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WILLIAMS WASN'T FAIRLY DEFEATED

HE DECLARES HIS OPPONENT GOT ILLEGAL VOTES.

THE RAILROADS OPPOSED HIM

The Railway Commissioner Says He Stood For The Enforcement Of The Laws And The Railroads Made An Extraordinary Effort To Defeat Him.

The editor of the Republican is in receipt of a letter from Railway Commissioner Williams in which he claims that some votes

that were cast for him at the last election were not counted for him and he claims further that his opponent got the benefit of some illegal ballots. The railroads fought Williams because he stood for the enforcement of the laws and for the just and fair regulations if the public service corporations and as a result of this stand the railroads used all of their influence to defeat him. Mr. Williams letter follows:

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 19, 1908.
Dear Sir—I desire to sincerely thank you and your friends though you for friendly support in the recent campaign. I do not admit that I was defeated. After adding votes that we know were cast but not counted

for me, and deducting votes counted for my opponent, but which we know were illegal, it leaves the majority on the returns



HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS,
United States Senator from Arkansas.

only 210 with a total vote of 258,452. On the eve of election the managers, officers and other employees of the railroads systematically circulated, by means of special cars and in other ways, all over the state misrepresentations and falsehoods concerning me, together with requests, and even commands, to support my opponent and claim everything from election boards. Thus, resorting to the lowest methods of craftiest politicians, they gave me no chance to expose their contemptible work. By unmanly compromise and by permitting these railroad companies and others to defy the law, I could have been triumphantly elected. But think of the cost! I simply stood for the enforce-

ment of laws and for the just and fair regulation of public service corporations by the state.

They, by their light on me, have served notice on all aspirants and office holders that they by any kind of method, will oppose any one who does his duty and is without fear of them. It becomes the duty of all self-respecting citizens to keep tab on all public men who are specially acceptable to these corporations.

The men who cried, "Shall the people rule?" received an emphatic "No!" from their co workers the special interests. Those who posed as "common men for a common cause" come in under the yoke of their masters to do their bidding. Teach men to cut out subserviency to dishonest power in all relations of life and to stand for what is right and honest even if they must stand alone.

Again I thank you and the more than 128,960 splendid men who stood with us.

Yours very truly,
J. A. WILLIAMS,
Railway Commissioner

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Little Son Of H. B. Daugherty Of Somerford Victim Of Explosion.

J. R. Wadsworth received a telephone message Monday afternoon conveying the sad intelligence that the youngest child of his sister Mrs. H. D. Daugherty, who resides near Somerford, this county, was fatally burned last Sunday afternoon at about three o'clock and died Monday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mrs. Daugherty had just started a fire in the heating stove and as is often the case gas formed and when it caught fire an explosion occurred. The little fellow being near the stove at the time, its clothing ignited with the above fatal results.

Mrs. Daugherty, who was in

the adjoining room at the telephone, was appraised of the accident by the fellow's sister and running to him she gathered him to her and wrapped her own clothing about him and extinguished the fire, but quick as she was, the fire had done its fatal work.

Mrs. Daugherty sustained severe burns about the hands and arms while rescuing her child. Little Charley was two years and eight days old, a bright, playful little fellow, and his untimely death was mourned by all who knew him. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 o'clock, at Somerford school house, Rev. Walter Bence presiding and the remains tenderly laid to rest in the Sand Creek cemetery. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.—Comstock News.

Real Estate Transfers.

Wm. R. Lohr to Wm. Lintz south 105 ft. of lots 17-18 in block 9, Merna..... 1400
Wm. Lintz to Wm. R. Lohr lot 8, in block 6, original town of Merna..... 2000
Wm. E. Robinson to Jens

M. Christensen, lots 24-25 in block 1, in R. A. Hunter's sub-division Broken Bow..... 200
Wm. R. Lohr to Wm. Lintz 3-1/4 acres in 32-18-21... 1000
N. B. Troyer to B. F. Young, lots 5 6-7-8 9-10-11-12, block 51 in Callaway..... 1600
Jefferson Daggett single to B. F. Empfield, 80 acres in 28-16-22..... 400
Elmira Tobey and husband to Alfred J. Watkin, lots 4-5-6-10-11-12, block 1, Toby's Add. to Oconto. 250
Berton C. Empfield to Wm. H. Baird, block 1, in north Anselmo..... 200
Asmus Jensen to B. C. Empfield, block 1, in north Anselmo..... 160
C. C. Tabor to C. H. F. Sternner, parcel in block 7, original town of Anselmo..... 1100
Elis Oman to D. W. Ferguson, 480 acres in sec. 24-19-30, tp 15, rg 24-25 8160
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