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**FREIGHT RATES ABROAD.**

President McCurdy of the Mutual Life when settled on the witness stand last week revolved the original remark that figures do not lie, but liars do figure. Expert evidence of this sort comes in handy at a time when the railroad propagandists are attempting to settle the railroad question by assuring us that railroad rates are the "lowest in the world" in this country. While this question does not enter into the present issue, relative rather than absolute rates being the main object of reform at present, the assertion deserves attention for the light it throws on railroad methods of educating the public.

If the per ton per mile rate may be taken as a fair basis for comparison, something many good railroad men say cannot be done, then freight rates in some European countries are apparently higher than in this country. An examination and comparison of conditions here and there shows however the absurdity of making any comparison between the per ton per mile rate in Europe and the same rate in America.

Take the matter of capitalization for instance, an element that has an important bearing upon the necessary charges for carrying freight. In Europe the actual investment per mile of railroad is from \$200,000 to \$300,000. In America the capitalization averages \$65,000 per mile, and a goodly per cent of this is known to be water. On a per cent basis the European road is required to earn \$6,000 or over per mile more than the American road to satisfy interest charges.

They tell us that European rates are higher in spite of lower wages in Europe. The fact is that American railroads pay annually for men \$2,625 per mile, while the European roads pay \$6,000.

Again in some European freight rates is included the cost of carrying free the mails and other government property. Add to American freights what the government pays the roads for carrying mails and other government property and notice the result. Then too, in England, whose rates the railroads are fond of comparing with ours, the railroads call for and deliver freight as the express companies call for and deliver packages. The railroad advocate forgets to add to their charges when making comparisons the millions spent for drayage by American shippers.

Perhaps most important of all the omissions of the railroad advocates is their failure to call attention to the fact that England, where they fondly tell us that the average rate is two cents while ours is eight mills, the average haul of freight is twenty-five miles, whereas in this country it is 240 miles. And here comes in the astounding fact that whereas in England the charge per ton mile for this twenty-five mile haul is two cents, in America the average charge for a haul of this length is over five cents, or two and a half times as much. Freight rates in Nebraska on local business are probably close to four times the eight rates in England on local business. Another element that enters into the apparent cheapness of American rates is the fact that three-fourths of the American shipments are of raw materials which are the cheapest to handle whereas in England the proportion is the other way.

We cannot forget also that the American low rates so far as they affect the public are more apparent than real. Much of this apparent cheapness is found in the midnight rate granted the elevator magnate, the rebate to the Standard Oil company, to the railroad owning coal shipper, to the harvester combine. The independent oil refiner who pays 35 cents a hundred on his shipment does not appreciate the low rate of ten cents given the Standard Oil company, and the Nebraska farmer who pays seven cents a bushel to get his wheat twenty-five miles to the Missouri river is not especially grateful that the thousand miles beyond that sometimes costs the elevator man only six cents more.

Lawrence Kohl, now Second Lieutenant in the regular army, arrived here Monday for a visit with his parents. He doesn't know where he will be stationed.—Albion News.

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## REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN PLATTE

Republican Supervisors Elected and Old-Time Democratic Majorities Smashed—Bruce Webb and O. H. Smith Defeated by Small Majorities—Stay-at-Home Republicans Responsible—Stires Makes Excellent Run—Republican State Ticket Gains Over Last Year—Letton Loses County by Only 215—Mickey Lost Last Year by 874, Norris Brown by 305—A Remarkable Gain for an Off Year—The "Square Deal" County Republican Platform Responsible for the Victory—Republican State Ticket Elected by 30,000.

According to the testimony of old timers, last Tuesday night closed one of the hottest political battles ever waged in Old Platte.

The republican committee, without money and with a weak organization, armed only with evidences of official corruption, joined battle with the democratic committee backed by a perfect organization with an unlimited supply of money. And when the smoke of battle cleared away the democratic fortifications were found to be battered down and destroyed and the three republican supervisors occupied the field.

The whole energy of the campaign was centered in the supervisor fight and the defeat of Ernest and Bender sounds the death knell to the printing trust and the bridge trust in Platte county. The victory is complete. Taxpayers of all parties are entitled to credit for supporting the republican candidates on a reform platform.

And the victory is not confined to the election of republican supervisors. Sheriff Carrig although running for his second term came within an ace of meeting defeat at the hands of Bruce Webb. Indeed his defeat is a personal victory for him. He carried Oreston township by nearly a hundred majority and came within a dozen votes of defeating Carrig in Carrig's home township. Had he made a vigorous campaign in the township where he was not so well known his election would have been certain.

