

PROBE CAR SHORTAGE

MATTER TAKEN UP BY COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Agents Already Gathering Evidence on the Complaint of Farmers that Other Traffic is Given Preference Over Grain.

The car shortage throughout the United States will be investigated by the interstate commerce commission. Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, who has been looking into this subject, said Monday that the commission would take up the situation in the northwest first. Agents are now in that section investigating complaints against the wheat carrying roads. Farmers in many states have reported that the railroads are preferring other traffic and that they are unable to get their grain to market in time to share in the high prices now being paid in Minneapolis and Chicago.

The commission has issued a circular asking the grain growers to submit specific information regarding the amount of freight offered for shipment and the reasons given for not transporting it.

Acting on reports submitted by the interstate commerce commission Attorney General Moody has directed that suits be brought against a large number of additional railroad companies to recover penalties for violations of the safety appliance law through failure to keep their equipment in proper condition. The attorney general recently issued a similar order directing suits against a large number of other roads.

A mass meeting of orange growers was held at Lindsay, Cal., Saturday to devise ways and means to induce the Southern Pacific company to furnish cars for the transportation of oranges to eastern markets. The car shortage was considered and it was the unanimous opinion that the railroad company had no excuse for its failure to handle the business offered. A committee was appointed to secure legal advice and consider the proposition of taking the matter before the interstate commerce commission so that action may be taken by congress at once should the commission find legislation necessary.

CAPTURED AFTER A FIGHT.

Texas Robber is Believed to Be Mortally Wounded.

After a desperate fight with officers during which he was shot several times and wounded several of his pursuers, A. R. Sibley, the sheep buyer who is alleged to have murdered and robbed B. M. Cawthorn and W. Easton and another rancher, on three successive days in Valverde county, Texas, was captured Saturday night in the mountains near Sanderson, and is now in jail at El Paso, believed to be mortally wounded.

The circumstances attending the murders are said to have been almost identical. Sibley purchased large herds from his alleged victims. In each case the rancher delivered the stock at Del Rio, received a check, which he promptly cashed, and later was found murdered and robbed. The murders, which caused intense excitement, were first attributed to a feeling growing out of the arrest of alleged revolutionists. The disappearance of Sibley directed suspicion toward him, and he was pursued. He was overtaken in the hills, and a desperate fight followed. He was not taken until after he had wounded several of the pursuers and had been rendered helpless by his own wounds.

HE THREATENED HARRIMAN.

Washington Man is Arrested and Found to Be Insane.

Brooke Macall, aged 60 years, a well known retired real estate man, was arrested at his home in Washington, D. C., Sunday because of threats he is alleged to have made against President E. H. Harriman and other officials of the Union Pacific railroad. He was examined by police surgeons and adjudged insane.

When searched a threatening letter addressed to President Harriman was found. According to the police Macall has been making complaint for weeks that he lost thousands of dollars on account of the change of presidency of the Illinois Central railroad.

New Turbine Steamer Launched.

The Yale, the second ocean going turbine steamship to be built in this county, was launched Saturday at Roach's ship yard in Chester, Pa.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.25. Top hogs, \$6.10.

Aged Artist Dead.

Prof. Ferdinand D. Lee Boyle, an artist of earlier times, died in Brooklyn Sunday of pneumonia. He was born in Ringwood, Hampshire, England, eighty-seven years ago.

Dr. Lappin in Critical Condition.

The condition of Dr. Lappin, of Rome, physician to the pope, is growing more serious. He now has a fever, apparently caused by the beginning of blood poisoning.

USED IOWA SOLDIERS.

Many Involved in Nebraska Land Fraud Cases.

An effort was made at Omaha Friday by the defense in the Richard-Comstock land fraud trial in the United States district court to discredit one of the government witnesses, Irving D. Hull, of Mirage, who announced himself as a professional land locator. It was claimed by the defense that Hull's testimony was given in consideration of his immunity from prosecution on charges in connection with the land fraud cases. Hull admitted having been arrested and bound over to the grand jury by a United States commissioner, but said no indictment was found against him and that he was not promised immunity.

