

SET ASIDE SALE OF LANDS.

Collusion Reported Among Bidders for Omaha Indian Realty.
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—S. G. Ruby, an inspector of the Department of the Interior, who was sent to O'Neill, Neb., for the purpose of investigating charges made in relation to the sale of certain isolated tracts of land in the Omaha Indian reservation that were sold at the O'Neill land office on May 4 has submitted his report to the secretary of the interior. Mr. Ruby finds that a combination was formed between prospective bidders and that a fund was raised to pay certain other prospective bidders to refrain from bidding upon the lands. Mr. Ruby endorses the recommendation of the register and receiver of the O'Neill land office that the sale be set aside, in view of the collusion, which on the face of the returns is apparent. Acting Secretary Ryan of the interior department, after a review of the inspector's report, immediately ordered that a public hearing be granted those persons who were unable to bid at the sale and directed that the register and receiver should hold an open court for the purpose of inquiring into the matter and that said register and receiver should be empowered to set a time and place for such public hearing and that persons interested in the sale should have the right to be represented by attorney.

REQUISITION NOT HONORED.

Men Who Violated State Game Law Cannot Be Brought Back.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11.—Chief Game Warden Simpkins returned from Jefferson City, Mo., minus the two Kansas City men who were wanted at Red Cloud for hunting in Nebraska without a license. Governor Dockery refused to honor a requisition, saying that the offense was merely a misdemeanor and he did not want to have his men hauled about over the country for such a crime.

C. T. Hazleton and R. W. Stoner are the men wanted. Their three dogs and ammunition were confiscated at Red Cloud and sold. The fine for a non-resident hunting in Nebraska is \$100 or sixty days in jail. The men had killed over sixty prairie chickens out of season and it is believed a total of \$500 could have been piled up against them. Another effort will be made to bring them back. Mr. Simpkins offers a reward of \$50 to any one who will arrest the two men on Nebraska territory.

Nebraska Prohibitionists Nominate.

LINCOLN, Aug. 11.—The prohibitionists of Nebraska have placed in nomination the following ticket: For governor, S. T. Davies, Otoe county; lieutenant governor, Isalah Lightner, Platte county; secretary of state, D. W. Norton, Adams county; treasurer, W. H. Maddock, Richardson county; auditor, John Dale, Douglas county; attorney general, W. Bert Clark, Saunders county; land commissioner, J. M. Dilworth, Johnson county; superintendent of public instruction, A. E. Howard, University Place.

Old Folks' Romance.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Mary G. Ferguson of this city, aged 70, was married to Lyman Whitcomb of Iowa, aged 72. A touch of romance is lent to the marriage by the report that it was brought about by correspondence through a matrimonial agency. The present is the bride's third matrimonial venture. The newly married pair will make their home in this city.

New Factory for Kearney.

KEARNEY, Neb., Aug. 11.—It is proposed to turn the old cotton mill here into a strawboard factory. E. B. Shaw of Richmond, Va., has broached the plan to several of Kearney's business men and they are in favor of the idea. Over \$150,000 would be involved in the deal and a number of men would be employed the year round.

Burned to Death.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Aug. 11.—Nine hours after he was injured John Schroder, a laundry proprietor, died from terrible burns on the face, head and body. Schroder exploded a gasoline tank while pumping air into it.

Judge Ely is Dead.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 11.—Judge W. H. Ely, aged 81, and for forty-five years a resident of Nebraska, is dead. The deceased had been in good health until the death of his wife a year ago. Since then he had failed rapidly.

Will Rebuild Elevator.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Aug. 11.—The farmers have decided to rebuild their elevator, which was recently burned here, and for that purpose have raised over \$2,000. The insurance was \$3,500. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for the apprehension of the party starting the fire, and diligent investigation will be made. A number of hogs were stolen from the stock yards of the farmers' association the night before the fire.

THE SOUTH OMAHA MARKET.

First Seven Months of the Year Shows a Steady Growth.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 9.—As a cattle and hog market, the last report of receipts at South Omaha shows that it has gone upward for the first seven months of 1902; while as a sheep, and horse and mule market, it has receded. As a strange contrast, for the month of July, there was but a slight increase in cattle, and a decrease in hogs as compared with July a year ago, while good increases were shown in the receipts of sheep, and horses and mules.

