

### Rail Commission Cannot Testify at Rate Hearing

#### But Will Furnish Data to Assist in Lower Livestock Schedule to Omaha.

Lincoln, Sept. 26.—Harry Shackelford, representative of the Livestock exchange of South Omaha, was unable to secure the active assistance of the state railway commission today in a readjustment of freight rates to the Omaha markets.

Although the department will turn over all available data to Shackelford to use at the hearing to be held in Washington October 20, members of the commission are unable to personally assist because the commission is working with the interstate commerce commission on the case. Rules of joint procedure forbid members of either commission appearing to present testimony.

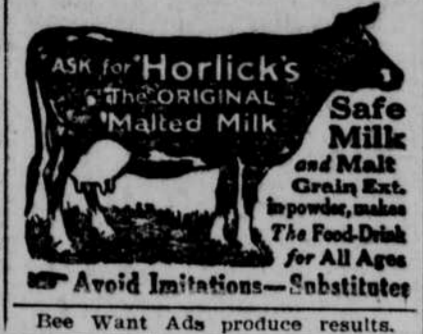
Shackelford may secure an assistant of Attorney General Spillman if consent can be gained, but Hugh Lamaster, special counsel for the railway commission on Spillman's staff,

is barred as well as members of the commission.

The commission is unanimous in its belief that rates from Sioux City into Nebraska territory should be lowered, but are divided on the question of rates from other points. Commissioners Taylor and Randall are in favor of scaling down the higher rates which was put in force several years ago to equalize rates from points in Nebraska to Kansas City and St. Joseph. Commissioner Brown will recommend the introduction of the north Missouri scale.

#### Columbus M. E. Minister Transferred to Lincoln

Columbus, Neb., Sept. 26.—Rev. W. A. Albright, pastor of the First Methodist church here for the last five years, goes to the pastorate of Epworth church in Lincoln and Rev. E. L. Geisinger, who has had charge of Willard hall in Omaha, comes to the pulpit of the local church under



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the assignment of the Methodist conference in Lincoln.

Rev. Albright has the distinction of having held the pastorate here longer than any other minister. During his term here the parsonage has been freed from a \$2,000 debt and other improvements amounting to \$2,700 have been made on the church property.

#### Franklin, Neb., Will Have Auto Races October 5 and 6

Franklin, Neb., Sept. 26.—Franklin is making big preparations for the auto races to be held here October 5 and 6. From all indications, cars from several states will be entered, some entries being already on the ground.

#### Heavy Federal Docket Is Scheduled at Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., Sept. 26.—Federal court opened here today with Judge Woodrough presiding. A heavy docket of criminal and civil cases is expected to keep the court here about two weeks. The jury has been called for tomorrow.

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