

THE NORTHWESTERN'S GAME

What Omaha Business Men Think of President Hught's Move.

MATTESSON'S EXAMINATION.

A Preliminary Investigation of the Horrible Charges Against Him - Rail Notes - A Boy's Suspicious Death, Etc.

What They Think.

A reporter for the BEE was detailed yesterday to interview some of the leading business men, jobbers and capitalists of Omaha, concerning the move of President Hught in trying to block the scheme of building an Omaha road to the north. As will be seen by the series of interviews printed below, the general sentiment is that the Northwestern is playing a sharp game, the only object of which is to bind the Omaha merchants and prevent our capitalists from giving substantial aid to any railroad enterprise.

Milton Rogers—"I haven't looked into this matter much, but from what I can see I believe that this is a scheme of the Northwestern to head off the Omaha Northern. I am in favor of having a road of our own to the northwest. Or if we do let the Northwestern build the road we ought to have them so tied down that they couldn't wiggle out of any promises they might make to us."

E. L. Stone—"I am in favor of having a road of our own to the northwest, operated by our own capital and in our own interest. The Northwestern, of course, will do all it can to throw cold water on the scheme. That is to be expected. This latest move of President Hught is meant simply to block the scheme."

W. J. Brantch—"I, for one, am not in favor of voting aid for the Northwestern to run a plug line from Omaha to Fremont or Kearney, unless the line is continued still further to the northwest, in such a way as to place Omaha in direct communication with that territory. We must get positive assurances from the Northwestern as to what it proposes to do. The policy of the Northwestern has hurt us immeasurably in the past—how much, our capitalists don't seem able to appreciate. I don't place much reliance on its promises. I think we ought to have our own road to the northwest."

S. A. Orchard—"I haven't studied up much on this problem, but I can say that I think we ought to have our own road, operated by our own capital."

Peter Her—"I am in favor of letting the Northwestern come into Omaha. Then if we need another road let our own capitalists go ahead and build one. But I don't think that there will be any necessity of their doing so. The Northwestern builds in here and gives us good roads it will be worth a dozen roads that Omaha men could build. I am decidedly in favor of giving the Northwestern a chance."

O. H. Gordon—"I think that Omaha merchants are very foolish to allow themselves to be gulled by the Northwestern road. That road has discriminated steadily against Omaha in the past; it will continue to do so in the future. What we want is our own road."

W. A. L. Gibson—"Hught is a smooth talker and he is to be given considerable credit for having pulled the wool over the eyes of our capitalists. Still I don't think that these capitalists fully understand the way in which we shippers are handicapped by the Northwestern. If they did they would understand better how to receive Mr. Hught's promises. That we are going to have, is our own road to the northwest."

Adolph Meyer—"I am not in favor of allowing the Northwestern to block the scheme of building an Omaha line. That road has always worked against Omaha, and has succeeded in doing us quite a good deal of injury. Still, I don't know that they are to be blamed for trying to secure the long haul to Chicago. We shall never have roads where they ought to be, until we have a line of our own. Then with the competition that will result, the Northwestern will be compelled to make concessions to Omaha. Our stock shippers especially have to contend against discrimination. The stock yards will never build up the business as long as affairs are in the present state."

A REVOLVING CASE.

The Preliminary Examination of John Matteson.

The event in the police court yesterday morning was the preliminary examination of John Matteson, the man who is charged with ravishing little Grace Burton, the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mattie Burton. As might have been expected, the court room was crowded with an eager and curious crowd of listeners who drank in every detail of the testimony.

Matteson, who has been in jail for the past ten days, was accompanied by his wife, a handsome blonde. She appeared to watch the progress of the trial very unconcernedly, and even smiled at certain turns in the testimony. She has great faith in her husband's innocence of the terrible charges preferred against him. Mrs. Burton, the mother of the child, declares that Mrs. Matteson on one occasion said to her: "If my husband comes to my husband from what you have done, I'll kill you."

