

A SLASH WITH A VENGEANCE

The Transcontinental Pool Goes to Pieces and a Gash in Rates Results.

THE PEABODY CASE SETTLED.

A Verdict for the City—Philanthropy for the Indians—More of Sadie Voss—Mrs. Hall in Her Husband's House.

The Transcontinental Break.

One result of the New York meeting of the Transcontinental association is evident in an order sent yesterday from the general ticket offices of the Union Pacific and B. & M. reducing rates to points in California.

On the Union Pacific the rate was reduced in the morning to San Francisco, Redding and Los Angeles: first-class (unlimited), from \$90 to \$75; first-class (limited), from \$84 to \$70; and second-class, from \$75 to \$65.

On San Diego rates the cut is: first-class (unlimited) \$96 to \$80; first-class (limited) \$90 to \$70; and second-class, \$81 to \$65.

These cuts apply to all intermediate points, but in fact only affect those stations where the local rate is larger than the through rate under the present reduced rates. This is necessarily so for no one would pay, for instance, the \$40 second class to Ogden when the same class to the coast is but \$25, and and the passenger shorts his destination if he so chooses.

Last evening P. S. Eustis, general passenger and ticket agent at the B. & M., sent the Union Pacific cut and issued the following circular connecting lines and rate sheet compliers:

"The following rates are in effect this date via this line, and through rates to be based thereon: From Kansas City, Atchison, St. Joseph, Council Bluffs and Omaha to San Diego, Colton, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Sacramento, Marysville, Redding and other California points, unlimited, first-class, unlimited, \$90.00; first-class, limited, \$80.00; emigrant, \$25.00. Rates also apply to intermediate points on the direct line to which present rates are higher.

The general ticket office of the Union Pacific, was busied yesterday putting the order over its entire line. Each agent was addressed the following: "Commencing this date rates on the Missouri river to all California points, including San Diego and intermediate points will be as follows: first-class, unlimited, \$90; first-class, limited, \$80; emigrant, \$25. Same rates apply to all intermediate points on South Park line. Colorado. Rates to Oregon, Idaho and Montana not affected by this change.

It is at the same time impossible for rates to Oregon, Idaho and Montana so affected, and the reason for this is that the Northern Pacific cannot stand it. It will be but a few days when the slash is applied to Portland and intermediate points. The rate cuts everything from Rock Creek, Wyoming, westward. Officials in Omaha are not advised as in Omaha on the subject of the break, but it is generally believed that the Santa Fe is the aggressor. Although there is no measuring the exact quantity of the cut, it is certainly held along railway men that it will not last more than a few days.

Freight rates, although not openly cut, are affected, and in fact a considerable amount of business has already commenced in the east. There is no telling what the outcome may be, and by this morning the whole traffic of the Pacific roads will be kite-flying.

"THREE TIMES AND OUT."

After Much Litigation the Celebrated Peabody Grading Case is Decided.

The jury in the celebrated Peabody grading case brought in a verdict yesterday morning against the plaintiff and in favor of the city. This makes the third time that this case has been tried, and more than sixteen days has been consumed altogether in the trials. The first time the jury stood seven to five in favor of the city, on the second trial ten for the city and two for the plaintiff, and on the third trial, after about two hours deliberation the twelve jurors appended their signatures to a verdict for the city. This case is the pioneer grading case, and really the most important ever tried. It is consequently worth more than a passing mention.

The case was one wherein Mrs. Elizabeth Peabody sued the city for \$10,000 damages by grading her property on Fourteenth and Jones streets. The city defended on the ground that the property had been graded to the grade of the city, and that the cost of adjusting the lot to the new grade. In the second place the city claimed that Mrs. Peabody was estopped from recovering any damages because she had signed her name to a petition to have the change of grade made.

About two days were consumed in the first trial, in the arguing of the law propositions as to whether the value of the property on the new graded street could be considered as an offset to the damages which might be claimed to arise from the grading. Judge Wakeley decided that the depreciation of value, if any, of the grading of the property, if, on the other hand, the increase in value of the property was such as to equal or exceed the cost of adjusting the lot to the new grade, then, Judge Wakeley held, no damages could be claimed. This principle once established practically determined the case in favor of the city, and it is not a matter of much surprise, therefore, that the verdict was against the plaintiff.