Hull's testimony developed an agreement between himself and Thos. M. Huntington to secure soldiers' filings. The soldiers were to be given \$200 for their land after proving up. Preparatory to final proof they were to lease the land to Comstock and Huntington to get \$100 for each lease, and out of this \$100 the expenses and improvements were to be paid for. When final proof was completed the consideration for each section was to be \$600. Three hundred dollars of this was to go to the soldier and the other was to be divided between Huntington and James Hull, a brother of the witness.

Hull testified to meeting Huntington at Norfolk about the middle of June, 1904. He said:

"We talked about securing old soldiers to file on government land. He wanted me to get all I could and have the men on the land the day the Kin-kaid law went into effect. He said arrangements had been made whereby he could place all the filings he could get. He preferred soldiers who had the longest service in the army, because they could prove up sooner. He said he had a talk with my brother, James J. Hull, a few days before, and I being an old soldier he thought I could get old soldiers to file better than he. He said a man named Comstock would place the filings. The agreement was that the soldiers were to go out to the land, make a lease of it, and when it was made out he would pay \$100, the filing expenses to be taken out of the lease money and the balance of the proceeds of the \$100 would go to Huntington and my brother.

ADMIT THE ARE GUILTY.

Three Chicago Teamster Leaders Enter Pleas.

Albert Young, former president of the teamsters' union; William Kelly, business agent of the coal teamsters' union, and William Murphy, said to be a member of the "wrecking crew," on trial with Cornelius P. Shea, on the charge of conspiracy connected with the teamsters' strike in 1905, entered pleas of guilty in Chicago Friday.

All the men declared their intention of turning state's evidence. The incident caused intense excitement in the court room and took the other defendants completely by surprise. After Young, Kelly and Murphy had entered pleas of guilty it was announced Joseph Schultz, who is said to have been one of the "body guard" of President Shea during the strike, will also turn state's evidence.

SAW THEIR WAY TO LIBERTY.

Ten Persons in the Jail at Long Island City Escape.

Ten of the most desperate prisoners in the county jail at Long Island City escaped from that institution early Friday and are still at large. The prisoners sawed the bars of their cells and of a window opening into the corridor of the jail. Once in the yard they had only to climb a fence and were free. The delivery was not discovered until four hours after it had been effected.

Philippine Hospital Tragedy.

A dispatch was received at the war department Friday from Gov. Gen. Smith, of the Philippine islands, saying that the deaths at Manila of ten Billbad prisoners, inoculated with anti-cholera serum, are believed to have been caused by the act of a visitor in displacing a bottle of plague culture with anti-cholera serum.

Express Agent Held for Robbery.

C. E. Adams, agent at Kayford, W. Va., has been arrested charged with the robbery of the express office at that place last Saturday morning when over \$6,000 was stolen. Assistant Agent Disbar was also arrested as an accomplice. Seven hundred dollars, supposed to be part of the money lost, was found in Adams' house.

Tragedy of Dakota Plains.

Vincent Spliner, his wife and two children, of Wells county, N. D., lost their way while driving home from a neighbor's. Mr. Spliner and one child were frozen to death, while Mrs. Spliner is in a precarious condition.

Congressman-Elect Garvey Dead.

Richard J. Garvey, representative-elect in the Second Missouri district, is dead of pneumonia, aged 42.

Oil Men Fined for Sabbath Breaking.

Twenty-five employes of the Standard Oil company arrested last Sunday at Decatur, Ind., for working on the Sabbath were Friday convicted and fined, the total of the fines and costs amounting to \$245.

Many Killed in Peasant Riot.

An agrarian riot broke out Friday at Vetroff, Russia. The rioters looted the communal granary. The police guard fired a volley, killing and wounding many peasants.

JAPAN GIVES ALARM.

Military Activity in Korea Causes Uncasiness.

Active military preparations are being made by Japanese in northern Korea, according to advices received at Victoria, B. C., by the steamer Antiochus, which arrived Thursday from Liverpool and the orient, with the object of the enforcement of Korea's claim in the dispute between China and Korea with regard to the ownership of Kando, the island province enclosed by the headwaters of the Tumen and Yalu rivers. Advices from Vladivostok say the military preparations are causing alarm there.

