

# THE CHIEF

PUBLISHED BY  
CHIEF PUBLISHING COMPANY.

GEO. F. N. NEWHOUSE, Editor.

One year... \$1.00  
Six months... \$0.50

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

Entered at the post office at Red Cloud, Neb., as second class mail matter.

ADVERTISING RATES:  
Furnished on application.

## Railway Statistics.

The report of the inter-state commission contains an extensive abstract of the Fourteenth Annual Reports on the Statistics of Railways in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1901, which gives in a brief way this statistic for the year named. This statistical report is similar in character to previous report, with the addition of some new summaries.

There is included in the report of the commission also a synopsis of the preliminary report on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1902, this preliminary report being prepared by its statistician in advance of the final statistical report for the year. The preliminary report embodies returns of railways operating 195,385 miles of line, or probably 98 per cent of the mileage that will be covered in the statistics of railways for the year.

The passenger earnings of the railways represented were \$472,429,165 and the freight earnings \$1,200,884,903. Including these and others earnings from operation gross earnings amounted to \$1,711,754,300, or \$8.761 per mile of line and operating expenses to \$1,106,337,405, or \$5.690 per mile of line, showing that net earnings were \$605,416,895, or \$3.071 per mile. The net earnings of these lines, it appears, were \$51,395,421 greater than those received during the previous year.

The total income of the roads covered by this advance report, including \$82,714,492 derived from investments and miscellaneous sources was \$688,331,281. Deductions from income, not including dividends, aggregated \$158,459,961. This amount comprised interest on funded debt, rent of leasehold lines, betterments charge to income, taxes \$19,436,675 and other expenditures miscellaneous in character.

The report shows that dividends declared on stock amounted to \$150,685,050, and its appears from comparative figures that the dividends of the same roads, disregarding unimportant exceptions, were nearly \$30,000,000 greater for the last fiscal year than for 1901. The surplus from the operations of the road for which returns are compiled was \$79,185,267. The complete report for the year ending June 30, 1901, gave a surplus of \$84,764,782.

It should be explained, perhaps that the amount of dividends stated in the preliminary report, which is compiled from the returns of operating roads only, does not represent the entire amount of dividends declared on the stocks of all the railway companies in the United States, since dividends declared by such companies as have leased their property to other for operation are paid from their own income, which is, apart from the small portion derived from investments, essentially the fixed or contingent rental paid to them by their lessees. As an aid in estimating the amount of dividends that the aggregate of dividends, \$156,735,784, declared during the year ending June 30, 1901, included about \$85,000,000 distributed to stockholders through the agency leased lines.

## DO YOU GET UP

### WITH A LAME BACK?

#### Kidney Trouble Makes You Miserable.

Almost everybody who reads the newspapers is sure to know of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy. It is the great medical triumph of the nineteenth century; discovered after years of scientific research by Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and is wonderfully successful in promptly curing lame back, kidney, bladder, uric acid troubles and Bright's Disease, which is the worst form of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is not recommended for everything, but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it will be found just the remedy you need. It has been tested in so many ways, in hospital work, in private practice, among the helpless too poor to purchase relief and has proved so successful in every case that a special arrangement has been made by which all readers of this paper who have not already tried it, may have a sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling more about Swamp-Root and how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty cent and Homeo. Swamp-Root dollar sizes are sold by all good druggists.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp Root. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Bills have been introduced in the Austrian and Hungarian parliaments to make the manufacture of sugar an industry under state control.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon President Roosevelt to decline the invitations as arbitrator in Venezuelan embroglio, but has as yet formed no definite conclusion. This pressure comes from the leading newspapers, from prominent public men as well as from many of the senators and representatives at Washington.

If the city council wish to do something to help the fire department they might purchase a few gallons of the stuff which is sold for coal oil. We understand that it is guaranteed not to burn and that it will put out any fire if applied in time. It would make a first-class filler for a hand gr. nade.

G. Cleveland of Princeton, N. J., still maintains that he is a young man of ambition. He is also a man of illiterate nerve, supreme gall and audacity, with an inclination to occupy the place now being filled by Roosevelt. The American people however, view the situation from another standpoint.

It is reported that James J. Hill is very much opposed to the granting of an increase in wages to trainmen. Notice of the demanded increase has been served on the officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Notwithstanding Hill's obstreperous opposition to granting the increase, it is reported in railroad circles that the demands will be granted.

It is not quite plain what it can profit two great countries like Great Britain and Germany in coercing a small nation like Venezuela whose chief occupation is revolution, which cannot be annexed and which is likely to prove a bankrupt. The only profit that is apparent seems to be in the blockading of Venezuela's commerce which cannot but help the Anglo-German investors.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission reports that for the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,983 persons appointed from its registers. There were 4,692 more than was ever before appointed in a single year. Anyone wishing information about these positions can secure it free by writing for the Civil Service announcement of the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. The commission will hold examinations to secure young men and women for these places during March and April at Bearies, Grand Island and Omaha.

Many people do not know that these appointments are made without political influence and that a large share of them are filled by those having only a common school education, but such is now the case.

