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OPERATORS ARE FIRM

ANTHRACITE MEN REPLY TO MITCHELL'S DEMANDS.

Stand by the Old Award-Operators See No Reason for New Adjustment -Comparison of Earnings-Illinois Operators Also Stand Firm.

President Wilcox, of the Delaware and Hudson Company, at New York Friday made public the text of the letter which he wrote to John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, concerning a conference between the mine workers and the operators to discuss the wage question. In his letter Mr. Wilcox says that practically all matters at present involved have already been the subject of arbitration by the anthracite strike commission. He says that in 1902-3 the commission found that the average hours actually worked per day did not exceed six for the miners and eight for the other employes, and the present conditions are substantially the same.

In the case of the Delaware and Hudson Company during 1905 the average number of hours worked per day by the employes other than miners was about seven and one-quarter hours per day; the average number of hours worked per day by the miners was slightly over six and one-half hours per day. Any suggestion of an eight-hour day for the employes by the day does not therefore look to a diminution of hours of labor, as they do not average eight hours per day, but merely to a change of wages by increasing the rate per hour so as to advance the wages about 12.5 per cent above the standard fixed by the strike commission.

This advance would amount ap proximately to 8 cents per ton of coal, or on the entire product about \$4,800,-000 per annum.

Mr. Wilcox devotes much space to an argument tending to show that conditions have not changed since the award of the strike commission.

At a meeting of the Illinois coal operators at Chicago, which was held Friday at the Auditorium Hotel, it was decided by a unanimous vote to refuse the demands made by the United Mine Workers of America. The meeting was executive in character and was attended by 200 coal operators from all over the state. The report of the national scale committee was approved without a dissenting vote. The report covered the conference recently held in Indianapolis between the coal operators and the representatives of the United Mine Workers. The decision to refuse the demands of the miners was reached in a few minutes after the reading of the report had been finished.

SAVED \$100,000 IN TIPS.

Now an Astor House Waiter May Retire from "Business."

Patrons of the Astor house restaurant and lunch counters at New York, were surprised by a rumor that Charles Miller, reported to be the richest waiter in the United States, had announced his intention of retiring to the uninterrupted enjoyment of his ample estate on Park slope, Brooklyn.

Although worth \$100,000, Miller bought Brooklyn flats and is sendina nephew to college. There are tw rotunda. Henry Briggs, at the oyster the services were completed. counter, and a man at the roast beef counter. Briggs is said to be worth \$60,000.

Brazilian River Floods City.

The Parahiba de Sul has broken its banks and inundated the lower part of the city of Campos (140 miles northeast of Rio Janeiro, Brazil) to the depth of 12 feet in some places. Many houses have collapsed, widecommunication with Campos is imped-

Helen Keller is Ill.

A Wrentham, Mass., special says: The physical and mental strain of her course at Radcliffe college, and the afflicted, has caused illness on the part | murder. of Miss Keller.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.75@5.05. Top hogs 671/2. Sheep, ewes, \$4.00; lam \$6.75.

Turkish Flower Vender Asphyxiated a Turkish flower vender, envied of his New York has been discovered. The profession because he, years ago, first failure of the fuse to burn caused the sold violets to James Hazen Hyde, was plan to fail. found dead in his room from gas a hyxiation. Death was accidental.

Transvaal Mine Horror. At Johannesburg, Transvaal, fifty. five natives were drowned Friday, owing to the flooding of the South Rog-

DEATH IN MINE XPLOSION.

West Virginia.

Advices from Charleston, W. Va., certain that all others in the mine are throughout the present session. dead.

mine and suposed to be dead are:

Mine Boss Miles Pratt and his son (white); four negroes; David Wells, James Swan, George Jones and William Madison.

The explosion occurred at 1:30 senator. o'clock Thursday afternoon and was outright by it.

Most of the entombed men are Hun- that they lived together on that trip. garlans or negroes, who had little ex- President Smith, he said, referred to perience in mining. They were not Florence as "Sister Cluff." expecting the pocket of gas, which is nearly always discovered in mines in when asked how many times he had the Nanawah region.

little chance of escape.

MINISTER SEEKS DEATH.

