the State.

The talk of insurance legislation to be brought up at the next session of the legislature, is already under way, fostered and fomented in a number of instances by people who have axes to grind or who feel aggrieved because their ideas have not been engrafted in legislation in the past.

Insurance legislation, except in some minor details, is not a crying demand in this state. We have good insurance laws—we have such good insurance laws that the large insurance interests outside of Nebraska do not like them in many respects because they are building home insurance and keeping the money of the people at home which heretofore went to the east and to eastern insurance centers. When people begin to talk about wholesale insurance legislation, you can put it down as a fact interest outside of home interests expect profit by opening up this question. Some propositions that are made have good in them, some are indifferent, and some are bad; but there is a keen and alert insurance lobby representing foreign insurance, always ready to jump into insurance legislation wherever they have an opportunity, hoping to cripple home business and hoping to win back lost business that they had when this state had no insurance companies of its own.

Today, there is in this country a centralizing of insurance interests under way just as certain as many other lines of business have been centralized into trusts and monopolies.

The great fire insurance companies have already largely worked out a monopoly of business. Home fire insurance in Nebraska is on the decline, and is going backward instead of forward, and the same battle will be opened on life insurance against home companies in favor of centralizing life insurance in the hands of the big eastern companies, and as a helping hand to this centralization of insurance interests, the agitation and efforts to create a wide range of insurance legislation is a part.

Two years ago the legislature acted wisely in turning down a long list of insurance bills that were introduced, many of which had in them every ear-mark of being introduced for some purpose other than the abstract one of better laws. Before the press

of this state lends itself in aid of agitators for insurance legislation in a wholesale way, they ought to ask the question whether it will be profitable to this state to constantly make it more and more difficult for home companies to do business and to constantly aid those who are attempting to put this state back to where it was fifteen to twenty years ago when practically all of the millions of dollars paid for fire and life insurance went out of the state and into the hands of companies foreign to Nebraska.

A few years ago concerted effort was made to inaugurate in this country branch banking, which meant the centralization of all banking business in the hands of a few great institutions and practically making of the banking business in a state like Nebraska, all branch banks with the power all vested away from home. It is not difficult to recall how universally this proposed system was condemned because it meant the wiping out of all the individuality of the banking business in the state and the centralizing of the money of the state not in the home banks for home use, but in the eastern banks for eastern use.

Home fire insurance in Nebraska today is almost wiped out and it has, through the absorption of other companies foreign to this state, become what it was proposed to do in the line of branch banking—become branch insurance.

Look at practically all of the home fire insurance companies that reached such proportions that the volume of business taken by them in Nebraska was affecting the business of outside companies. The Columbia, the State, the German and other companies have from their original organizations been wiped off the map through absorption, and it has been a constant and persistent effort every time a legislature met to put up restrictive legislation and to put into the hands of the insurance department such restrictive power, and legislative powers that it might be made difficult for home companies to continue their growth and expansion. Behind all the seeming interest for the public that is brought to the surface in proposed insurance legislation, is the underlying motive to make rough the road and hard the way for home insurance to travel.—Lincoln Trade Review.

Two Kinds of Knockers.

A knocker is one who knocks. Sometimes the knocker is a male and sometimes the knocker is a female. The female knocker generally does it this way, "Oh, yes, she may be alright, but I wouldn't be too sure about it." The female knocker confines most of her knocks to jabs at her own sex. There are many specimens of the male knocker. One kind will take his little sledge hammer in his hand and go down the street, hitting here and hitting there, seemingly proud to let everybody know that he is a knocker. Another kind will sit in the knock factory, safely hidden from public view and will slip the hammers out through cracks in the factory to aides on the outside. Plattsmouth has both.

Barclay Gets New Front.

