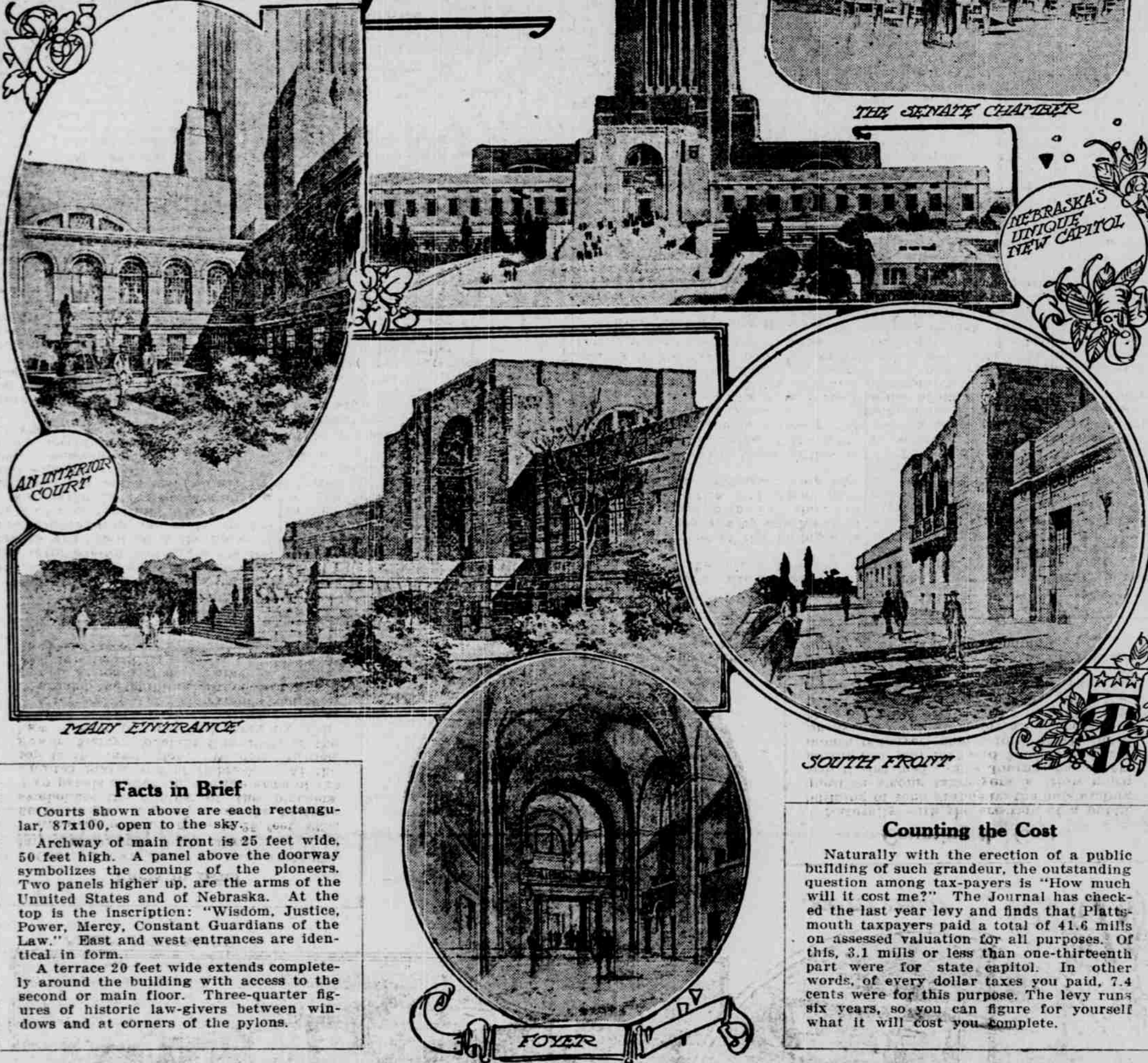


Nebraska's Unique New Capitol



Facts in Brief

Courts shown above are each rectangular, 87x100, open to the sky. Archway of main front is 25 feet wide, 50 feet high. A panel above the doorway symbolizes the coming of the pioneers. Two panels higher up are the arms of the United States and of Nebraska. At the top is the inscription: "Wisdom, Justice, Power, Mercy, Constant Guardians of the Law." East and west entrances are identical in form.

A terrace 20 feet wide extends completely around the building with access to the second or main floor. Three-quarter figures of historic law-givers between windows and at corners of the pylons.

From the ten-acre site in the center of Lincoln there is about to arise the third capitol building since Nebraska was admitted to the union in 1867—a building unique in the annals of architecture.