## SCISSORISMS

The Lincoln News says that Lincoln girls are very careless as they frequently lose their hearts. Yes, and the News could go further and still tell the truth by saying they also lose their heads.—Hastings Tribune.

The first big "cornshucking" story comes from Kansas, in which state a man is said to have husked and hosed 115 bushels of corn in five hours. If this does not entitle the gentleman to the husking record, it certainly entitles him to another record, if Ananias can be considered out of the running.—Lincoln Star.

The following notice appears in a county paper this week: "Taken up—A bay horse, weight about 900 pounds. Has white hind leg on the farm of Mrs. Blank." The notice is nicely constructed, but it should have contained detailed information as to the whereabouts of the other legs. They might be located nearer to the owner's place.—Lincoln Star.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for December says: When a human catapult, in leather helmets and dirt-smear canvas suits, springs suddenly and with terrific momentum at you through a hole in the line, you grit your teeth and dive in to stop it. If you bring down your man you can jump back to your place behind the line, with the bleachers rattling, and feel that you have done what was expected of you. But if you missed your tackle, and merely stopped the avalanche by rolling under it, you limp back to your position with just as many bruises and with coaches yelling "rotten" at you. After two steaming, aching twenty-five minute halves of that sort of thing you go back in your "special car" to the gym and get a call-down from the trainer. That's football. It's pluck mostly. Without that no amount of mere brute muscle is worth anything at all.

It keeps the Feet Warm and Dry. Ask to day for Allen's Foot Ease, a powder. It cures chilblains, swollen, sweating, sore, itching damp feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c.

Great tonic, braces body and brain, drives away all impurities from your system. Makes you well. Keeps you well. Rocky Mountain tea. 35c. C. L. Cotting.



**The Strength**  
of the coffee you buy adds to its value in the cup.  
**Lion Coffee**  
comes to you fresh and of full strength, always in sealed, air-tight packages. Bulk coffees lose their strength, deteriorate in flavor, and also gather dirt.  
Uniformity, freshness and full strength are insured to users of Lion Coffee.

## DOWN IN KANSAS.

Junction City is immensely proud of its em. ty jail.

In Chanute the "boys" carry their drinks in hollow, glass lined canes.

On a farm near Thayer is stacked up high and straight 50,000 bushels of corn.

A Canton farmer has raised and marketed a fine crop of celery, something unusual for Kansas.

A Newton merchant advertises that the "best dressed women in town are those that wear his shoes only."

Hatchinson is going to build a factory to make boxes and barrels in which to pack the salt she mines.

The Sons and Daughters of Justice keep Salina in good shape with a little help on the side from the town officials.

Parsons' idea of a ripping good time is to tie a tin can to a yellow—it must be yellow—dog's tail and see it run down the street.

A burglar in La Cygne has a hot air burglar alarm so perfectly adjusted that the employees have to go out of doors to sneeze.

The demands for office rooms is so great in Chanute that a fine building planned to suit this special requirement is about to be built.

An Emporia man loves to recall the time when he courted his wife, whose hoop skirts compelled them to walk on opposite sides of the street.

In 105 Kansas counties there are twenty-five women superintendents and only three of them so far can have "Mrs." on their tombstones.

White vest have reached Clay Center and the "smart set" young men wear them at all sorts of doings from church suppers to high noon weddings.

If Winfield would pull down some of the old wooden verandas that line its principal streets, it would not look so much like a relic of "Rip Van Winkle" days.

Dodge City is the latest Kansas town to want some gas of its very own and is about to sink some well—and incidentally some money—to see what can be found.

An enterprising dealer in Enterprise advertises "Bring us your hides," and a neighboring editor says he would be awfully glad to do so, but he has only one and can't afford another this winter.

A farmer who has made considerable money off his farm near Eskridge thinks he is getting too old to do chores and is talking of buying a newspaper in order to have some easy work and spend the rest of his days in peace.

LaCrosse women gave a supper to make some money to improve the cemetery and their advertisement read:

**THE DORFORD'S**  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
**THE ORIGINAL**  
**LIVER MEDICINE**

A sallow complexion, dizziness, biliousness and a coated tongue are common indications of liver and kidney diseases. Stomach and bowel troubles, severe as they are, give immediate warning by pain, but liver and kidney troubles, though less painful at the start, are much harder to cure. The Dorf's Black-Draught never fails to benefit diseased liver and weakened kidneys. It struts up the torpid liver to throw off the germs of fever and ague. It is a certain preventive of cholera and Bright's disease of the kidneys. With kidneys reinforced by The Dorf's Black-Draught thousands of persons have dwelt immune in the midst of yellow fever. Many families live in perfect health and have no other doctor than The Dorf's Black-Draught. It is always on hand for use in an emergency and saves many expensive calls of a doctor.

Mullins, S. C., March 10, 1901. I have used The Dorf's Black-Draught for three years and I have not had to go to a doctor since I have been taking it. It is the best medicine for me that is on the market for liver and kidney troubles and dyspepsia and other complaints. Rev. A. G. LEWIS.

"To be penance our graveyard one to the social and eat our waffles."

