

## DISTANCE TARIFF DEMANDED

P. A. Caldwell Asks Railroad Commissioners to Put it in Force.

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—P. A. Caldwell of Edgar, who was defeated at the Republican primaries for the nomination of railroad commissioner by Commissioner H. T. Clarke, Jr., has filed a request with the board that it establish a distance tariff in Nebraska. He states in his complaint that the people of Nebraska are not securing the expected relief from the Aldrich bill and the railroad commission and he thinks the distance tariff, placing each city on an equality as to distance, the solution of the rate problem. The complaint is signed by about one hundred men from Clay county.

Mr. Caldwell says the roads are retrenching and this may be but an excuse on their part to prove that carrying charges are too low. Mr. Caldwell wants the whole question looked into with care.

The commission will grant the request for a hearing.

The Nebraska compulsory education law was sustained in the county court here. Indirectly the constitutionality of the new child labor law was upheld. Frank Kaufman was arrested, charged with keeping his fifteen-year-old daughter from school and requiring her to work. He was convicted and fined a nominal sum and costs by Judge Spafford. State Labor Commissioner Ryder, who attended the trial in the interest of the child labor law, said he was pleased with the outcome and was satisfied the law would stand the test in any court.

HORSE CARCASS SHELTERS MAN  
Nebraska Farmer Crawls Into Skin of Dead Animal During Blizzard.

Omaha, Feb. 11.—Inside the carcass of a dead horse, protected by sun-dried hide, which stretched tight across the bare bones, Clifton Prouty, a Nance county farmer, found shelter from a blizzard which swept Nebraska a few days ago.

Losing his way in a blinding snow-storm he fell and sprained his ankle, which rendered him helpless. In his predicament he stumbled across the carcass of the horse and the thought struck him that this would give him the shelter he needed. In this strange haven he spent the entire night and a greater part of the following day.

Prouty had been to Wolbach, eight miles from his home, and when his horse fell sick he left the animal at a livery stable and decided to walk home. He had a bottle of brandy with him, with which he sustained life until he was discovered by one of his own dogs after the storm had abated. The dog's barking brought Prouty's son to the rescue. Prouty's legs, which he was unable to pull under the cover of the horse's hide, were badly frozen and may have to be amputated.

## TEST OF PASS LAW LIKELY

Nebraska Railway Commission Refers Question to Attorney General.

Lincoln, Feb. 11.—The state railway commission referred to the attorney general the question of violation of the anti-pass law charged against the Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific railroads. Reports filed by the roads with the commission for the month of January include the list of passes issued and it is alleged they are in direct violation with the law. The list of passholders reported include in the main surgeons and attorneys of the roads, but it is claimed these men do not devote the major portion of their time to the service of the roads, as required by law, but are, in fact, only occasionally employed and in some instances the annual pass is the only remuneration they receive for their services. It is possible the present alleged violation will be made the basis of a test suit on the constitutionality of the anti-pass law. Such a suggestion was recently made to the state commission by Attorney Edson Rich of the Union Pacific.

## ROOMING HOUSE FIRE FATAL

Two Persons Burned to Death and Five Injured.

South Sioux City, Neb., Feb. 8.—In a fire of unknown origin early this morning the rooming house of Edward Streator was burned to the ground. Two lives were lost and five persons were injured.

The dead: Edward Streator and Moritz Albertson.

The injured: Dolly Hart, unknown Indian, William Tukeycost, Edward Skinner and August Paseyladt.

The injured were compelled to jump from the second story windows.