Excavation on the foundation was started a few weeks ago. Contract for the superstructure will be let in June—separate bids being filed on the different classes of work. Instead of the entire bid necessarily being confined to one bidder. By the latter part of 1925, the building which is to cost \$5,000,000 without furnishings, is expected to be completed.

Over half of the funds have been raised by state levy the last two years. The levy extends over a period of six years.

The new capitol, the designing of which was done by Bertram G. Goodhue of New York, departs from the conventional type of architecture heretofore employed in such public buildings, wherein a dome has always been the predominant feature, and in an unconventional, but none the less artistic manner, draws on the American skyscraper for its theme.

Tower 400 Feet High.

The architect replaces the dome with a tower 400 feet high, starting eighty feet wide at the base and tapering upward. Instead of an economically useless dome, the architect provides a tower utilitarian to the very top, yet of striking beauty and originality as a part of the structural whole, arising out of a comparatively low broad foundation fifty feet high and 437 feet square.

The building was designed from prairie inspiration, especially the tower and its striking height and simplicity are elements calculated best to fit into the prairie setting and make it an object of dignified grandeur high above the conventional capitol in most states.

It is estimated that the cupola of the tower will be visible thirty or forty miles from Lincoln. Surmounting this cupola will be a bronze figure of "The Sower," standing thirty feet high. The building will be of light buff stone.

Nation and State Represented.

Outstanding features of the point of entrance include an archway twenty-five feet wide and fifty feet high, but dressed by two pylons on either side. The two outermost will contain, one a base-relief of the coat of arms of the United States, and the other the coat of arms of Nebraska.

On each of the two inner pylons, at the top, will be two symbolic figures with this explanation of the carved in the stone above the archway that unites the double pair of architectural columns: "Wisdom, Justice, Power, Mercy, constant guardians of the law."

The greater part of the exterior of the structure is low, broken at the center of the square on each side with a higher mass that would represent a cross through the square. Out of this higher mass emerges the tower.

Into "Hall of State"

The entrance on the north leads into "the Hall of State," a vaulted apartment fifty feet high with niches for statues and spaces for inscriptions and mural paintings.

The tower leads to rotunda under the tower lighted by windows cut into the tower as it emerges from the foundation structure.

West of the rotunda is the senate chamber, with an immense vaulted ceiling fifty feet high, and to the east, the house of representatives, similar in general design but treated differently in detail to accommodate the larger branch of the legislature.

The supreme court chamber is south of the rotunda, and above the court is the law library.

The governor's suite of rooms will be located at the left of the hall of state.

In each corner of the building is a court eighty-seven by one hundred feet square open to the sky, that will permit every office and department to have full daylight and a view outdoors.

The tower will house offices in part, the surplus books of the state library, and at the top under the cupola, a war trophy room.

Early Law-Makers Honored.

Figures of ten historic law-makers will appear in low relief on the pylons and between the windows at the south side of the building. The figures in the corner niches will include Minos, Hammurabi, Moses, Amenophis, Solon, Solomon, Caesar, Justinian, Charlemagne and Napoleon.

The capital commission has placed in the hands of Lee Lawrie, famous New York sculptor, the work of preparing the carved relief and statuary of the new building.

The capitol commission is made up of Governor McKelvie, chairman; George E. Johnson, secretary of the state department of public works, secretary, and Walter Head, Omaha; W. E. Hardy, Lincoln, and W. H. Thompson, Grand Island.

Goodhue's design was accepted by the commission in June, 1920, as the result of a competition in which three Nebraska architects and seven from the United States at large took part. The commission made its selection with a jury of nationally known architects.

What Irving K. Pond Says

Irving K. Pond, well known Chicago architect and critic, commenting on the absence of traditional dome in the new Nebraska capitol, writes:

"The dome was originally a mortuary, then a religious expression, then an expression of ecclesiastical authority and domination. Lord only knows how it gained standing as an expression of civic authority in this country, where church and state are let us hope, forever politically and governmentally divorced."

"The cupola, as Mr. Goodhue used it to crown his state house tower, gives a sense of completion to the individual structure, rather than a sense of dominating the surrounding community."

"In fact, rather than dominating, this tower leads the spirit of the community to the heights, not that it may crouch under the domination of authority, but that it may luxuriate and expand in the sunlight and pure air of liberty under the law."

"— Simple, direct, diversified in unity, harmonious, rhythmic in its movement and color this building should stand as a monumental expression of the highest in our democratic civilization."

A spiritual interpretation of the architecture of the building is expressed by Fred B. Humphrey, of Lincoln, as follows:

"It is not the foreboding and sad tune of the flood-ridden pyramids, but the song of certain knowledge of life after death."

"It is not the fate-fearing hope of the Egyptians, nor the angelic dream of future bliss of the Taj Mahal."

"It is the melody of man in conscious realization of attained immortality while yet on earth."