Judge Felker represented the prosecution, while Attorney Scells appeared for the defense. The first witness examined for the state was Dr. Leisinger, who had examined the injuries sustained by the little girl. His testimony was very interesting and reflects damagingly on the accused man. He swore that the little girl was at the present time suffering from a disgusting disease, and that she gave unmistakable signs of being foully dealt with.

but the judge finally concluded to allow the girl to be examined without, however, having the oath administered to her.

The little girl, a pretty winsome child, with blue eyes and golden hair, was brought into the court room and placed in the chair usually occupied by the witnesses. She looked smilingly into the judge's face, and appeared as unconcerned as though she was not the cynosure of hundreds of eyes.

A good deal of difficulty was experienced in getting the child to tell her story. The lawyers gathered around her ready to listen to anything she might have to say. She appeared abashed and refused to talk. She finally compromised by putting her arms around the judge's neck and whispering her story into his ear. Judge Stenberg questioned her closely, and at the conclusion of the talk he said: "I must say that the girl does not tell as straightforward a story as she did when I first questioned her. At that time there were but few people in the room besides the little girl and myself, and I presume that she felt less embarrassed than she does to-day. At any rate I am frank to say that I cannot get as much out of her to-day as I expected to."

At this juncture the mother of the child was called in and put on the stand. She testified to the circumstances of Matteson's coming to her house on Sunday, September 13, and asking to be allowed to take the child out riding. The story she told was the same as that told by the woman, and when he asked to be allowed to take Grace out riding I thought there could be no harm in his doing so, and gave my consent. He brought the child back in about an hour. She did not say anything then about his having mistreated her, but told me of it when I was giving her a bath about two weeks later.

About the only other important point in Mrs. Burton's testimony was the fact that Grace had told her that Matteson had threatened to kill her if she told her mother of the way he had treated her. The testimony in the case was completed at 5:30 o'clock. After a brief argument the case was submitted. Judge Stenberg decided to hold Matteson under \$5,000 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

RAIL NOTES.

The Daily Grist of Items, Personal and General.

"The freight and passenger business of the Union Pacific shows a wonderful increase this year over last," said an official to a reporter yesterday. "A table, which has just been prepared, shows that in July, the last month on which accurate figures have been secured, the amount of tonnage carried by the Union Pacific was 30 per cent in excess of what it was during the same month of last year. During the past four months the freight business has been heavier than ever before in the history of the road."

THROWING SPARKS. From time to time General Manager Callaway has had prepared for him tables showing the number of fires caused along the lines of the Union Pacific by flying sparks. These statistics so far have shown that the most of these fires are caused by engines which leave the "straight stack" in rare instances the destructive sparks came from a "bulge head" stack. The figures certainly appear to be against the straight stacks so far as the damages from flying sparks are concerned.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

There is every indication that the Union Pacific's first California excursion, which occurs next Wednesday, will be largely patronized. The round-trip tickets are good for a period of sixty days.

The train which runs into Valley from the south and there connects with the overland passenger train from the west for this point, failed to make its customary time Tuesday and was compelled to run into Omaha, which it did in time to connect with the eastern train.

Morgan Jones, of Fort Worth, Texas, is in the city. He is one of the best known and most wealthy capitalists and contractors of that section of the country and also president of the Fort Worth & Denver City railroad. He is here on business, and is stopping at the Millard.

A DISTINGUISHED PARTY.

John B. Dutcher, David H. Sherman, J. C. Brown, Alexander White and H. Holmes, of New York, Sam'l Albertson, of Chicago, and Isaac H. Knox, of St. Louis, compose a party of distinguished capitalists which left the city this afternoon, in a special car of the New York, Central & Hudson River railroad. They are going to the coast.

The BEE from time to time, during the past summer, has referred to the blockades and delays occasioned by the trestles which have taken place in the Union Pacific yards on this side of the river. While the patience of travelers and people who do business in that section of the city has been almost exhausted, it may be stated that everything that could be done to obviate the difficulty has been done by both officers and employees. The cars, next Wednesday, will be not so large enough to accommodate the enormous increase of business, and an idea of the same may be had when it is stated that between the first and 29th of last month, 40,000 cars were handled by the Union Pacific company alone in this city. The cars of this road are everywhere, out at Florence, Millard, Council Bluffs, on all their side of the river, and it is now a problem when half of them can be unloaded. The other roads centering here are blocked in about the same manner, and the cars are being piled up and rotting in a car of slate, intended for a building in this city, which is hopelessly buried among other cars on the other side of the river, which, it is estimated, would require the moving of 2,000 cars to reach.