The Korean Daily News says: "The military activity of the Japanese in north Korea certainly in a measure justifies these apprehensions. Light railroads, built from the coast to the central frontier, and posting stations similar to those which were established on the roads from Fusan to Seoul previous to the last war have been built every three miles along the road connecting the east and west coasts. The existence of large garrisons in the north, the frequent arrival of Japanese troops on the east coast and Gen. Hazzewa's recent tour of inspection all offer excuses for the fears of the Vladivostok people."

The Korean paper believes the preparations indicate Japan's intention to pick a quarrel with China regarding the ownership of Kando.

ZION CITY OWES MILLIONS.

All the Interests of the Church Are to Be Assigned to Creditors.

Announcement is made that John Alexander Dowie, Wilbur Voliva and the leaders of Zion are willing to assign all the interests of the church to the city's creditors. Henceforth Zion's factories will be administered by a board of directors consisting of seven members, headed by Receiver John C. Hatley. Its constitution will include three capitalists who are not followers of Dowie's faith, and this, it is believed, will insure the disinterested management of the affairs.

The indebtedness of Zion City, it is said, amounts to approximately \$6,000,000, distributed among Zionists throughout the world, owners of the land on which the city is built, and small individual holders of Zion paper.

FATALLY SHOT BY ROBBER.

Bogus Customer Turns Weapon on Proprietor of Hardware Store.

W. L. Dilworth, proprietor of the Dilworth Hardware company store at Oklahoma City, Okla., was shot and probably fatally wounded Thursday morning by a man in an attempt to rob the store. The robber escaped. A stranger entered the store and asked to see a revolver. He then asked for cartridges, which he put into the revolver and turned it on the clerk, telling him to hold up his hands and turn over the cash in the drawer. Mr. Dilworth, happening in at the moment, was also told to hold up his hands. Thinking it a joke Dilworth laughed at him, when the man began to shoot. Two shots took effect, one in Dilworth's wrist, the other in his side. It is believed Dilworth cannot live.

WAR OF 200 YEARS ENDS.

Holland Finally Conquers Rebels in South Celebs.

Holland's two-century-old war in South Celebs has finally ended. After a siege of many months the Hollanders captured the mountain fortress of Barupu, where the rebels made their last stand. This was almost like an eagle's nest—impregnable, almost inaccessible and impossible of being taken by storm. The Hollanders made a cordon, seeking to prevent supplies reaching the rebels, and finally the rebel leaders, seeing that further resistance meant annihilation, surrendered with 900 men. The insurrection in South Celebs will end with this surrender.

Twelve Hours as Working Day.

The Russian Emperor Friday approved the resolution by the council of ministers fixing twelve hours as a working day, including two hours for meals in all industrial establishments. This law will become operative six weeks after its promulgation.

Fire Threatens Roosevelt Home.

President Roosevelt's summer home on Sagamore Hill, N. Y., was threatened with destruction by a forest fire which swept over Copper bluff. A fortunate change in the wind, however, turned the flames and they were finally subdued.

Preaches to Insane; Goes Insane.

The Rev. Wilbur Hayes, of Amable, Ill., was adjudged insane and sent to the Jacksonville asylum. He was stricken with epilepsy following a six year pastorate in Wisconsin, where he preached once a week in an epileptic hospital.

Chicago Steel Freighter Launched.

The 440 foot steel freighter, John Mitchell, built for C. W. Elphick, of Chicago, was launched at St. Clair, Mich., Wednesday. It was christened by Miss Isabella Mitchell, of Cleveland.

Senator Smoot's Niece Weds.

Miss Virginia Lee Smoot, niece of United States Senator Smoot, of Pittsburg, Pa., was married Thursday night by Rev. J. L. Brandt, pastor of the First Christian church of St. Louis, her residence.

Australia to Attack Oil Trust.

It is rumored at Melbourne that the federal government contemplates prosecuting the Australian representative of the American Oil company combine under the anti-trust act.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN CONDENSED FORM.

Sack of Old Coins is Dug Up—Money Buried Half Century Ago is Found Near Rulo—Dates of Money Ranged from 1729 to 1858.