An Illinois Pastor Throws Himself in

Front of a Train. Rev. Justin G. Wade, pastor of the tity, sacrifice and vengeance. First Congregational church of Waukegan, Ill., who was Wednesday ar- asked Carlisle. rested by postoffice inspectors for ing himself in front of a Northwest- prophet on this nation." ern train. He was severely hurt.

When arraigned Thursday before United States Commissioner Foote the minister said the handwriting of the heads and say, "I do." letters was similar to his, but he could letters. He also said that insanity ran anointing, he was asked concerning the at the hotel and then offered prizes of front door. They went to work leisurein his family.

The arrest of the minister was based on two letters sent to Andrew Keho, a boy living in Bloomington, Ill., and expedition, invited him to come to Waukegan to visit the writer.

TELL OF MUTINY.

Men on the Cruiser Mablehead Allege Ill Treatment.

A San Diego, Cal., special says: More details of the Marblehead mutiny leaked out Thursday. Although the trouble is said to have been brewing for some time, it did not become acute until the United States cruiser arrived at Pichilinque Bay. There the men openly shirked work, and Commander Mulligan was forced to read them the articles of war covering mutiny. According to the stories told by the bluejackets, they have had practically no shore leave since the cruiser arrived at San Francisco from Port Angels two months ago.

When the Marblehead came to San Diego three weeks' shore leave there was expected, but again refused. The bluejackets complained because the commander ordered what they termed a "penitentiary hair cut," because they did not have enough fresh vegetables and because their pay was not forthcoming on pay day.

LOCAL MINISTERS DECLINED.

Out of Town Divine Secured for Simmons' Funeral.

After receiving the refusals of six ministers who were invited to preach works for \$30 a month, plus tips. He the funeral sermon of the late Dr. has been putting in ten hours a day Simmons, of Peoria, Ill., and quieting of a large quantity of mail by some since 1876. With his tips he has a disruption in the church caused by the announcement of some of the directors that the funeral would be held other rich waiters in the Astor house in the church, the arrangements for

> Dr. John Wheating, of Kewanee, who chanced to be in Peoria, consented to preach and the services were in the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The interment was in charge of the office at Tulsa. Knights Templar.

Hunters Stranded on a Reef.

Telephone messages received at Waco, Tex., state that Turner E. Hubby, spread damage has been done and of that city, with two companions, is in a stranded sail boat in Matagorda Bay, in sight of land, but inaccessible to rescue, owing to the position of the reef on which their craft is stuck.

Johann Hoch Must Die.

a deaf, dumb and blind woman, has the case of Johann Hoch, sentenced to intention to resist by force of arms any been doing to aid those similarly be hanged in Chicago Feb. 23 for wife

Prize Fighter is Arrested.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux having caused the death of A. Dovin constitutionality of a law passed by of Oakland. The explosion of dynain the prize ring at Colma, Cal., Mon- the legislature in January, 1905, proday night, was arrested and placed in hibiting the reselling of or "scalping" close confinement.

Attempt to Blow Up Astor Theater. An attempt to blow up the Astor At New York, Benjamin Estanasi, theater in course of construction at

> Bloody Riots in Chill. A telegram from Antofagasta, bay

SMOOT IS AGAIN ON TRIAL.

At least Twenty-Eight Men Killed in Investigation is Resumed by Senate Committee.

A Washington special says: state that at least twenty-eight men hearing in the case of Senator Smoot are supposed to have met death in a was resumed Wednesday before the terrible mine explosion in the Parall committee on privileges and elections. mine of the Stewart Collieries Com- The investigation of protests against pany near Oakhill. Thirty-nine men Senator Smoot retaining his seat have were employed in the mine and only continued through two sessions of conpleven have escaped alive. At mid- gress, and Wednesday marked the benight six bodies had been recovered ginning of meetings which the comnear the mouth of the mine and it is mittee is likely to hold intermittently