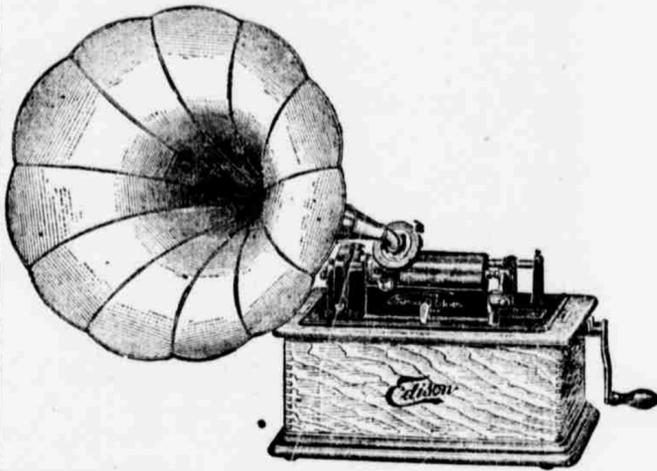
## Omahas Want a Constitution.

Walthill, Neb., Feb. 10.—The Omaha tribe has held several meetings recently for the purpose of organizing a more permanent council. Hiram Chase, who is a prominent member of the tribe and also an attorney at Pender, has prepared a constitution and bylaws for the tribe which he is endeavoring to have adopted. He expects if his new regulations go into effect conditions on the reservation will be much improved.

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## NEW YORK TO PARIS

AUTOISTS READY FOR 20,000-MILE ENDURANCE CONTEST.

Six Teams Will Make the Start From Times Square Wednesday When the Word to Go is Given by Mayor McClellan.

New York, Feb. 10.—The start of the New York-to-Paris automobile race Wednesday has been arranged. Six teams are to be sent away in this extraordinary motor contest. Four nations will be represented among the contestants and this fact, in addition to the territory to be traversed, will give a world-wide interest to the race.

Three French crews, one German, one Italian and one American will make the start when the word to go is given by Mayor McClellan of New York city. The place of the start is at Times square, in the heart of the city, and the first stage of the long journey leads up Broadway and Riverside drive to the city limits. Two hundred or more automobiles are expected to accompany the racing cars as far as Yonkers.

Three of the drivers contested in the famous Peking-to-Paris race, the success of which caused the present unusual contest to be projected. A part of the journey is to be made over the same route traversed by the winning car in the Peking-to-Paris race, from Irkutsk to Paris.

All of the men are confident of their ability to take their machines safely through the difficult tasks before them. The winter journey across the western plains and plateaus of the United States, including the crossing of the Rocky mountains in Wyoming at an altitude of more than eight thousand feet, is regarded by the racing enthusiasts as the easiest part of their work and they expect to be in San Francisco inside of thirty days. As to the remainder of the journey, including as it does the first experience with an automobile in the polar regions, the estimates of the time required to get through to Paris vary from six to nine months.

Each car will be equipped with every contrivance the drivers believe the exigencies of the journey will require. Spiked tires for travel over the frozen rivers of Alaska and Siberia

are a part of the equipment, and various devices for retaining heat in the engines and radiators have been made. The route leads through many miles of heretofore untraveled wastes, but so far as it has been possible the committee in charge of the contest has made arrangements for supply stations. The drivers, it is believed, will elect to keep together through the more difficult stages of the trip, leaving the speed feature to the last.

Reading San Francisco by way of southern California, the automobilists will take a steamer to Seattle and then transfer to another steamer to Valdez, Alaska. A journey of 1,100 miles by snow packed roads and frozen rivers will bring the racers to Nome.

The arrangements for crossing Bering straits are not yet perfected. Unless there is solid ice, a steamer will be taken to East cape, Siberia, a matter of some sixty miles. Then the autoists will skirt the frozen shore of the Arctic sea to the mouth of the Lena river. Up this frozen stream they will make their way to Irkutsk, from which point the roads to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Berlin and Paris are well defined.

## DRIFT 752 MILES IN CANYON

Two Miners Tell of Experience in Rapids of Colorado River.

The Needles, Cal., Feb. 10.—Charles S. Russell, and E. R. Monett, who came all the way through Grand Canyon of the Colorado in a sixteen-foot rowboat, reached here. Not since 1889, when Robert B. Stanton landed here after a successful fight of 752 miles in the river, has any one made the perilous voyage.