William Evans, of Rulo, while digging near the Rulo elevator, discovered a small sack of old money. He was widening the ditch that leads the surplus water from the engine room, when his spade struck a hard substance. H. H. Mann, the general manager, examined it and found it was two 50-cent pieces that had become stuck together by mud. Digging still deeper, he dug up a small sack containing about \$25 in money, mostly in small pieces, dimes, half dimes, dollars, half dollars, quarters and a few Mexican coins were mixed with it. The dates of the coins varied from 1729 to 1858. One gold piece bore the latter date and was as bright as though new. The corners were sharp, as if it had been handled but little. This money was probably buried in the sixties, during the Jayhawker times there.

Mr. Easley, a retired merchant of Rulo, used to live in a house that was located over this spot. Mr. Randolph lived there later, but when the \$1,000,000 bridge was built this house was moved to make way for the laying of the new road bed. There was a cellar under this and the grade thrown up went down to it, and indications go to show that this money was hidden or buried in this cellar. One piece of silver, as large as the bottom of a teacup, bore the words, "Peru, M. J."

The dates represent nearly every year from 1729 to 1858 and their value, according to the prices advertised by buyers of rare coins, will perhaps amount to several hundred dollars.

WOMAN KILLED NEAR BLAIR.

Mrs. Catherine Hendricks Thrown from Buggy and Dies.

Mrs. Catherine Hendricks, a widow, aged 79, was killed and Mrs. Kate Hendricks, widow of her deceased son, severely injured in an accident on a road four miles northeast of Blair Thursday morning.

They were driving to town, when their horse became frightened at an automobile driven by C. A. Hoff, of Blair. The animal turned sharply, throwing the woman from the buggy; and then stood still. Mr. Hoff lifted the woman into the automobile and took them to the home of Hans Anderson, with whom they resided. The elder Mrs. Hendricks died a few minutes after reaching home, her back having been broken. The collar bone of the younger woman was broken and she was severely bruised.

No blame is attached to the automobilist, who stopped his machine as soon as he saw the horse was frightened.

TO FIGHT DIVORCE.

Mrs. Sample Unwilling to Release Nebraska Husband.

Mrs. Susan O. Sample, of Boston, has retained counsel to fight the suit for divorce brought by her husband, Thomas Sample, of Beatrice. She came here last August with her three children after her husband's alleged desertion of her, and was surprised to learn a few weeks later that he had obtained a divorce from her in South Dakota. She immediately secured counsel and succeeded in having the decree set aside. Sample has now brought suit for another divorce in order to remarry Mrs. Grace Rackley, of Beatrice, whom he had married immediately after the Dakota divorce.

Fire at Arcadia.

The Hotel Robinson was totally destroyed by fire at Arcadia. How the fire started is unknown. The building was well in flames before the alarm was given and chance to save it was so meager that no attempt was made to get out some of the furniture and but a small part of that was saved. All the guests were safely out of the building, although some of them lost their clothing. The insurance is \$4,000 and the loss about \$5,000.

Son of Rich Man a Forger.

Ed Elmerdorff, who claims to be the son of C. H. Elmerdorff, a wealthy stockman of Lincoln, and the grandson of George W. Frank, a New York millionaire, is under arrest in Sioux City for forgery. Elmerdorff confessed his guilt. He forged the name of Postmaster G. R. Badgerow to a check for \$40, but the fraud was detected when the check was presented.

Missing Girl Not Yet Found.

Viola Ayers, 14 years old, mysteriously disappeared at Waterloo, Douglas county, on the night of Nov. 16. Search has been made by the citizens there and the police and probation officers in Omaha, but no trace of her has been found as yet.

Increase in Pay of Teachers.

Reports of county superintendents filed with State Superintendent McBrien indicate the average salary of teachers during the last year has been \$47. In Pawnee county every teacher received on an average an increase of \$5 a month.

John J. Trompen Dead.

John J. Trompen, a pioneer resident of Lancaster county and ex-sheriff and ex-state senator, died Wednesday night at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Burlington Pays Taxes.

The Buffalo county treasurer has received a check from the Burlington railroad for the sum of \$7,524.27 in payment of the taxes of the road for the year 1906. Of this amount \$1,909.84 was paid under protest, leaving \$5,614.43 as the sum the road considers its just tax.

Lyons Wins Two Games.

The Lyons team defeated the Blair Commercial college basketball five at Lyons Tuesday night, 31 to 17. Lyons high school defeated Liberty, 17 to 16.

HARDSHIP TO HORSE OWNERS.

State Official Lacks Funds to Investigate Cases of Gladders.