Receipts of July, 1902, against July, 1901, were: 2,182 cars, containing 55,525 cattle, against 2,181 cars, containing 53,502 cattle; 2,488 cars, containing 173,214 hogs, against 3,292 cars, containing 235,081 hogs; 459 cars, containing 115,553 sheep, against 360 cars, containing 92,365 sheep; 268 cars, containing 7,895 horses and mules, against 247 cars, containing 7,232 horses and mules. The total receipts by cars were 5,397, against 6,081—a decrease of 684 cars.

Receipts for the seven months ending July 31, against the corresponding seven months of 1901 were: 16,916 cars, containing 420,318 cattle, against 16,265 cars, containing 395,135 cattle, an increase of 660 cars and 25,183 cattle; 20,430 cars, containing 1,504,637 hogs, against 20,460 cars, containing 1,454,680 hogs, a decrease of 30 cars, but an increase of 49,957 hogs; 2,305 cars, containing 535,412 sheep, against 2,564 cars, containing 603,510 sheep, a decrease of 259 cars and 68,098 sheep; 869 cars, containing 20,829 horses and mules, against 1,000 cars, containing 26,047 horses and mules, a decrease of 131 cars and 5,218 horses and mules. The total receipts by cars were 40,520, against 40,280, an increase of 240 cars.

PLANNING FOR IRRIGATION.

Guernsey May Be Starting Point of Nebraska Canal.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 9.—Elwood Mead, expert irrigationist and chief investigator for the department of agriculture, spent a day in Lincoln with State Engineer Adna Dobson and members of the state board of irrigation. Senator Dietrich arrived to confer with Mr. Mead. It is now believed that the governor will accept the recommendation of those who recommend the construction of a reservoir on the state line in Speck Hill canyon and a canal running from Guernsey, Wyo., to a point near North Platte.

As contemplated, the canal will probably be extended to North Platte, but the intention now is to build the canal only from Guernsey to the Nebraska state line at a point on the Platte. As projected the canal will furnish an abundant water supply for the whole of Scotts Bluff county and the greater portion of Cheyenne county. Two reservoirs will be constructed near the state line if the project goes through. This portion of the canal will be about fifty miles in length.

Arrested on Eve of Wedding Day.
 GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 9.—John and Nicholas Adams of Dawson county were arraigned before United States Commissioner Bode on the charge of selling beer in violation of the United States revenue laws. Nicholas was released, but John was bound over to the United States district court at Omaha and the bond fixed at \$500, which the defendant was fortunately able to furnish—the more fortunately for the reason that it was the eve of his wedding day and he had to hurry back to Dawson county in order not to postpone the nuptial event.

After Illegal Hunters.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Aug. 9.—Three thoroughbred bird dogs and a quantity of shotgun shells were sold here by Sheriff McArthur, it being property abandoned by C. T. Hazleton and R. W. Stoner of Kansas City and captured by Game Warden W. A. Scott. Warrants were issued for the owners of the property, but they made their escape.

Polk County Fair.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Aug. 9.—C. D. Stoner, secretary of the Polk County Agricultural society, with his corps of assistants, is busy in an effort to make the coming fair the best that the county has ever had.

Seriously Injured by a Fall.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Aug. 9.—H. Peck, the contractor on George E. Brown's new brick building, fell from a scaffolding a distance of about eight feet, alighting on his head and shoulders. His injuries will likely prove fatal.

Oregonian Robbed in Depot.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 9.—J. A. Morton, a stockman of Ontario, Ore., was robbed in this city while about to transact some business at the depot. He stepped from the train and when in the crowd felt a hand on his trousers pocket. He grabbed the hand and tried to hold the man, but the stranger got away in the dense packed throng. Morton's loss in \$1,200 in paper and checks and \$115 in currency.

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Statement of Taxes Paid by the Various Railroads Owned by the C. B. & Q. System in Nebraska for the Year 1901.