The first witness was Prof. Walter Among those known to be in the M. Wolfe, a former teacher of geology in the Brigham Young College, Logan, Utah, and an apostle of the church. John G. Carlisle, of New York, conducted the prosecution. A. S. Worth-

ington, of Washington, defended the

Wolfe testified he had been a Morcaused by a pocket of gas, which was mon until Jan. 1, this year, when his struck in a fault in the mine. The connection was severed through failexplosion was terrific and it is thought ure to comply with the demands of that many of the miners were killed the tithes. He was asked to tell what he knew of the alleged plural marriage The system of fans was completely of Prof. Benjamin Cluff and Florence wrecked and all air was shut off, leav- Reynolds, both teachers at Provo. In ing the men who had not been killed detailing what he knew of their relaby the explosion to smother to death. tions he told of the Mormon expedi-The mine is a shaft about 700 feet tion to Mexico. Wolfe said he had been deep and the unfortunate miners had informed at the time by Cluff that he was married to Florence Reynolds and

> "Twelve times," answered Wolfe, been through the endowment house, or temple.

> "Did you take any obligations or oaths when you went through?"

> "Every time," he replied. He said there had been the obligations of chas-

"What do you mean by vengeance?"

The witness said this oath had been sending obscene letters through the taken: "You, and each of you, do covmails, Thursday made an unsuccessful enant and pray and never cease to pray attempt to commit suicide by throw- to God to avenge the blood of the

> The oath, he said, was taken standing, and at the conclusion each one taking it was required to bow their

> trial had by the board of Brigham Young Academy as to reasons for the long absence of Cluff from the Mexican

> The witness said Apostle Smoot was among those in attendance; that he had heard the testimony given by the witness himself that the reason for Cluff's absence was because he war living apart with a plural wife.

GREAT RUSH FOR HOMES.

Over 15,000 People Now on Way to the Southwest.

Between 15,000 and 25,000 homeseekers have started for the west and southwest through the gateways of Chicago, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, according to declarations by Chicago passenger men who have been closely watching the movement, which has been going on ever people have sought homes in the southwest in the last three months than ever before during a similar pe-

John Sebastion, passenger traffic manager of the Rock Island at Chicago, just returned from the southwest, said the movement of homeseekers in that direction was almost beyond be-

NEGRO ROBBED POSTOFFICE.

Large Quantity of Mail is Stolen in Oklahoma.

It has been discovered that the Eufala, I. T., postoffice has been robbed one who rifled the mail boxes. It is believed that Paul Carey, the negro who robbed the Muskogee and South Mc-Alester postoffice, stopped at Eufala on his way to South McAlester.

Carey, who was arrested at South McAlester, and is in jail there, has made a full confession to robbing the postoffice there and at Muskogee and also implied that he robbed the post-

Two Midshipmen Dismissed. A Washington special says: Third class midshipmen George H. Melvin, of Illinois, and Richard T. De Saussure, of South Carolina, were dismissed Tuesday by Secretary Bonaparte for hazing.

Seie an Island.

the crofters of the Barra island of the At Springfield, Ill., the supreme Hebrides have seized the neighboring attempt to dislodge them.

Anti-Scalping Law Upheld.

"Chiefy" Johnson, who is accused of state supreme court has upheld the camp of Grant-Smith & Co., just south of railread tickets.

Pat Crowe is On Trial.

The trial of "Pat" Crowe, charged with robbing E. A. Cudahy of \$25,000 gun at Omaha Wednesday.

Search for Victims Ends. A Victoria, B. C. special says: The of Morena, Chili, says that the railroad search for victims of the Valencia laborers at Oruro, Bolivia, are on wreck has been abandoned ninetystrike and that fifty men are said to three wreck victims remain unfound have been killed during rioting there. of 123 persons drowned.

ISTATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CON-DENSED FORM.

Prof. Lyon Plans Big Tour-Head of University Agricultural Department Enthusiastic Over Results-Soil Enriched and Crops Enlarged.

Prof. T. L. Lyon, head of the agricultural department of the University for the soil and crop educational special which will be run for three days -Feb. 13, 14 and 15 over the lines of the Union Pacific in Nebraska.

"We will make a specialty of soil preparation and seed selection on this trip," said Prof. Lyon, "and will have many illustrations to show the advantages to be gained by care in both soil preparation and seed selection. We will have models which will show the upward movement of the moisture and the advantages of proper plowing, a difference existing in fall and spring plowing. Most of the farmers of Nebraska can plow deeper than they do. best results from plowing about eight inches deep.