O. H. Smith for superintendent came just as near defeating Leavy and he made friends in his canvass that will elect him two years hence should he decide to run again. Leavy also was defeated in his own ward.

J. D. Stires for judge while he was defeated by a little larger majority made hundreds of friends and he was undoubtedly defeated on the one ground that he was not a German. It is a matter of serious regret that the taxpayers of Platte county did not place in the judges' office a man of Mr. Stires superior legal ability and a man who promised to lift the judges' office out of politics.

W. L. Smith made an excellent run considering the fact that he was running against a man of unblemished public record, and the comparatively small majority against him is the best of proof that the democratic majority ties in Platte county are being rapidly whittled down.

Lasienski made an excellent impression wherever he went but his age, was against him, and that alone accounts for several hundred republican

can votes cast against him. Morris for coroner and Shannon for surveyor polled more than their share of the vote and the republican state ticket made a gain of several hundred.

The total result of the election is encouraging to republicans. The past campaign has welded together the opposing factions of the republican party. No republican in the county can be dissatisfied with the excellent results achieved by the central committee, hampered as it was by lack of funds.

The republican supervisors who take their seats next January will be absolutely responsible for the county administration. It is up to them to cut out illegal printing contracts and other unnecessary expenses which have been pointed out by this paper for more than a year, and to devote their energies, not to keeping the democratic machine in repair, but to transacting the peoples' business on business principles. These new supervisors owe no political debt to this paper or any other paper in Platte county and they can best serve the republican party and best serve republican newspapers in the long run, by simply serving the people.

"Clean government" was the platform which elected Newman and Shure and Priest and the republican party has a right to demand that its officers practice the principles of their platform.

**GENOA.**

The young people held a Holloween party, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bratt on Tuesday night. A large number were present and a jolly time is reported by all.

Prof. Steinbach informs the Leader that the profits on the entertainment under the auspices of the high school netted over \$30 and that the school board, at a meeting the last of the week, appropriated \$35 to assist in putting in a hundred dollar laboratory at the school building. Good for the school board.

Dr. A. E. Okey held an auction on our streets Saturday afternoon at which he disposed of a quantity of household goods preparatory to moving to Lincoln in which city he expects to make his future home. The entire community regret the departure of the Doctor and his estimable wife and son from Genoa, but hope prosperity and happiness may attend them in their new home.

The trial of the Indian boy, who stole the goods from Theel's tailor

shop a few weeks ago, was held before Judge Robinson at Fullerton on Monday last and resulted in sending the rascal to the reform school at Kearney which was the proper thing to do.

The ladies of the Kensington club, accompanied by their husbands assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Irwin on Holloween night and there, surrounded by ghosts jack-o-lanterns and black cats proceeded to have a good time. From eight to eleven, High Five and Flinch occupied the boards, and the manner in which O. E. Green and W. J. Irwin persisted in overbidding their hands not only made fun for the crowd but caused the aforesaid black cats to smile while the grinning jack-o-lanterns gave them a merry "Ha, ha!" After the fun came the feast. Course after course of refreshments, that would cause the fat to grow on the ribs of a millionaire, was served, and if there was a solitary guest present who did not dream of hobnobbing and spoons before morning they were certainly possessed of a capacity for food beyond the average mortal.

**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.**

Frank A. Lawrence, and Mrs. Frank A. Lawrence, first or Christian name unknown, will take notice that on the 1st day of November, 1905, Wm. O'Brien, a justice of the peace of Columbus, Platte county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$12.18, in an action pending before him, wherein Edward D. Fitzpatrick is plaintiff, and Frank A. Lawrence, and Mrs. Frank A. Lawrence, first or Christian name unknown, defendants, that the property of the defendant, consisting of one Singer sewing machine, and one hard coal burner stove, have been attached under said order. Said cause was continued to the 10th day of December, 1905, at 9 o'clock a. m.

EDWARD D. FITZPATRICK, Plaintiff.

By C. N. McElfresh, his Attorney.

Columbus, Neb., November 8th, 1905.

"A Royal Slave" which comes to this city next Saturday, November 11th, will prove an innovation in the way of melodrama as it is a distinct novelty both as to theme and scenic embellishment. The plot of the play is taken from General Lord Wallace's great story "The Fair God" which is sufficient guarantee of its literary merit. The many beautiful scenes have been pasted from photographs taken in Mexico especially for this production and are said to be magnificent examples of the scene painter's art.

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