In telling of the trip, Russell said: "The river below Bright Angel for 150 miles was so rough that I never expected to get through alive. If Niagara is worse than Diamond Creek rapids it must be more than rocks and water. After the damage to the boat in Hermit Creek rapids, we did not dare try to lower a boat through this fall. Monett managed to climb down the side of the long rapids, but I shot them. The boat capsized half way through, and I was unable to crawl out from underneath until we had shot down into the big eddy at the bottom. Monett helped me get the boat ashore and we found it was all right."

Russell refused to tell what success

he had found in the way of minerals in the second granite gorge—where it is generally supposed the richest ore in all the length of the canyon exists. Starting at Green River, Utah, the men have covered 752 miles in 141 days.

## Raisuli Releases MacLean.

Tangier, Feb. 8.—Cald Sir Henry MacLean, who has been held in bondage for the past seven months by the bandit Raisuli, has been officially turned over to the British charge d'affaires. MacLean is in good health, but he seems to be weaker and older than before his capture. He says he will rejoin Abdel Aziz at Rabat.

## Two Killed by City Marshal.

Marion, Ill., Feb. 10.—City Marshal William Abney shot and killed Ambrose Grogan and Frank Blake on the street here at midnight in a fight following the marshal's attempts to send the men home. The coroner's jury justified the officer's act. Later a warrant was issued and Abney was held on \$5,000 bond.

## BURNS WINS IN FOURTH ROUND

American Champion Quickly Knocks Out Jack Palmer at London.

London, Feb. 11.—Tommy Burns, the American heavyweight pugilist, knocked out Jack Palmer of Newcastle, the English champion, in the fourth round of what was scheduled to be a twenty round contest for the heavyweight championship. Some 2,000 persons saw the fight, which took place at Wonderland, a big music hall, but it was a one-sided affair from the sound of the first gong until the middle of the fourth round, when Palmer, on his knees, was finally counted out.

The referee might have given a decision in the first minute of the contest as Palmer was a beaten man from the moment he entered the ring. Burns climbed under the ropes smilingly and showing his customary confidence, while Palmer displayed great nervousness. Without any preliminary sparring Burns went after him and the first round had hardly begun before the Englishman was on his knees. He took the count twice and during the rest of the round was busily engaged in covering himself. This was repeated in each of the other rounds, Palmer being hopelessly outclassed and apparently without ability either to deliver a telling blow or to defend

himself. In the final round he was sent to the floor several times, and at last was barely able to drag himself to his knees, where he remained with his elbows to the floor until after the count of ten had been tolled off.

Jem Roche, who has been backed by a syndicate headed by Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, to fight Burns in Dublin on St. Patrick's day, was a spectator at the ringside. His only comment was: "Palmer fights like an old woman, while Burns is a master of the art and, besides, was in splendid condition."

## C. W. MORSE INDLICTED.

New York Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Banker.

New York, Feb. 11.—The grand jury for New York county, which has been investigating certain business transactions involving some of the banks with which Charles W. Morse, the organizer of the American Ice company and of the Consolidated Steamship company, until recently was identified with, returned five indictments. The indictments were not made public, but in asking that a \$20,000 bail bond be required, District Attorney Jerome stated to the court that two charges of grand larceny were laid against "a man now on his way over here" from Europe. Following the court proceedings, it was stated authoritatively that the man referred to by Mr. Jerome was Charles W. Morse, who sailed for Liverpool a week ago Saturday on the Campania, but is now returning upon the advice of his counsel. Mr. Morse is a passenger on the Cunarder Etruria, due here late next Saturday. The grand jury, it is learned, has ordered other indictments, in connection with its investigation into banking affairs.

## House Passes War Claims Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The session of the house was devoted almost entirely to the consideration of the omnibus war claims bill, which was passed after considerable discussion. It carries a total appropriation of \$315,000. A ripple of excitement was caused by Macon (Ark.), who in the course of the debate defended the senate against what he said were aspersions cast upon that body by Payne (N. Y.), when he predicted that the senate would lead the bill down with a number of unmeritorious claims.