"We lectured to 40,000 farmers last year by actual count on the trips we made on the Burlington, the Northwestern, the Union Pacific and Omaha road. About 800,000 people are living on farms in Nebraska and figuring that one-fifth of these are adults we talked to about one-fourth of the farmers of the state. On our trips this year we have asked for experiences which were actuated by our lectures last year and find a great amount of good was accomplished. All said by following the advice of the lecturers they had increased their corn crops from 5 to 15 bushels an acre, and many very striking comparisons were made. We talk to larger crowds this year, and when we have finished will have lectured to more than we did last year.

"One renter who gave fifteen bushels per acre for his rent, figuring on giving one-half, raised his crop from 30 to 45 bushels, thus doubling his profits. Large owners bring their renters to hear the lectures, and W. H. Maxwell. After giving many other details of exeter, brought in tenants from not remember writing those particular the ceremony such as the manner of twenty-seven farms, entertained them since they unlocked and entered by the as high as \$100 for the tenant who ly, taking time to unlock the safe. the best results.

of the state, including the northwest sandhills and the southeast section, going as far as Sterling, Colo., and on the Union Pacific will go as far as North Platte, where we maintain an experimental station."

CONVICT DRAWS BIG CASH PRIZE

Man Held at Lincoln Lucky in World's

Fair Guessing Contest. It is reported that the winner of the attendance at the St. Louis exposition in 1904 was a convict in the Nebraska 500 of the prize, as he, fearing that he ha, was killed. since the cheap rates were put into might have difficulty in securing the effect late last fall. The movement is, money while imprisoned, agreed to pay man O. Wilcoxson, Engineer Alexana record breaker and it is said more a lawyer half of the prize in case he der McCambridge and Conductor Jack was successful in securing it. Camp- Hall, of Kansas City, of the passenger bell's attorney had a conference with him at the penitentiary in regard to the disposition of the money, which will be received in a few days. The convict will be unable to use the money until his sentence has expired.

> Grand Jury in Boone County. For the first time within twenty next term of the district court the grand jury will be asked to investigate several alleged violations of the laws of the state.

Sudden Death.

Miss Maud Shaw, aged 17 years, dropped dead at the home of her ter, Mrs. E. N. Moses, at Beatrice,. heart failure.

Harvesting Ice.

Frank Salts, an ice dealer of Beatrice, has been harvesting ice from 11 to 17 inches in thickness on his artificial lake and Zimmerman spring, product and has a large force of men engaged in taking care of the crop.

Nebraska Grain Dealers Lose.

A decision adverse to the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association was handed Edinburgh, Scotland, advices say down by the supreme court at Lincoln. which orders the association dissolved. It has been alleged that the associafarmers to take what was offered.

Two Hurt by Explosion. Fire broke out in a tent at the Great A Salem, Ore., special says: The Northern-Burlington railroad grading mite stored there dangerously injured N. P. Froberg and John Anderson, both of Oakland. Small hopes are

> Farm Hand Arrested. E. Piper, a farm hand from Madi-

entertained for their recovery.

don; Charles J. Wonser, Tama

son, and T. O. Bottecher, an ice chopin connection with the kidnaping of per from that place were arrested at the latter's son five years age, was be- Norfolk and sent back to Madison on the charge of stealing \$57.50 from and started to walk home. It is lease under bond of \$15,000. "hillip Knapp, Pipper's employer. thought he lay down by the stack to

> Iowa Postmasters. At Washington, D. C., the senate in executive session Tuesday confirmed the following postmasters: James Havey Johnson, Logan: Joe Morton, Shel

URGED BY FATHER TO STEAL.

Young Girl Charged with Many Thefts Arrested and Repents.

Driven to a life of thieving and shame by the brutal commands of her father, Leona Lucas, alias Ethel Beckwith, alias Florence Miller, and with many other aliases, after a long period of servant girl life and systematic stealing from houses in which she worked, has been apprehended at Neligh. She was arrested there because of many thefts committed in Norfolk, and has confessed to her stealing and returned the many valuable articles.

The girl for a month or more has been working from place to place in Norfolk, always disappearing suddenly and taking with her many articles of of Nebraska, is in Omaha arranging jewelry and the like. Last week she stole many dollars' worth of valuables from the home of Frank Cummins and was later found to be at Neligh. She comes from Newport and says that her husband, named Lucas, once a railroad man at Valentine, is dead. She is repentant now and wants to be good.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT BITTER.