Although several horse owners in the state are chafing under the restrictions of quarantine established by State Veterinarian C. A. McKim, there seems to be no prospect of speedy relief, as the expense account of the department has been overdrawn and Dr. McKim will have to pay his own expenses if he visits his patients and withdraws the restrictions. At Wilsonton, St. Edwards and Monowi, horses have been placed under strict quarantine because of exposure to the gladders. The veterinarian expected to visit them this week, but when he found out the condition of his appropriation he changed his mind.

No legal manner in which the ban can be raised from these horses which have been ordered into confinement can be figured out unless the owners offer to pay the veterinarian's expenses. He will not release them by mail because he has no idea whether they have developed the disease or not. If the horsemen take the matter in their own hands and use the animals again without the approval of the state veterinary department they lay themselves liable to the law.

The appropriation for the veterinary department for the last biennium was \$4,400, which is \$600 less than that of the two previous years. This came about because Dr. Thomas turned back \$600 of his appropriation of \$5,000. Of the \$4,400, the salary of the chief amounted to \$3,000, while \$400 goes to assistants with \$500 for each year for expenses. The state auditor has even refused to allow the assistants their expenses. Several of the warrants for this item are now "held up" in the office of Mr. Searle.

Dr. McKim consulted Gov. Mickey Tuesday afternoon and was directed to incur no expenses, as the governor does not wish to report a deficiency in the department.

SAMPLE GETS DIVORCE AGAIN.

Beatrice Man May Now Marry His Wife a Second Time.

Thos. Sample was Saturday granted a divorce from his first wife, Mrs. S. O. Sample, of Boston, by Judge Kelliger at Beatrice. This is the second time the same couple have been divorced. The former decree was issued about a year ago and Sample soon afterwards married Mrs. Grace Rackley of Beatrice. The decree was then set aside, making Sample the husband of two wives.

The case came up for hearing Saturday to determine whether the first decree should have been granted or not, and the first Mrs. Sample resisted her husband's effort to secure release. Since the setting aside of the decree Sample and his second wife have been living apart, fearing a complaint of bigamy would be instituted against them. The decree granted simplifies the tangle considerably, and Sample and Mrs. Rackley will now be married again, the former marriage having been annulled.

GOES FOR KIDNAPED BOY.

Father Takes the Little One with Him to Baltimore.

Sheriff James Dunkel left Tuesday for Baltimore where L. Winaker, a traveling man, is held on the charge of kidnaping a 12-year-old boy, the son of Mrs. Bruner, head waitress of the Koehler hotel, formerly of Lincoln. It is stated that the man was attached to the child and held out to it that he could secure for it a better home. Letters from the boy after he had reached Baltimore indicated that he desired to come home and his mother should be quick to act as the man was going to take him farther away. Mrs. Bruner was almost frantic at the loss of the boy and upon hearing from him Sheriff Dunkel immediately telegraphed to have the boy and the man in whose company he would be found, held.

CAN DRINK, BUT NOT TREAT.

Liquor Drummer Victim of Long Unused Section of Slocum Law.

After lying dormant for nearly twenty years, the anti-treating section of the Slocum liquor law was revived at the cillage of Dorchester. A representative of a Kansas City liquor house named Mitchell, who treated some of his customers and others, was arrested and fined \$50 and costs. It was the first conviction under the statute.

Alleged Safe Blowers Arrested.

After a week's chase for the Calloway safe wreckers, Sheriff Richardson and Deputy Thompson arrested J. R. Goddard and his son, Earl, nine miles south of Gandy, whom they think constitute part of the gang. Young Howard, a sweetheart of Goddard's daughter, also thought to be implicated, succeeded in getting away, while another son of Goddard is reported to have been arrested at North Platte.

Nebraska Winter Corn Show.

The fifth annual winter corn show, conducted by the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association, will be held at Lincoln, Jan. 14 to 18, 1907. All corn growers in the state are urged to take part. An exhibit will consist of twenty ears, ten of which will be judged. After the show all prize corn will be sold at auction for the benefit of the association.

Shot His Heel Off.

Jim Stanley, of Auburn, while out hunting met with a serious accident recently. While carrying his shotgun in some way was accidentally discharged and the full load of shot entered his heel, thus necessitating the amputation of the entire back part of the foot. It is hoped the balance of the foot will be saved.