A C. H. e. n. u. y. farmer has a very satisfactory daughter a young woman who has worked by his side during the corn h. u. k. i. n. g. and has 600 bushels piled up to her credit. It is to be hoped she found her Christmas a beautiful one.

A woman who twenty years ago was "it" in Lawrence, returned to her old home recently and is dreadfully disgruntled because although she has married a rich man and dresses to kill no one pays any attention to her.

Holton club girls learn a great deal more at their meetings than new patterns of Battenburg or unique designs for stocks, and the result of their studies is a collection of cooking recipe which they have published in book form.

Lea venworth is thinking about nominating a Mr. P. b. y. z. i. o. w. i. t. z.—that spelling is absolutely correct—for mayor and if they do it won't be a fair test of a man's condition, when coming home late at night his wife asks him to pronounce the name.

Ellis is such a quiet, well behaved little town, never thinking of or guarding against wickedness, that unseen and unheard, a tramp threw a brick through the window glass of a china store and carried away the safe, and not a soul heard him.

A young swell in Topeka who has not been able to have his uncle return his overcoat, which that gentleman has had since early spring, and who is obliged to turn his collars and cuffs, always manages to take his young women friends to parties in carriages, and everyone wonders how he does it.

Kansas farmers always find time no matter how busy they are with their own work, to do something for neighbors who are in trouble. Last week while Frederick Useline of Sedan lay very ill with typhoid fever, his near friends gathered his corn and stored it away and did some needed carpenter work on his barns and sheds.

## The Ill Wind

That blow nobody good is bent on errands of mischief in the fall and winter. It produces that most dangerous of common complaints a bad cold. Your cold will not become bronchitis, nor consumption if you make timely use of Allen's Lung Balm. Take it frequently until the cough and the stopped up feeling in the chest are gone. Contains no opium and will not disturb digestion. C. L. Cotting

## Manual of Soil Culture.

Send me a 2-cent stamp and I will mail you free a copy of Campbell's Soil Culture Manual—a valuable work that every farmer ought to have. J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

I'll brave the storms of Cookoot Pass, I'll cross the plains of frozen glass, I'll leave my wife and cross the sea Rather than be without Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c. C. L. Cotting

## Low Rates For The Holiday.

To points within 200 miles round trip tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates on December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1. Good returning until January 2, 1903. For further particulars ask the Burlington agent.

## Red Letter SALE!!

Now going on. PAINTINGS FREE to buyers of Holiday Goods. Every cash buyer of \$2.00 worth gets a Hand Painted Present. You can buy piece-meal and it all counts.

## Argabright.

## BON TON BAKERY and CAFE.

When in town eat at the Bon Ton where it is clean, cool and no flies.

15 cent Meals at All Hours

## SODA FOUNTAIN IS OPEN!

Fifty-six different kinds of summer drinks.

W. S. BENSE, Prop.

## ISAAC B. COLVIN, REAL ESTATE & FARM LOANS.

Lock Box 23, Guide Rock, Neb.

All kinds of property bought, sold and exchanged. COLLECTIONS MADE. TERM REASONABLE

## An Interesting Story



## is the Story of New Year.

To make it doubly so to you this year we wish to call your attention to the great variety of useful presents in our store. Late years, ideas run more to presenting presents that have some merit in them, that are of value to the receiver, that do them some good. Nothing more appropriate to give than a suit of clothes or overcoat, pair of the nobby up-to-date dress shoes, nice cap (and our line is immense), mufflers, the Way muffler is the right thing. Fur Gloves, silk lined; wool lined Gloves and Mittens. In Neckwear we show you more nice things for presents than ever. Silk Handkerchiefs, plain or initial; linen in every style. For the boys, buy them a Suit, Overcoat, Cap, Leggins, Muffler, Mittens or Tie. Nothing the matter with a pair of shoes for the boys.

## GALUSHA, WESCOTT & STOREY.

## YOUR HEALTH

Will be preserved if you buy your

## Groceries and Meats

of us. Everything neat and clean. A new lot of Heavy Castor Machine Oils at 35c per gallon. Nothing better. Try some of it.

## RIFE & ROBINSON, Up-to-Date Grocers and Butchers.

## Do you realize

That Christmas is only two weeks away.

Have you decided what you will give; if not, come in and let us help you. We have just received a full line of Christmas goods such as Mufflers from 15c to \$1.50. Handkerchiefs, 1c up. Gloves from 15c up. Chatelaine Bags 10c to \$2.00. Merry-go-rounds \$1.00 to 2.50.

Shoulder Shawls. Hoods. Also a beautiful line of Chinaware such as cups and saucers, pin trays, mugs and other things too numerous to mention. Call and let us show you these before you buy.

## F. Newhouse.

## JOHN BARKLEY.

HOUSE MOVING AND RAISING A SPECIALTY.

All work guaranteed satisfactory. Your work solicited.

## JOHN G. POTTER.

ATTORNEY - AT - LAW.

Over Mizer's Grocery Store.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for.

## ALBRIGHT BRO'S.

Undertakers and Funeral Directors.

CALLS ANSWERED NIGHT OR DAY.

Phone Number, Residence 111, Office, No. 84.