Mr. William Barclay, the Main street restaurant proprietor, is having a new up-to-date front put in at his place of business, the only one of its kind in the city. The unique part of the new front is its six-course brick base, which is the product of the artistic brain of the contractors, Peters & Richards, who have the job of putting in the front. The superstructure is to be of plate glass, with prism glass above, and when the job is completed Mr. Barclay will have one of the swell fronts on Main street. The dining room is to be petitioned off from the office in front, which will be quite a convenience to the proprietor.

Mrs. M. Bishop, Columbus, Kansas, suffered from a weak back a good many years, as a result of kidney trouble. "I began taking Foley Kidney Pills and soon after the pain left my back and today I am fully cured." For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Has Hand Injured.

This morning while closing down the cover on the washing machine Mrs. William Hassler had the misfortune to get the palm of one hand caught under the cover, inflicting a painful and ugly cut. Medical aid was summoned. Two stitches were required to repair the injury. The accident happened in a peculiar way. It appears that a chair caught the cover and prevented it from coming down, and when Mrs. Hassler removed the chair the cover unexpectedly sprang closed, catching her hand. She will have a very sore hand for some days.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets, Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes: "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effective and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

In County Court.

In county court yesterday the first hearing on claims against the estate of Mrs. Anna Coon was had. D. M. Johnson, administrator of the estate, was in court, as well as C. E. Tefft, his attorney.

The first hearing was had on claims filed against the estate of Laura Crabtree, deceased.

In the estate of Eliza Foster final settlement was made with the court yesterday and a decree of heirship entered. Mrs. Jennie Barton of Union, the only heir of the deceased, was in court looking after her interests.

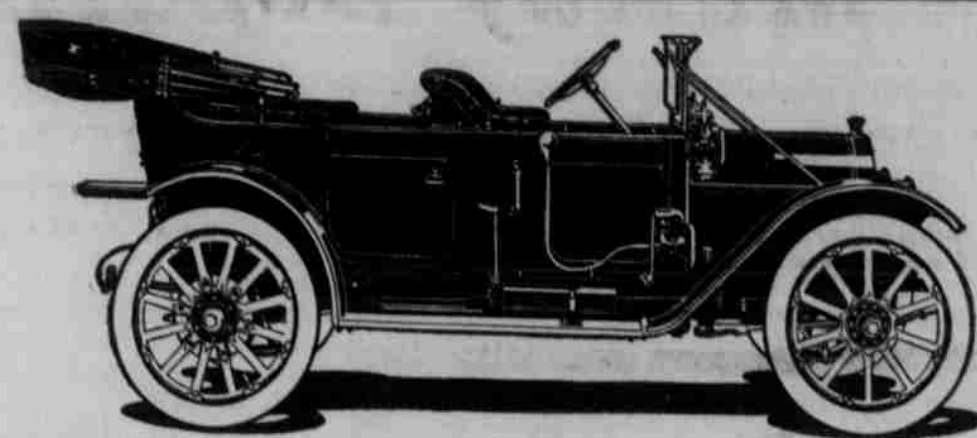
There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

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We are now handling a complete line of coal. Call and let us quote you prices for your fall and winter coal. We handle wheat, oats, corn and chop of all kinds.

Ind. Telephone 297

Nelson Jean & Co.



The Chalmers Motor Company:

GENTLEMEN—My attention has been called to the mileage records of 15 cars, as set forth in your Chalmers Doings of March 11th, and, in view of the fact that these records do not appear to me to be extraordinary, I am of the fact that these records do not appear to me to be extraordinary, I am taking the liberty of sending you a statement of my own experience.

On September 28th, 1909, I purchased from your local representative, the H. E. Fredrickson Automobile Co., a model K "30" Roadster, which I have driven since on the average of nearly 75 miles each driving day, or a total of 65,000 miles. Understand there were many days when weather conditions or the requirements of my business did not permit of much mileage—some days not any—and in order to reach this grand total it was necessary to drive from 100 to 150 miles on literally hundreds of days. I have driven as high as 1,600 miles in a single week.

I might mention that my occupation as President and Manager of the Waterloo Creamery Company requires that I visit our many branches and our condensing plant at Papillion nearly every day. And I have driven my car to these points when no other machine could get through, times innumerable.