Depot at Alliance Burned.

The Burlington depot was entirely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. This is the second fire in this depot since last April, when the second floor was destroyed and nearly all records were lost. An entirely modern depot will be built as soon as the material arrives.

Standard Oil Depot.

The Standard Oil company has decided to make Schuyler a distributing point of oil and gasoline and will place tanks for the purpose east of the city.



Advance sheets from the biennial report of Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton convey the information that the state of Nebraska in the last two years has sold 78,617 acres of school land for the sum of \$1,235,697.71.

This is equivalent to an average of \$15.72 per acre, or more than twice the minimum figure of \$7 as fixed by the state constitution. The lands are scattered over sixty or more counties in the state. As originally appraised, the school acreage disposed of during the biennium was given a valuation of \$933,566.31. The practice of reviewing appraisements resulted in raising that sum by \$252,131.40, or 27 per cent. Some of the tracts, however, were increased 200 per cent above the first valuation. The prices received by the state ranged up to \$65 per acre. Knox county is the banner one for acreage that passed from the state to private hands, the sales there aggregating 6,032 acres. It also led the list in the amount of money received, which was \$105,342. Some of the other counties where the volume of sales reached an extensive total were: Dawson, 5,009 acres, sold for \$77,128; Antelope, 4,400 acres, sold for \$72,940.

No land was sold in a number of eastern counties where the school domain has been practically exhausted, except for lands held by the state subject to lease only. Among these counties were Richardson, Nemaha, Otoe, Johnson, Douglas, Dodge and Cumming. In western Nebraska many counties are not represented in the list because the land they contain has not yet risen in value to \$7 per acre, which is the least that the state can accept for it. Hayes, Perkins, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Cherry and others in this class. This district may be said to include about all of the North Platte country west of Holt and Custer counties. Applications have been approved for the sale of 12,013.07 acres for which contracts are not yet issued. These lands were appraised at \$154,367.06, and have been revalued for sale at \$195,777.72, an increase of \$41,410.66. Applications to purchase 11,780.30 acres have been rejected by the board on account of low appraisements. They were listed at \$136,455.68, and valued by the department at \$205,816.70, an increase of \$69,361.02.

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The telephone war in Lincoln has reached huge proportions and the mails are flooded each day with literature from each of the companies. As a result of the agitation, the commercial club has appointed a committee to investigate the increase made by the Lincoln company in its rates to see whether the increase was made to enrich the stockholders and directors or to keep up the present service and improve it. Both sides are alleging misrepresentation. The Nebraska company has reduced its rates in order to cut in on the Lincoln company, which raised its charges. In the long run, the people here expect to reap some benefit by the fight.

The biennial report by John L. Pierce, insurance deputy, shows that 327 insurance companies are doing business in Nebraska at this time. The total premiums received in Nebraska by all classes of companies in 1904 was \$9,030,559, and in 1905 \$9,865,832. The total losses paid by all classes of companies in 1904 was \$3,808,958 and in 1905 \$4,535,223.

The state library is crowded into quarters fit for a library one-third the size, and it is absolutely unprotected from fire. Many of the offices have no water at all in them and the only safeguard from fire, except the city fire department, is a tank on top of the building, but the hose to be connected with this tank has not been located so far as anyone knows.

The state board of public lands and buildings, with Mr. Mortensen absent, decided to advertise for bids for papering and painting the senate chamber and the house of representatives. The bill will be paid out of the fund set aside for the maintenance and repair of the state capitol. The contract let to the Lincoln Wall Paper company was reconsidered officially.

Warden Beemer is going to recommend that every convict released from the state penitentiary be sent back to the place from which they were sentenced or given sufficient money to take them there. It is said he will also recommend in his report to the governor that the death penalty be abolished.

A bill will be introduced in the legislature to increase the pay of legislators. Mike Lee, of Douglas county, will be its author. While here several days ago Mr. Lee said there was no doubt a law would be enacted to prevent the giving or taking of railroad passes, and because of such a law the expenses of the ordinary legislator would be greatly increased, and therefore he should have more pay to make both ends meet. So far there has not been any appropriations to pay the railroad fare of legislators to and from home except one return trip.