

NEEDS ANOTHER ADJUSTMENT

The Transportation Board to Ask
Another Reduction of Rates.

POTTER WILL HAVE TO ANSWER,

The Waterloo Bridge Matter to Be
Taken Into the Courts--School
Money Appointment--The Bond
Electron To-day.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The secretaries of the state board of transportation met yesterday at their rooms and considered the question of a reduction of rates. The recent reduction of inter-state rates affects Missouri river points, and Lincoln and Fremont, which have been given separate schedules at an advance of about 3 cents per 100 on different classes over Missouri river rates. The state board believe that the rest of the state is entitled to reductions as well as Missouri river points and these places, and consequently they have called a meeting of the board to consider and adopt a new tariff sheet for the different roads in the state to conform to the reduction made in inter-state rates. The clerk of the board was instructed to notify the different roads in the state of the meeting and request representative to be present. At that meeting, if an agreement is not made with the roads on reductions, the board will declare existing rates unreasonable, make a reduction to them, and then call upon the state for enforcement of their order in the courts.

In the matter of the Waterloo Bridge and overflow case, in which Mr. Potter refused to accede to the findings of the board, he will proceed to make his findings of facts and file the same in the courts where the Union Pacific will be called upon to answer in trial.

In the board's new complaint has been entered by John Lisco, of Clark's station, Merrick county, who alleges that the Union Pacific has discriminated against him in the shipments of hay to Omaha and that the discrimination was made in car load rates in favor of other shippers. Answer day for this complaint is set for Monday next.

THE SCHOOL MONEY APPOINTMENT.
Superintendent Land yesterday reported to the board that he had received the appointment of school money based upon the report of the state treasurer filed with him December 5. The report showed that there were the following amounts to apportion: Interest on state bonds, \$15,000; state tax, \$10,000; interest on county bonds, \$23,826.30; interest on district bonds, \$50; lease of school of state, \$4,876.23; private securities, \$2,612.60; a total of \$82,450.33. Under the law the state superintendent has the power to apportion the different counties of the state according to school population. The school population of the state is \$279,982 and the rate per scholar was \$1.19. The different counties in the state receive the following amount:

Name of Counties.	No. of Sch'drs.	Amounts Due
Antelope	4,022	\$ 4,804.17
Adams	5,625	6,715.32
Boone	8,881	10,441.27
Burt	5,044	6,129.27
Brown	2,646	3,160.00
Burt	4,777	5,411.62
Cass	7,227	8,633.57
Cherry	8,727	9,883.99
Cheyenne	1,849	2,161.00
Custer	1,100	1,261.00
Cedar	1,929	2,351.62
Clay	5,767	6,888.52
Cook	3,677	4,444.94
Cuming	5,533	6,611.41
Custer	2,889	3,463.37
Dakota	1,741	2,049.00
Dixon	7,663	9,390.33
Dodge	6,628	7,608.65
Douglas	10,411	12,511.91
Dundy	5,261	6,319.93
Fillmore	5,291	6,319.93
Franklin	2,829	3,379.75
Fremont	5,248	6,319.93
Furnas	3,222	3,449.78
Gage	8,825	10,641.22
Greeley	1,543	1,844.07
Gosper	2,989	3,445.84
Hall	5,041	6,021.34
Hamilton	4,530	5,410.96
Harrison	2,670	3,084.00
Hayes	601	715.00
Hitchcock	1,625	1,821.57
Holt	5,620	6,715.32
Howard	4,613	5,510.10
Jefferson	3,021	3,681.53
Johnson	2,889	3,445.84
Kearney	3,100	3,702.86
Lancaster	14,549	17,178.38
Loup	4,482	5,291.92
Madison	4,001	4,779.08
Merrick	2,878	3,379.75
Nance	5,625	6,715.32
Nemaha	4,558	5,444.40
Nuckolls	3,323	3,891.34
Otoe	4,001	4,779.08
Pawnee	2,581	3,077.40
Phelps	2,582	3,084.00
Platte	5,066	6,028.75
Polk	3,506	4,187.82
Red Willow	2,698	3,112.00
Riley	6,181	7,251.91
Saline	1,600	1,821.57
Sarpy	2,039	2,494.25
Seward	7,514	9,130.00
Sherman	2,150	2,568.12
Sioux	208	230.00
Thayer	4,004	4,779.42
Valley	2,287	2,731.70
Washington	1,533	1,821.57
Webster	4,087	4,881.81
Wheeler	678	800.85
Yuma	5,625	6,715.32
Blaine	108	128.00
Box Butte	422	510.00
Doyle	1,574	1,821.57
Gardiner	1,041	1,251.00
Kewa Paha	1,894	2,250.00
Logan	248	286.23
Sheridan	1,176	1,365.04
Total	27,062	\$ 33,430.70

THE BOND ELECTION.
To-day the city votes upon the proposition of granting \$150,000 of bonds to the constable of the proposed Lincoln, Rod Oak & Des Moines rail road. There was more evidence of opposition to the bonds than to the streets yesterday than heretofore and some parties who did not reveal their identity, had boys scattering dodgers, calling on tax payers to vote no more bonds to consider first what more are to be done year and asserting that taxes are to be paid. Whatever the opposition may be it is very evident that it has arrived too late and the disposition among heavy tax payers is to vote the bonds.