"His feet are firmly embedded in the necessities of physical existence, but his soul lives in the clouds. The dome, the ego, the real man, looks down from his thought life in the skies and sees that his members are sure to do the bidding of their Lord and master."

"It is a lotus-lily, rooted in the duties of every day life, its radiant soul flowing on the tranquil surface of a starlit sea."

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PAY TRIBUTE TO FORMER LEADER OF THE BAR

Members of the Cass County Bar Hold Memorial Session This Morning at Court Room.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning at the district court room the members of the Cass county bar gathered to pay a tribute to the memory of Mathew Gering, one of the leaders of the Cass county bar and of the legal profession in the state of Nebraska.

Judge James T. Begley presided over the meeting and called upon the various members of the bar to offer what remarks they saw fit, as to the life of the departed attorney and of their association with him.

County Attorney A. G. Cole presented the resolutions of respect prepared by the committee and also paid a brief personal tribute to the departed member of his profession. Hon. R. B. Windham, D. O. Dwyer and Allen J. Beeson, who as older members of the bar had long relations both personally and in a professional way with the departed leader of the bar, paid very eloquent tribute to his memory and his services to the profession in which he had been a notable figure. William A. Robertson and A. L. Tidd spoke briefly of his many personal characteristics that had made him a lovable friend and companion, both in the court room and without. A. H. Duxbury and W. G. Kleck responded with brief tributes to the memory of Mr. Gering, who had long been a personal acquaintance. Judge Begley also spoke of the love of Mr. Gering for children and the many times he had shown this side of his character in numerous acts of kindness and his fondness for throwing aside the cares of his busy life and mingling with the joys and sorrows of the little ones. Placing the many good deeds that the departed had performed for his fellow men, Judge Begley pointed out these shown as a light to guide others and which would bring him into the abode of the blessed as a doer of good to all mankind.

The resolutions adopted were as follows:

Whereas, in the wisdom of the all-wise Creator our friend and brother, Mathew Gering, has been called from our midst to the life beyond and his labors ended here on this earth; and

Whereas, he has been a member of the bar of Cass county during all the time that he practiced law which has been since he finished his work in the university when quite a young man; and

Whereas, he was known all over the state of Nebraska as a brilliant lawyer, true to his clients, and honest with opposing counsel; and

Whereas, his reputation as a lawyer was such in the state of Nebraska, and many other places, when the name of the city of Plattsmouth was mentioned to non-residents of this county the remark was usually made, "That is Mathew Gering's town;" and

Whereas, We, the members of the bar of Cass county, Nebraska, have received many valuable lessons from this brilliant lawyer which will go with us and assist us in our profession; and

Whereas, he has done his part in making the state of Nebraska one of the leading states of the United States;

Be it further resolved: that we, the members of the bar of Cass county, in assembly in the district court at Plattsmouth, in Cass county, in the second judicial district of Nebraska, deem it fitting that we express our esteem for Mathew Gering in a way that it may become a part of the records of this court.

Be it further resolved: that in the death of Mathew Gering this county and state have suffered the loss of one of its most brilliant members of the legal profession, a member of said profession that was able to make his influence felt in any place in the United States or in any other country where his brilliant words could be understood and appreciated.

Be it further resolved: that we, the members of the bar of Cass county, emulate the many excellent qualities of this able lawyer, and let us remember while working with each other in our daily tasks that we too will soon have to "close our books" and go to that undiscovered country where our brothers in untold numbers have gone, and let us have charity for one another as our brother Mathew Gering had for us in his practice and let us emulate him in this respect more than we have done in the past.

Be it further resolved: that we should remember his words: "Thus reason stands aghast and staggers at the thought of death, while faith courts marriage with dissolution. The latter is the rarest gem that sparkles in the diadem of a soul; and as we stand tiptoe upon the apex of a life whose sands are nearly run, we peer with seeming hopelessness into the awful uncertainty of the future and find no consolation until faith stretches forth her hands and welcomes us to hospitable shores." These few words of Mathew Gering show us, in a measure, his opinion of faith and what it means to man.

Be it further resolved: that we express our sincere sympathy to the sisters and brother of our distinguished friend in their great bereavement.

Be it further resolved: that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the journal of the district court of Cass county, Nebraska, and that copies thereof be transmitted under the seal of the Court to his sisters and brother.

A. G. COLE, ALLEN J. BEESON, D. O. DWYER, Attest: JAMES ROBERTSON, Clerk of the District Court.

By the Court: The resolutions presented aptly express the sentiments of the Court, and it is therefore ordered that they be spread upon the records as a lasting tribute to his memory; and the clerk of this court is ordered to transmit a copy of the same to the members of the family of Mathew Gering as an expression of our unfeigned sympathy for them in the loss that they have sustained, and in which we share.

JAMES T. BEGLEY, Judge.