YOUNG ROESING'S DEATH.

Was It Hastened by Foul Play?—A Post-Mortem.

Coroner Drexl was yesterday afternoon called upon to investigate the case of a boy named Theodore Roesing, who died Tuesday night, supposedly of typhoid fever.

The facts appear to be about these: Young Roesing, who was but thirteen years of age, was taken ill with typhoid fever some weeks ago. He was placed under good medical treatment, and soon began to improve. One day when nearly well he went out doors for an airing. He was sitting on the front porch when a boy named Julius Bullard, a sixteen year old son of Fred Bullard, came along and invited him to go down the street.

Roesing refused to go, and then as the neighbors allege, young Bullard attacked the sick boy with a club, giving him a severe beating. Roesing was taken into the house and suffered a relapse from which he never recovered.

Another version of the affair is that the sick boy was lying in a shade near Bullard's house, when Bullard, the elder, told him to go away, at the same time drenching him with water. Young Roesing, protesting, and Julius Bullard, the son, jumped upon his prostrate and literally stamped all over him. The funeral will take place at 9 o'clock to-morrow at the family residence, on South Twelfth street, near Williams.

Drs. Robert and Wilcox who made a post-mortem examination of the boy's body this afternoon, report that they found nothing to bear out the theory that his death was hastened by young Bullard's harsh treatment. No inquest will therefore be held.

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A WAR OF WORDS.

Two Pair of Colored Folks in Justice Berka's Court.

Judge Berka yesterday morning heard the case of Fannie Tolson vs. John and Rebecca Linsey, in which the former sued for a balance of wages claimed to be due her for nursing Mrs. Linsey. The testimony was rather unsatisfactory, but the judge rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff for \$2.50, which, with costs amounted to \$3.45. All the parties are colored, and when the defendant paid the costs, leaving the judgment till later, the indignation of the latter knew no bounds. She heaped abuse upon the unfortunate plaintiff, accusing her of perjury, professing that "God would mark her," and concluding her oration by applying appropriate epithets to the husband of the other woman, until Judge Berka at length silenced her by threatening her with a fine of \$500. The abused husband is a modern Sampson, and looked as if he felt disposed to be arraigned for manslaughter.

The case of Mary J. Schaller vs. S. G. Stevenson is on trial and will go to the jury to-night.

POSTOFFICE CHANGES.

Necessitated by the Recent Order Excluding Non-Employees.

The new order with regard to the exclusion of non-employees from the post-office has, as intimated in yesterday's BEE, concluded to a probable change in the interior arrangement of that place. It is expected that a strong iron fence will be extended immediately inside the rear door, beyond which people who deliver papers for transmission will not be allowed to go. To accommodate those who desire to pay for the postage of the same, it is expected that a window similar to that in the registry department will be placed near the carriers, Sunday delivery window, and near the meter and stamp office. The office of the branch of the business, will be placed. The forwarding of mail, which is now done by the same gentleman, will most likely be delegated to another clerk.

ANOTHER PALACE.

The H. T. Clark Drug Company to Build a Beautiful Building.

There was a meeting of the stockholders of the H. T. Clark Drug Company held Tuesday night, at which it was decided to purchase several lots in the heart of the city and build upon them a magnificent structure in which to locate the business house of the association. The determination of the members is to put up a building, probably the finest in this city, and supply it with all the modern improvements, making it one of the most desirable in many respects for offices and mercantile purposes in the city. Several sites are being considered and one of them will be purchased, it is thought, before the close of next week.

Local Laconies.

Manager Hughes, clearing-house: "I believe that the Omaha bank clearings will reach the \$5,000,000 mark by the end of six months, if not sooner. I don't know to what the increase is due, unless it be the general prosperity and business growth of the city."

