

Omahan Pleads for Railroads

Walter Head in Appeal to
Business Men to Ask Roads
to Bring Back Efficiency.

New York, May 10.—An appeal to American business men to petition railroad owners and employes to put the nation's transportation system back on its feet was uttered before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today by W. N. Doak,

vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Railroad labor does not favor federal ownership, control or operation of the lines, Mr. Doak asserted. It is interested in seeing them successfully operated by private owners, and operated on a sound field basis. Walter W. Head of Omaha, Nebraska first vice president of the American Bankers' association, assured the chamber that the financial credit of the American railroads would be re-established by continued increasing efficiency of management and continued stability of regulation by the government and public opinion. Investors had every reason to feel encouraged by the upward tendency of earnings. Mr. Head opposed both government

ownership and withdrawal of the government from regulation of rates or wages. He advocated reasonable consolidation of rail systems, gradual reconstruction of freight schedules and the adjudication of labor controversies by the Interstate Commerce commission. "In order that one body may have jurisdiction over railroad income and the principal item of expense."

Audubon Society to Hold Field Day on Saturday

Members of the Nebraska Audubon society will hold their annual field day Saturday, May 12. First group will leave Twenty-fourth and N streets at 7:45. Dr. Solon F. Towne will be in charge. Second group will leave the Burlington station at 8 a. m. under Miss Jessie Stipp. Third group will leave Twenty-second and F streets at 9 a. m. John Fitz Roberts will be in charge.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway—East: Detour between Loveland and Missouri Valley on account of road work, roads good Cedar Rapids, fair to DeWitt.
Lincoln Highway—West: Detour west of Valley, one mile west and then north, roads fair to good to Cheyenne, detour between Brady and North Platte.
O. L. D.—Roads good clear through to Denver, somewhat rough between Oxford and Mead.
Meridian Highway—Roads good.
Cornhusker Highway—Roads good.
S. Y. A.—Roads good.
Black Hills Trail—Roads fair to good to Norfolk.
Custer Battlefield Highway—Roads fair to good to Gillette.
Highland Cutoff—Roads good.
Washington Highway—Roads good to Oshkosh, fair to Sioux City.
Omaha-Tama Highway—Roads good to Topeka.
Omaha-Topeka Highway—Roads good to state line.
King of Trails—North: Roads good to Onawa, fair to Sioux City.
King of Trails—South: Roads good to Kansas City.
River-to-River Road—Roads good.
White-Way "7" Highway—Roads fair to good to Davenport, detour at Anita, Casey, Redfield and Malcom, all well marked and in fair shape.
L. O. A. Shortline—Roads good.

Burglar Flees, Leaving Money

More Than \$500 Left on Floor
Near Sherman-McConnell
Safe.

A burglar, who early yesterday opened the safe of the Sherman-McConnell drug store at 1324 Farnam street, was frightened away, leaving more than \$500 scattered about on the floor. First evidence of the attempted robbery was discovered at 3:30 by Patrolman Jelson, who found the front door of the store unlocked. He entered and found \$28.45 in cash on the floor in front of the open safe. Combination of the strong box had been worked, he reported. The front door had been "jimmied."

Hasty check by the proprietors showed nothing missing. Detectives Franks and Aughe of the safe squad were assigned to the case. "The job is a clean one," declared Detective Fritz Franks. "I imagine the burglar was very near capture when the officer opened the door this morning." "Everything points to a hasty departure; money left lying on the floor in front of the safe—nothing else noted." Escape, it is believed, was effected through a window from the balcony office of the store. Investigators found a window on the Nineteenth street side open. Entrance was gained by knocking the safety lock out of the front door. There is not another mark indicating entrance on the premises. The cylindrical lock was driven clean from the jam of the door. With the president of Chile an ardent prohibitionist, the republic is on the verge of becoming dry.

Postmaster Held in \$22,000 Theft

Los Angeles, May 10.—John R. Gaunt, postmaster at Reserve, N. M., was arrested by postoffice inspectors here today charged with embezzlement. According to inspection, \$22,000 of postal funds were used to save from failure a reserve bank in which Gaunt is interested.

Fast Train Is Halted to Take Boy to Hospital

Dewitt, Neb., May 10.—The 6-year-old son of Prof. Bollentach of DeWitt High school was rushed to Omaha for treatment yesterday, a fast train being stopped here by the Rock Island. The ailment came on the child suddenly, and is said to show symptoms of spinal meningitis.

Mount Killed Self, Says Northwestern U. Prexy

Chicago, May 10.—Leighton Mount killed himself as a result of differences with his mother over his love for Doris Fuchs, in the opinion of

Walter Dill Scott, president of Northwestern university, expressed today before the grand jury investigating Mount's death. He denied he had ordered the students' search for the freshman in 1921 after the class fight to cease.

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