

A COACHMAN'S STORY

The Experience Which Came to the Man on the Box

The coachman can tell many an interesting story. All sorts of experiences come to him and the long hours on the box are not so monotonous as one might suppose. When he chooses, Austin Roe, a coachman, living at No. 20 West Liberty street, Wilkesbarre, Pa., can entertain a listener for hours, telling in his original way of the things that have happened to him.

"It is a hard life," he says, "and it is no wonder when one of us breaks down. For myself, the exposure and lack of sleep ran me down in health last winter till I became a shadow. Oftentimes I had to take to my bed with a fever running my temperature way up. I had a cold a good part of the time, my head was always dizzy, my stomach was out of order and my limbs stiff. I grew thin, was tired out all the time and felt generally miserable."

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PAUPER RAILROADS

Making the Customary Poor Mouth Before State Board of Equalization

The annual farce has begun of pretending to assess the railroads of Nebraska. Under date of May 5 the World-Herald's Lincoln correspondent says:

The state board of equalization began its session this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Nearly a score of representatives of Nebraska railroad interests were present and the time was given over to allow them to present their claims for consideration, as the first business of the board will be to canvass the returns made by the railroads as to the value of their property and fix their assessment accordingly.

Without exception those representatives who spoke asked a reduction in their assessment of one-half and over. The extreme poverty of the roads coupled with the prosperity of Nebraska farms and property was deftly argued.

Frank Crandon, representing the Elkhorn, made the first argument in behalf of the board. He stated that the values of the railroads as fixed by the last assessment are represented to be one-seventh of the value of all the property of the state. Then he proceeded to show by a map that all the railroad property of the state could be included within the area of five townships and insisted that it was impossible for one-seventh of the property of the state to be included within that area, in fact, that not more than one-twentieth could be so incorporated.

Mr. Crandon stated that with the exception of the depots at Omaha and a few other structures, the railroad buildings of the state were little better and in some cases no better than buildings erected for the accommodation of cattle. He stated that any one who took the value of the stocks and bonds of a road as the criterion of the taxable worth of that road did not know his business, as the stocks and bonds simply represented the right of the holder to receive a per cent of the dividends declared.

The Elkhorn, he said, is simply

keeping even with its earnings, they being sometimes even less than the operating expenses. He did not deny that the state had a right to tax the franchise value of a road, but insisted that the right understanding should be had of what a franchise is, merely, that it is the opportunity which the charter to do business gives a corporation to make profits.

The road which he represented, he said, could be reproduced for \$10,000 a mile. It was assessed last year at \$3,600 a mile. Taking the average assessment of other property on the actual value he figured that the road was assessed on a value of \$25,000 per mile. The \$6,600 difference, he said, represented the franchise value, which was altogether too much. Would the board please cut down that assessment materially.

Manager Bidwell and Mr. Whitney of the Elkhorn spoke briefly corroborating the statements of Mr. Crandon. S. L. Higleyman appeared for the Missouri Pacific and asked that the assessment of last year of \$10,000 on the belt line at Omaha be reduced to the former figures of \$6,200 as this was satisfactory to the county commissioners of Douglas county and the road was worth very little and did no business to speak of any way.

R. D. Pollard appeared for the Burlington and quoted at length from the statements prepared some time ago by the railroad and published in the daily papers. He argued from these that the railroads were being grossly abused, and mistreated, while the people shirked the great burden of taxes which they should bear. He asked that the assessment of that road be reduced from the \$4,500 of last year to \$3,000 per mile.

A. W. Scribner presented the claims of the Union Pacific and insisted that that was a much abused and misrepresented road. He showed how the figures which had been returned as the value of that road, including real estate and rolling property, was fixed at the highest possible value. By these figures he showed that the actual value of the tangible property of the main line of the road amounted to \$32,354 a mile, while the road was assessed at \$9,800 a mile, one-third of the value, while the people only paid from one-seventh to one-eleventh of their property. He showed that the branches were assessed at the same rate and asked that these amounts be very materially decreased.

On the real estate of the road, he said that the returns had been made from examination of tax commissioners' reports in the several counties and fixed the value of the railroad real estate from the value of the adjoining property, raising it a bit. He showed a map which indicated what property was taxed locally and questioned if Omaha had a right to tax locally the shops located in that municipality.

Other railroad representatives who were present were Cooper of the Rock Island, B. G. Hoyt of the Elkhorn, F. C. Uhlman of the St. Joseph & Grand Island, Charles Hayden of the Great Northern, T. H. Benton of the Pullman company and Horton of the Western Union Telegraph company.

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