City Attorney Connell, of course, feels a pardonable pride in the issue of the trial, in that it settles the question of the value of the property on the new graded street. "I tell you," he said, in conversation with a reporter of the Bee, yesterday, "the importance of this verdict is in being a guide to the public improvements can't be overestimated. There are a number of old mistakes, who have of late been awaiting the issue of this case, to start heavy damage suits against the city. They say to themselves: 'See here, if Mrs. Peabody can get damages against the city, surely I can,' and the consequence is that the law is falling in the city. If the case had been decided against our side, the city would have been overwhelmed with now damage actions, on account of the changes in grade. But, counting as it does, the grading of a new street for the public work this verdict will have a splendid effect in the way of booming street improvements."

THE INDIAN QUESTION.

It Forms a Theme of Discussion for a Committee of Five.

A meeting of the committee appointed some seven years ago to bring about, if possible, an amelioration in the condition of those on the Omaha reservation was held yesterday afternoon in Room 1, Paxton building. The officers of the committee are J. M. Woodworth, president; Rev. W. J. Harsh, secretary and A. F. Sherill, treasurer. Mr. Leavitt Burnham and P. L. Perrine being the other members. The committee has special interest in the Ponca case, the main features of which are probably familiar to the majority of the readers of the Bee. The Ponca Indians were formerly living on their reservation in the northern part of the state, when by a manifesto of the department of the interior they were ordered to be taken to the Indian territory. The reason assigned for this course by government was that the Sioux were hostile to the Poncas and were liable to attack them. After some years spent in the territory they were removed to the reservation and their numbers were terribly decimated by disease. Standing Bear, the old chief, and his granddaughter, Bright Eyes, together with a number of the Poncas, started for the territory and started for their old reservation in Northern Nebraska. While passing through Omaha they were seized by the United States officers, who were ordered to return them to the Indian territory. The Poncas were then brought into the federal court, on proceedings of inane corpus, authorized by prominent philanthropists here. The Indians were released and allowed to return to their old reservation. About that time Mr. T. H. Tibbles was sent out by the department to lecture in the presence of an opposition of the Indians, accompanied by Standing Bear and Bright Eyes and has since been engaged in that work.

SADIE VOSS.

More Facts Relative of the Heroine of the Tragic Romance.

The Bee's publication of the sensational history of Sadie Voss has drawn out a vast deal of comment upon the case. In the first place the Pacific hotel company hastened to deny that it was in their house at North Platte that the girl met her tragic end. The following which is a true copy of the intelligence of the affair as it reached the city is given by one of the city's newspapers. It came as a letter to the inquiry of friends for the whereabouts of the girl:

WANTED HER THINGS.

A Woman Arrested for Breaking into Her Husband's House.

A rather good-looking young woman on the brunette order, was brought into Judge Stenberg's court yesterday to explain the why and wherefore of a certain strange proceeding, in which she had figured as principal. The lady was none other than Mrs. Mary Hall, who has achieved some notoriety through litigation in the local courts lately.

Wanted to Die.

The door bell of Kullm's drug store pealed violently about one o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Sherman, the unfortunately clerk who sleeps in the premises, awoke, showed his nightgown into his trousers, donned his Prince Albert and hastened to answer the summons. He threw open the door and a tall and handsome young woman, her face deathly pale, but set with determination, stalked in over the marble threshold and seizing the clerk by the coat, loudly commanded, "Give me some poison."

Disappointed Creditors.

In Justice Hiesley's court yesterday, the trial of the suit of O'Connell vs. Reynold McDonald and Constable C. W. King, was in progress. The plaintiff, Constable Hiesley, had started in the bankruptcy suit on South 10th street, in which a bankrupt firm Foster & Mitchell had been engaged. The creditors of this latter firm sued out attachments and served them upon the stock and fixtures of O'Connell, because he had in his employ one of the members of the old firm. The goods were replevined by O'Connell, and the issue on the case was tried yesterday. After a few moments deliberation the jury returned a verdict in his favor.

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS.

Short interviews Picked Up About the Hotel Rotterdam.