Mob Threatens Father Who Refused to Bury Child.

Public sentiment is bitter against Clarence Cave, of Beatrice, the man who refused to bury the body of his On the experimental station we got the little child whose death occurred at Conway Springs, Kan., recently. A mob of about thirty gathered in front of Underwood Bros.' cigar store Saturday night where Cave had taken refuge to avoid trouble with his brotherin-law. Threats of violence were heard, but before any concerted action was made the police arrived and dis-

persed the mob. It is reported that Cave's brother-inlaw, who lives at Tecumseh and who paid the funeral expenses of the little child, has come to Beatrice for the purpose of garnishing Cave's wages. Cave has been in the employ of the Union Pacific for severol years as a brakeman on the southern division with a run between Beatrice and Manhattan, Kan.

STORE AT EXETER IS ROBBED.

Thieves Take Fine Silks and Clothing and Escape.

The general merchandise store of W. H. Taylor at Exeter was broken into and robbed, probably between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday morning. The work was evidently done by professionals, would follow our instructions and get from which they secured about \$30 in silver. They took all the silks in the "We will have covered all sections store that had any real value. Mr. Taylor has not been able to fix his

loss yet. It is believed they went toward Fairmont from Exeter, as a party who Twes at the intersection of Tecumseh Avenue with the section line, or main road to Fairmont, was awakened by hearing a wagon driven rapidly from the east on the section line road.

FATAL WRECK IN NEBRASKA.

\$25,000 prize for corectly naming the M. A. Anderson, of Omaha, Killed Near Falls City.

A Falls City dispatch says: Passenstate penitentiary at Lincoln, who still ger train No. 105, going north, collided has about one year more to serve. His with a freight going south at & o'clock name is Frank Campbell, and he Tuesday morning, one half mile south comes from Webster County, where he of Strausville, a small station between was convicted of embezzlement. The Falls City and Verdon on the Missouri winner, however, will receive only \$12,- | Pacific road. M. A. Anderson, of Oma-

Baggageman O. H. Trueblood, Firecrew, were slightly injured. The crew of the freight jumped and were not hurt, with the exception of a few bruises. No passengers were injured.

The wreck was due to the carelessness of the freight conductor.

Ban on Dice Game. For some months a gang of Louisyears a grand jury is called to convene ville young men from 15 to 20 years in Boone County. Heretofore crimes of age have spent their loose change and offenses against the laws have and much of their time in shaking dice been prosecuted under informations and playing pool in the saloons there filed by the county attorney. At the Sunday. At the last meeting of the village board orders were issued to have the saloons closed Sundays and

to prevent the young men from visit-

ing them.

Railroad Asked to Pay Taxes. The Albion Commercial Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night and a resolution introduced by former Sena-She had gone to call on her sister and | tor J. T. Brady was adopted to appoint soon after sitting down in a rocking a committee of five to confer with the chair fell to the floor and died almost county commissioners to effect a mass instantly. A physician was called and | meeting of the taxpayers of Boone pronounced death due to apoplexy or County to ask the Union Pacific Railroad Company to pay its delinquent

Baggageman Killed. Clarence Tibbets, a baggageman employed by the Burlington, was run over and killed by an engine in the Burlingnorthwest of that city, the last week. | ton yards near the station at Lincoln He now has stored 300 tons of the at an early hour Tuesday morning. Tibbets was assisting in transferring baggage at the time of his death. He

> 'Varsity Cadets Select Camp. The cadets of the state university Tuesday morning voted to go to Nebraska City on their annual encamp-

was 22 years of age.

ment. The commandant has the final lieved from the way the applications subsequent work which Helen Keller, court Thursday denied a rehearing in island of Vatersay and declare their tricts and fixed prices, leaving the held, and Capt. Workizer said the city more agents licensed this year. The which offered the best inducements state charges \$2.00 each for non-resiwould be selected. Love for Popcorn Fatal.