E. W. Simeral: "I have been looking after my fences pretty closely, and I believe that I am going to be elected by a good round majority."

Dr. Ward: "The condition of the paved alleys of this city is now about as bad and dangerous from a sanitary standpoint as it ever was, before they were improved. In many of them the filth is inches deep and the stench arising from them in many places is almost intolerable. I cannot understand why a city which pays so much attention to its streets should not devote one penny to keeping its alleys in a respectable condition. These alleys have been in this condition all summer and they are becoming worse daily."

A Charity Ball.

The local society of the Bnai Brith, a Jewish benevolent organization, are preparing for a grand ball to be given to-night at Metropolitan hall. The proceeds will be devoted to a fund for building a \$75,000 addition to the society's orphan asylum at Cleveland.

Republican Co. Central Committee.

A meeting of the Douglas county central committee is called for Saturday, the 31st, at 2 o'clock p. m., city hall. Every member of the committee is requested to be in attendance, as business of importance is to be transacted.

A Pittable Case.

A case worthy of charitable attention is that of a Mrs. Mary Corning, who is dying of consumption in a wretched little hovel on "Dago Alley," between Leavenworth and Jones, Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The woman has been lying on her back for weeks past, and has fact of the matter is that she has been kept alive by voluntary contributions from neighbors, and the kind-hearted policeman, Officer Peironet, who is on that beat. She can only live a short time longer at the best, and unless some of the charitably disposed take hold of her case, she will die of actual starvation. She is cooped up in a dirty, squalid room, with not a particle of heat in it, and the only wonder is how she manages to live at all. She has two or three little children whom disease and want have brought into a pitiable condition. They have scarcely any clothes, and are compelled to go about shivering in their half-nakedness.

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Starving Horses.

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decline from starvation. It seems that the horses are the property of a man named Road, whose whereabouts are not known, and the party whom he left to care for them, has left them scarcely enough to keep them alive.

Oyster Festival.

To night, 21st inst., the ladies of Seward street M. E. church will give an "oyster supper" in the building on the corner of Saunders and Seward streets. Supper will be served from 6 to 9 p. m. and the bivalves will be dressed up in every style known to the art, as the ladies of this society have an established reputation in the cooking of good things. Those who go will doubtless be well entertained. All the friends of the church are cordially invited to come.

District Court.

Storz & Her have filed an attachment against John Sandtaker to satisfy a claim of \$300 on a note for that amount, which remains unpaid.

Charles I. Husted seeks divorce from his wife Mary on the ground of cruelty to him and neglect of wifely duties on the part of the defendant.

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At Quarantine.

There are now eighteen cows quarantined at Council Bluffs which are destined to Nebraska. The owners are in bad spirits over their delay, because of the loss of time and expense which quarantine entails. These people have also a number of other animals which are not affected by the quarantine, and which they are desirous of taking west with them.

Base Ball in Omaha.

As indicated in the BEE last night, there is every prospect that Omaha will have a base ball club next year in the western league. The feeling is very strong in favor of such a move. Messrs. Kay and Bandle have not done any canvassing yet, but have simply felt the public pulse. They report that there is every reason to believe that the \$5,000 stock can be subscribed.

Gobbled by Thompson-Houston.

The Thompson-Houston Electric Light company has secured possession of the poles, wires and local license of the late Sperry company and intend to incorporate them into its system. It will put in place in a few weeks a mammoth Corliss engine, which will enable a greater number of lamps to be supplied and at the same time permit the introduction of a number of incandescents.

Mrs. Borden's Debut.

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An adjourned board meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at Buckingham Home, Thursday, October 21, at 2 p. m. sharp. The monthly business, to follow at 3 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present. By order of the president, Mrs. G. W. CLARK, Corresponding Secretary.

Don't Fail to Attend.

The great auction sale of fine imported Key West and Domestic cigars, Thursday, Oct. 21st, at 313 North 16th street, under Masonic hall. Auction sales at 10 a. m., 2 and 7 p. m. Will be sold in lots to suit, one box and upwards. CAUTER, WINESEAR & CO., Auctioneers.

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