RAILROAD.	TAXES PAID.	MILES.	TAXES PAID PER MILE.
B. & M. in Nebraska	\$ 90,363.70	191.61	\$471.44
Atchison & Nebraska in Nebraska	20,952.71	168.04	193.93
Chicago, Nebraska & Kansas in Nebraska	733.32	5.28	138.88
Grand Island & Wyoming Central in Nebraska	42,723.47	352.44	121.23
Lincoln & Black Hills in Nebraska	25,243.23	176.61	142.93
Lincoln & Northwestern in Nebraska	11,961.62	73.49	162.76
Nebraska & Colorado in Nebraska	61,085.63	430.71	141.82
Nebraska Railway in Nebraska	29,240.61	136.74	213.84
Omaha & North Platte in Nebraska	20,335.98	80.59	252.34
Omaha & Southwestern in Nebraska	17,538.54	50.88	344.70
Oxford & Kansas in Nebraska	8,731.76	59.61	146.49
Republican Valley in Nebraska	108,885.36	552.18	197.19
Republican Valley, Kansas & S. W. in Nebraska	1,304.74	8.50	154.68
Republican Valley & Wyoming in Nebraska	5,921.49	49.17	120.43
*Nebraska, Wyoming & Western in Nebraska	6,597.62	140.78	46.86
Total	\$451,619.78	2,416.63	\$186.89

*The Nebraska, Wyoming & Western in Nebraska was under construction in 1901. If the mileage and payment made for taxes on the Nebraska, Wyoming & Western railroad should be eliminated from this statement, the average taxes per mile paid by this system would be \$195.60.

In the operation of these railroads, there is a remarkable variation in the volume of business transacted. Some of them pay well, others show a material loss.

We give below a statement, showing the gross and net receipts and net revenue ultimately derived from the railroads in Nebraska which are owned or operated by the C. B. & Q. Railway Co.:

RAILROAD.	GROSS EARNINGS.	OPERATING EXPENSES.	NET EARNINGS.	NET LOSS.
B. & M.	\$ 3,985,355.93	\$1,487,049.56	\$2,498,306.37	
A. & N.	794,473.69	442,612.18	351,861.51	
C. N. & K.	14,639.81	8,491.36	6,148.45	
N. & C.	1,398,038.41	837,460.46	560,577.95	
Neb. Ry.	751,848.68	496,744.61	255,104.07	
O. & S. W.	393,330.23	294,013.37	99,316.86	
Oxford & Kan.	121,362.50	59,948.17	70,414.33	
Rep. Valley	3,330,452.79	1,818,212.63	1,512,240.16	
N. W. & N.	14,080.00	9,552.78	5,437.22	
Rep. V. K. & S. W.	16,845.98	10,614.20	6,231.78	
O. & N. P.	380,540.90	385,295.50		4,754.60
G. I. & W. C.	1,068,872.48	1,357,556.31		288,683.83
L. & B. H.	136,025.31	247,310.88		111,285.57
L. & N. W.	121,254.16	149,660.23		28,406.07
R. V. & Wyo.	39,458.64	32,904.12	6,554.62	
Total	\$12,567,488.51	\$7,628,426.26	\$5,372,192.32	\$433,139.97

Net Revenue \$4,939,062.25

The figures shown in the statement of net earnings do not include the item of taxes amounting to \$451,619.78, and our purpose in making this statement in this way is to have it agree with the form of statement given to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It will be seen that these railroads pay on an average of \$2,040.00 per mile net revenue, while the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system of railroads in that year paid \$2,348.27 per net mile in that, when compared with the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota, it will be seen that Nebraska has received her full proportion when taken in comparison with these other states, through which the Burlington system runs, while the business furnished the railroad from the State of Nebraska was \$308.27 per mile less than the average furnished that system.

If we only wish for things ardently we'll find a hundred excuses for getting them.

Harvest Hand Excursions.
 From July 26th to August 20th the Great Northern Railway will sell harvest excursion tickets at rate of \$3.00 for each person, in parties of five or more, from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and West Superior, and \$2.50 from Chicago, to points on Great Northern Railway in Minnesota, North and South Dakota. Also on same dates tickets to all points on their line in Minnesota west of Sauk Centre and Benson, and in North Dakota east of Minot, at following rates for each person, in parties of five or more: From Sioux City, Ia., and Yankton, \$3.00; from Sioux Falls, \$2.50. Tickets and information from all railway ticket agents, or upon application to F. I. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn., or Max Bass, G. I. A., 229 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

No. Cordella, a writer isn't necessarily a hog because he lives by his pen.

Home Visitors' Excursions.
 The Missouri Pacific Railroad will sell round trip tickets at one fare, plus \$2.00, to all points in Ohio and Indiana west of and including Cleveland through Sandusky, Columbus, Dayton, Springfield, Cincinnati and Louisville. Dates of sale Sept. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Limit for return, 30 days. For further information, address any agent of the company, or T. F. GODFREY, P. & T. A., S. E. Cor. 14th and Douglas Sts., Omaha, Neb.

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