I have driven this car overland, having hauled 26 people in it a distance of two miles in the mud. I have subjected the mechanism to tests that I don't believe were fair to the car, time and again.

I have made two trips into Colorado, and last September I drove from here to Cherokee Park, Wyoming, without stopping except for meals. I returned at the same speed.

The machine as it stands today runs very quietly and is in perfect condition. It will do anything I ask it to and has great speed and hill-climbing capacity at the present time, just as it had when new.

On account of the ability of this car, I have been able to superintend personally three times as much territory in my business as I would have been able to look after without the car.

I don't know of any reason why I should change for a new car for the next two years, for I think that I will be entirely satisfied to use my little old Chalmers, as it is beyond question absolutely reliable at all times.

My friends who know the service this car has given, can hardly believe that a car of this price could have stood it and come through in such excellent condition.

Very truly yours,

LEROY CORLIS, Pres., Waterloo Creamery Company.

Omaha, Nebraska, March 21, 1912.

For prices enquire of T. H. Pollock, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

LOCAL NEWS

From Tuesday's Daily.

J. W. Stull came in from the farm and boarded the morning train for Omaha this morning.

John Fight was an Omaha passenger on the morning train today, where he was called on business for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker, from Murray, were in the city on business and visiting with their many county seat friends today.

Levi Rakes of Memphis, Neb., arrived in this city Saturday afternoon for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Mason, returning to his home Sunday afternoon.

The brick work on the M. W. A. building was completed last Saturday and when the scaffolding is torn away the Woodmen will have one of the finest-looking buildings in the city.

Mrs. Therest Boeck of Newkirk, Okla., arrived in this city Saturday for an extended visit with relatives here and at South Omaha, being a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boeck.

Mrs. J. H. Teegarden of Brock arrived from Galesburg, Illinois, this morning, where she had visited her sister for a few days. Mrs. Teegarden will be a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, for a time.

Andrew Schoeman of Louisville came in on No. 4 over the Burlington this morning to attend to some business matters. While here Mr. Schoeman was a pleasant caller at this office and renewed his subscription to this paper.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. Jos. Droege was an Omaha passenger on the afternoon train yesterday.

William Cleghorn and M. Tritsch came down from Louisville on the morning train today.

Rev. Father Shine was a passenger to Omaha on the morning train today, looking after business matters.

R. B. Saxon returned from Clarinda, Iowa, on the afternoon train today, where he visited his friend, M. M. Freeman, for a few days.

W. I. Philpot and Ed Gansemer of near Weeping Water motored over to Plattsmouth yesterday and transacted business at the court house.

City Treasurer C. G. Fricke visited the metropolis yesterday afternoon on a business matter which required his personal supervision.

A. A. Schoeman of Louisville was in the county seat yesterday to interview the county treasurer and to pay the assessment against his real estate.

P. Klyver, one of the regular panel for the present term of court, was in the county seat today looking after business matters for a few hours.

James Smith of Emerson, Iowa, was an over night visitor in the city, looking after his real estate interests west of the city. Mr. Smith has a fine 100 acres of land, which he will sell for a reasonable sum.

A party of Weeping Water business men, composed of the following named gentlemen, were county seat visitors Tuesday: Ex-Commissioner E. F. Marshall, J. I. Corey, P. S. Barnes, D. M. Johnson, George Olive, C. E. Tefft and E. E. Day.

Concrete Being Placed.

McMaken & Son company have leveled up the walk in front of Joseph Fetzler's shoe store by taking out the depressed concrete and filling in the base and laying new concrete. The same firm will at once lay the concrete in the vestibule of the new theater. As soon as the material arrives for fitting up the vestibule Mr. Shlaes will be ready to open the new play house. Three hundred and fifty chairs have been put in and the room will be in elegant condition when the theater is ready to be opened.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will strengthen your digestion and improve your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Swat the Fly.