F. A. Gohard, New York.—[Mr. G. is a commercial tourist and a very agreeable gentleman.]—"Well I should say that I am bothered by the notoriety which attaches to a name similar to mine. My christening was Frederick but, glad to say, never Freddie. I don't go steep-chasing, nor yacht-sailing, nor spooning. I never saw Mrs. Langtry except over the footlights from the dress circle, and am not acquainted with my distinguished namesake. The interviewer strikes me in almost every town into which I journey and I am eternally forced to the explanation that I am not Freddie Gohard. Rather unpleasant? Well, yes, rather."

P. A. Weiss, Geneva, Switzerland.—"Yes, we have mountains in my country, and they make clocks and watches in Geneva. The mountains are very much like your own—they go up one side and down the other, they are very steep and hard to climb, but the tourist will go up there with the same determination that your people of a generation ago took the alternative of reaching Pike's Peak or busting on the way. Yes, I like the United States and I like my native land. Both are republics—*montani semper liberi*, you know. But the country is all level except about well that's a noticeable exception in a very big free country like this."

O. E. Green, Geneva, Neb.—[Geneva is the seat of a large institution for the instruction of Indian youths in the arts and sciences of peace.]—"The Indian school is very largely attended this year, the number of scholars exceeding that of any previous year. The boys are for the most part studious and tractable and get on well with their lessons. Their girls are as docile and industrious as the boys, and both the boys and girls are taught very commendable skills. By application a young Indian man or woman can leave the institution prepared to receive the same support in any white community. Altogether the school is performing a great work."

THE O. C. P. A.

The City Constables Band Together Cooperatively.

In response to a call issued to the twelve constables of the city, the following ten met at the office of Mr. Edgerton last night.—C. W. Edgerton, George Karl, W. P. Snowden, Paul Stein, Sam Stover, C. W. King, Chas. Hollo, S. M. Meadlo, D. B. Houck and A. Baechel. The assembly proceeded to the formation of a league which under the title of the Omaha Constables' Protective Association will have a membership of twelve members in the city. C. W. Edgerton was elected president and Mr. Karl assigned to the duties of secretary. Messrs. Edgerton, Karl and Stein were appointed as a committee to draft resolutions for submission to the next meeting, a week hence.

Dean Millspaugh's Departure.

The Rev. Frank Millspaugh, for a number of years past dean and pastor of Trinity parish in this city, has severed his connection with Trinity cathedral and will leave on Monday next to assume charge of a large and flourishing parish in Minneapolis. A farewell reception will be given him this evening at the Millard hotel, where an opportunity will be afforded his friends to say good-bye and God speed to the retiring clergyman. Mr. Millspaugh has spent the best years of his life in this city. He has been an earnest, faithful and hard-working minister to poverty, affliction and distress. With a goal and devotion which won him many friends and admirers outside of his own church, he has gone in and out among the poor and needy of this city carrying with him comfort and solace. His ministry to the sick, the aged and most fashionable churches, his services have been most freely exercised among those to whom wealth was unknown and fashion only a name. He came to Trinity when it was small and he has since furnished the means for its construction and the means for its maintenance. The following was received by the managers from Mayor Boyd, who was unable to be present:

"I regret exceedingly that my health will not permit my presence at the opening of the exposition building. Such a structure was very much desired in this city, and the fact that it has been completed and opened to the public is a source of great gratification to the citizens. The building will be a great credit to the city and will be a landmark in its history. I hope the enterprise may be made profitable as it deserves to be. Respectfully, JAMES E. BOYD."

"The musical programme was then taken up and was listened to enthusiastically throughout. The orchestra responded superbly to Prof. Steinhilber's baton, and every number was played with taste and expression. The double quartette 'Sondergerman,' by Swedish and Norwegian artists, well rendered, although the volume of sound was hardly large enough to fill the house. It requires an extra vocal effort to make one's self heard throughout the length and breadth of such a structure. This fact seemed to be completely ignored by the members of the club, and the consequence was that an otherwise delightful musical number was lost to many of the audience present. The same error will fall away to the quartette song, 'Oh, the Sad Moment of Parting,' by Misses Blanche Oliver, Minnie Rath, Messrs. Breckenridge and Ponca. The orchestra began the volume of sound was hardly large enough to fill the house. 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