> Mrs. C. A. Dien, who reside near Pierce. The baby choked on a kernel | coln asylum and to Herr Kipp, of Hastand, in spite of the desperate efforts of ings, for groceries for the Hastings asyhe parents to relieve it, died in its lum. mother's arms.

A love for popcorn caused the death

Boy Frozen to Death. Guy Carson, of Edgar, aged 15 years, tentiary for life by the district court was found frozen to death beside a haystack four miles east of Edgar. The boy had been visiting at Fremont | the supreme court, has secured his re-

State Fair Increases Purses. purses for races to \$10,000, an in- is anticipated. crease over last year of 14,000.



school board decided that state officials residing in Lincoln must pay tuition if their children attend the Lincoln' schools. This matter came about some months ago when the board asked an opinion from Attorney General Brown as to the right of the district to enumerate students who were attending the state university and count them in on the school apportionment. The attorney general held the board could not do this. Then the board proceeded to declare that the state officers must pay tuition for their children. The state retaliated by threatening to try to collect from this school district money alleged to have been collected from the state by Lancaster County by reason of the padded census. Then the school board stopped proceedings and the state stopped talking, and Lincoln came in and got its usual apportionment from the state. Now it is going after the state officers. It was said at the board meeting that the opinion of the attorney general had been the means of Lincoln losing at least 1,200 pupils that had heretofore been enumerated.

State Superintendent McBrien has organized a normal institute at Geneva, including Clay, Nuckolls, Saline, Thayer and Fillmore Counties, and the date of the beginning of the institute was set for May 28. It will continue for six weeks. This organization is to assist teachers to be able to comply with the new certificate law which becomes effective in 1907. This law requires a person, before securing a second grade certificate, to have had at least eight weeks normal training, and a first grade certificate requires twelve weeks normal training. The course of study to be taken up at the institute will be practically the same as that in the junior normal schools. While this is the first organization of the kind in the state, there will be other institutes organized in other sections of the state providing there is a demand.

In a recent statement State Superintendent McBrien tells of the results of the examinations for state certificates, and an analysis of the statistics shows that in the extreme western pertions of the state teachers are as well qualified as in the thickly settled eastern portions, according to the grade received. In the statement is a list of those who received grades of 99 and 100. The statement in part is as follows: From Oct. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906, there were registered a total of 633 applicants for county certificates. This total includes re-registration for retrials of subjects in which there were failures, and would not represent 633 different persons. Of this number 196 have completed the examination and \$9 have passed satisfactorily and received their certificates.

The board of secretaries of the state board of health held a short session last week and decided to meet again later to hear charges against a physician at Holdrege, charged with performing illegal operations. The secretaries are collecting considerable evidence against physicians in various parts of the state, and particularly in Omaha, regarding these operations, and they intend to do what they can to stop the practice. The Holdrege physician has not yet been served with the notice of the charges, and until he is notified the board will not announce his name. At its next meeting the board will also examine applicants who desire to practice medicine.

Every state officer and every head of a state department is conducting his business with an eye to finishing the biennium without a deficiency. So far every institution and every state officer is in better condition financially than at this time last year, that is, the supply of money set aside to conduct the same for one year is not yet used, with one exception. The Soldier's Home at Milford is already beyond its appropriation and this institution will report a deficiency. This is due to the many improvements that have been made at that place during the year.

The labor bureau is getting in some fine pictures of harvest scenes in western Nebraska, to be used in its forthcoming bulletin. This bulletin, for which statistics are now being collected, will be devoted exclusively to the western portion of the state and it will show this section of the country as it was years ago as a semi-arid region and what is is now, one of the most productive parts of the whole country. The bulletin will be issued shortly.

Insurance companies are getting busy with their applications for agents' licenses. Up to this time 2,000 licenses. have been written. Last year there were writtn in all 13,000, and it is bedent companies and 50 cents for restdent companies.

The state board of purchase and supof the little 3-year-old son of Mr. and plies let the contract to Spraniger Bros., of Lincoln to furnish groceries to the Lin-

> John R. Lucas, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to the peniof Phelps County, and who recently secured a reversal of the decision by

The Nebraska Hardware Association will meet in Lincoln Feb. 13, 14 and 15, and the program has been mailed After a strenuous debate the State out. Reduced rates have been secured Fair board decided to increase the from the railroads and a big meeting