In this enlightened day we recognize the common house fly as a menace to health and life. We know him as a germ carrier and we also know that there are many ways by which he and his fellows can be exterminated. Knowing all these things it is the patriotic duty of those responsible for the health and happiness of every household to wage a war against the fly pest—to wipe them out and keep them wiped out. Swat the fly.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. You can do it by applying Chamberlain's Liniment and massaging the parts freely at each application. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Base Ball Games Ahead.

The following base ball games have been scheduled by Secretary Dotson of the Red Sox: Sunday, June 2, the Alhambras of Omaha; June 9, the Hocters of South Omaha; June 16, Shamrocks of South Omaha. It is hoped to have a game on the local diamond between the Red Sox and a Lincoln team for Saturday, June 8, and the secretary is corresponding for the game now.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Automobile for Sale.

Five-passenger Velie Touring Car, with full equipment and in good condition. Just repainted and thoroughly overhauled. Car can be seen at the Frank Gobelman paint shop. Has been run only about 6,000 miles, and will be sold for \$750.00. For further particulars see R. A. Troop.

Hogs Wanted.

Wanted to buy, some shoats, weighting from 50 to 100 pounds. See J. P. Falter, Coates' Block.

This Is Hypocrisy.

The trouble with most "independent" newspapers is that they are edited by partisans or controlled by special interests that seldom recognize any party. The Lincoln Evening News is always very independent in politics save when it comes to the matter of supporting republican candidates and impugning the motives or the records of democratic candidates. It points to the fact that Morehead carried most of the wet counties as evidence that Morehead is lined up with the liquor interests. It seemingly overlooks the fact that Morehead also carried the most counties, wet or dry. Nor does it undertake to explain why Morehead carried the bone-dry county of York while Metcalfe carried the sopping-wet county of Saline.—Will Maupin's Weekly.

Will Maupin never misses the mark when he shoots from the shoulder, and in the above he hit the center spot of pure hypocrisy good and hard. The News endeavors to carry water on both shoulders until about election time and then there is nothing too mean to say about democratic candidates.

Engineer Injures Foot.

Yesterday afternoon, in the local yards, Burlington Engineer Ed Korsek met with an accident resulting in a badly sprained ankle. He is engineer on work train No. 1746, and while getting down out of his engine chanced to step on an uneven bit of terra firma and turned his ankle so badly that he had to seek the aid of a surgeon to dress his injured foot.

Son of George Colbert Injured.

Wyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Colbert, living five miles west of Weeping Water, met with a serious accident Monday afternoon. He had climbed a tall tree, when, from some cause, he lost his footing and fell to the ground, breaking both arms and badly injuring his skull and crushing in his chest. Two physicians were called and report his condition critical.

Marriage License.

Marriage license was issued at the county judge's office today to Paul Prouty, aged 22, of Alvo, and Miss Pearl Clites, aged 21, of Elmwood. The ceremony is to occur June 4 and will be the first June wedding of the year in this county. The groom is the son of Fred M. Prouty, a prominent business man of Alvo, and the bride the accomplished daughter of John J. Clites of Elmwood.

Experimented With Balloons.

Fort Omaha sent out several balloons this afternoon, and about 2 p. m. the first one appeared on the horizon northeast of the pumping station. Operators up the line informed Dispatcher Glock that the Omaha base ball team was coming down by the balloon route to try our new grounds. Three or four more were sent out after the first one.

New Alfalfa Hay For Sale. Call Plattsmouth telephone 10 F.

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Wescott's store will be closed tomorrow during Memorial Services

CLOTHES FOR Decoration Day

Honor the day by due attention to your attire. Our showing of handsome suits in lightweight materials is even greater than in former years. Our range of patterns is large and satisfactory and our range of price from \$5 to \$35. We are making a special Decoration Day offer of men's suits at

\$10

We have crowded into these suits more style and more value than you have ever seen for the money. Come in and let us show them to you.

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