EAGLES LODGE HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Louis C. Hesse is Named as Worthy President at Meeting Held Last Night at Lodge Rooms.

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The Plattsmouth aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles held a special meeting last evening at their lodge rooms for the purpose of taking up the matter of election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following were chosen for the various stations: Louis C. Hesse, worthy president; C. C. Burbridge, worthy vice president; Henry J. Martens, worthy chaplain; B. G. Wurl, secretary; James Rebal, treasurer; William Keif, inside guard; William Schuldicke, outside guard; A. R. Johnson, trustee; Dr. R. P. Westover, physician.

The delegates elected to the grand aerie of the state, which is to be held in June, at Grand Island, were: B. G. Wurl, James Rebal and A. R. Johnson, while J. M. Cunningham, William O'Donnell and Marion Hobson were chosen alternates.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

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Last evening Henry Winkler, who has for a few days past been residing south of the city on a small farm, passed away at the St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha where he was taken two weeks ago for treatment. Mr. Winkler has been living alone for the greater part of the time as his family resided at other points and two months ago the youngest son was taken away by the mother to her home in the west part of the state, as Mr. Winkler was suffering from a severe case of tuberculosis.

The deceased is well known here in this city and is a brother of Mrs. Eva Sitzmann. He also leaves a number of children who reside at other points in the state.

This morning Mike Pries and J. P. Sattler departed for Omaha to make arrangements for bringing the body back to this city for burial.

RESIDENCE CATCHES FIRE FROM A DEFECTIVE FLUE

This noon the fire department was called to North Eighth street, where a residence occupied by William DeWolf and family, was reported to be on fire. The department on their arrival there found that the fire had made a great headway and the whole upper portion of the building was on fire. The prompt work of the firemen succeeded in checking the further spread of the fire although the roof of the building was practically destroyed. The household goods had been removed by the neighbors and the occupant will not lose a great deal aside from the inconvenience of seeking another home. The fire originated near the chimney and it is thought was caused by a defective flue.

THROWN OPEN TO THE WORLD.

Geneva, May 12.—The court of international justice this afternoon was thrown open to the entire world when the council of the league of nations decided that Russia, Germany, Turkey, Hungary and Mexico could bring cases before the court, provided they previously agreed to accept its decision and not declare war over the disputes in question.

These nations were the only ones to which the court had not previously been available for the settlement of disputes.

PICK UP RUNAWAYS

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Corn Machinery Now!

With the new "RED BABY" that is our service truck, we are in a position to supply you with what you want in farm machinery the day following the order, and in many cases the same day.

Time to work the corn now! We have cultivators, two row listers, and two row cultivators. Repairs for Deering and McCormick machinery. Harvesting and Haying machinery and binder twine. Better anticipate your wants in this line and have your supply sure and not have to wait.

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Alvo, Nebraska

HARDING HAS FAITH IN THE U. S. BANKERS

Says They Will Put World Back on Its Feet—Admits Burdensome Job Being President.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 12.—Defense of his administration was coupled with a strong endorsement of

party government by President Harding in a speech here tonight before the New Jersey women's republicans clubs. Later, before the New Jersey bankers' association convention, the president said if the world is ever put on its feet again, American bankers would play the greatest part.

Absecon, N. J., May 12.—President Harding, after an all day trip by motor from Washington, arrived here late this afternoon and went at once to the Seaview golf club, where he played a round of golf with Sen-

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BURLINGTON EXPLAINS CURTAILMENT OF FORCES

Tells State Railway Commission the Split Trick an Economy Looking to Lower Rates.

Officials of the Burlington railroad were before the state railway commission Friday in answer to a citation to appear and show cause why they have so reduced service at many of the small stations on its lines that the local people are up in arms and declaring they are greatly inconvenienced and the towns are losing business as a result.

The company says that the situation at Hazard and Guide Rock has not been changed but that split tricks are the rule at many small stations.

At Berwyn, for instance, the agent goes on duty at 5:50 in the morning for a three-hour period. Then he is off till 10. He goes off duty again at 12, comes back at 1:15 and stays till 2:45. He comes back at 4:30 and stays till 5:30. No less than carload shipments go outbound from Berwyn, but many cars of grain and livestock are handled. The inbound freight is small.

At Comstock the company employs a custodian at \$36 a month and at Giltner one at \$20. At Giltner, the agent has a sadly split up working table. His hours are from 6:30 a. m. to 7:30; from 8:45 to 11; from 12:30 to 3 and from 4:15 to 6.

The general complaint of the patrons is that the hours the agent is on duty do not correspond to the necessities of the business, aside from meeting trains; that in many cases the depots are closed when farmers come in to transact business and this makes them angry, and they go to some other town, thus the local business is hurt.

The company insists that the people are demanding lower rates and it can not give them unless it can be permitted to make economies like these.

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