STATE HOUSE NEWS.

Governor Thayer is reported to be improving, but he is yet confined to his bed. The governor's friends are unlimited and all are anxious for his speedy recovery.

On the Eleventh Judicial district by Judge Cochran and has filed his oath of office with the secretary of state.

Judge T. C. O. Harrison, of Grand Island, is the first of the district judges-elect to file his oath of office with the secretary of state for the coming year.

Sheriff Grimes, of Johnson county, was in the city yesterday, bringing with him a new bond for Warden Hynes, sentenced to one year's imprisonment for stealing a wagon. The same party had at that place given by the latter of light articles.

The following no man's were commissioned yesterday: William R. Handal, Cheyenne county; Albert G. Edwards, Omaha; A. D. Gibbs, Arapahoe, Furnas county; H. E. Wilson, Champion, Chase county; John T. Bras, Larimer, Cheyenne county; James F. Riley, Hastings.

General and Doctor Fishblatt.
The telegraph has brought the intelligence that a man named Fishblatt was acting as "general" of the Salvation army at Fairbank, Minn., where, it was claimed, the success of the celestial array of mortals had aroused the enmity of several local ministers who had investigated some of the disreputable elements of the city to make the heavenly cohorts flee for the safety. The "general" of the army bears a name well known to residents of Omaha of a few years ago. In those days the gentleman was known as "doctor." He occupied sumptuous apartments over the Omaha National bank, advertised with liberality and sported pasto diamonds which

made him the envied one of every hotel clerk in town. But business didn't fit his pockets. He left the town, drifted to Cleveland, Ohio, jumped into the broken business, went to other towns, always dropping down lower, until now he is found endeavoring to make a grand ascent to heaven and induce others to follow him in the path of salvation, but failing for salvation and against sin and the devil. Dr. and General Fishblatt's versatility is equal to almost any emergency.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

The Suit of Franklin Robinson vs. Alfred D. Jones, et al. Now on Trial.

The case of Franklin Robinson vs. Alfred D. Jones, et al., began yesterday in the district court. Judges Wakeley and Groff occupying the bench. There was a great array of legal talent present and many spectators. The plaintiff's case is being conducted by Messrs. George W. Doane, John W. Lytle and Pat O. Hawes, while Messrs. John M. Thurston and C. A. Baldwin appear for the defense.

This promises to be a long and tedious case and at the same time a celebrated one. The history of the litigation is well known to the readers of the Bee, but a short synopsis is given below:

Mr. Robinson was a veteran of the Mexican war and after completing service removed to Gentry county, Missouri. Mr. Robinson made an application for a government land patent to which he was entitled. This was granted in 1848. When Robinson was seized with the fever and started for the mines. He alleges that he and Mr. Jones entered into an agreement whereby the latter was to locate the land for him. He claims Mr. Jones did not keep faith with him, but obtained the land in his name. That Mr. Jones afterward sold this property and bought real estate in Omaha, which is now very valuable. Mr. Robinson returned from California in 1848 and at once began suit against the defendant.

Public Works.

Hereafter, when advertising for bids for the construction of sidewalks, Chairman Balcombe, of the board of public works, will call for bids for the construction of cross-walls. The latter were put down by the street superintendent, and it is thought the new system will be less expensive.

During the past year there have been over twenty miles of sidewalk laid down by the board of public works, the paved portion of the dirt which was laid out upon several complaints, one of which was made by Justice Van Gilder, who visited the race track and said he had seen a magnificent spring. The pool was six feet wide, seven or eight feet deep and so clear that every pebble on the bottom could be distinctly seen. Near the spring stood an old double cabin of rough-hewn logs, which we at first thought was uninhabited. On closer inspection, however, we found that somebody lived in it. We tapped on the door, but got no response, and we were about to turn away when a pet bear stumbled up the path towards us and an old man clad almost entirely in skins of wild animals followed close behind the bear.

"You won't hurt me, gentlemen," continued the old man, "but he is mighty free."

The bear sat up and looked and then came up and smelled them.

"Get out of the way, Jacko," said the old frontiersman, giving the brute a smart kick, "and mind your manners. Come in, gentlemen, and don't mind Jacko, he is only my companion and he and I live all alone. I expect I spoil him sometimes, but Jacko is a mighty smart bear and can do almost everything but talk. I got him when he was only a little cub up there on the mountain, and he is now over a year old. Go and lie down, Jacko," and the bear did as he was bid.

We sat quite late into the night talking of the war. The old man loved to talk about the battles he had been in. I had noticed he was slightly lame, and he showed me where he had been shot in the leg at Antietam. I told him he was entitled to a pension, and should get it for his children if not for himself. He shook his head sadly, and said: I have all I need. I have done with the world. Jacko and I will stay here and not bother about anything."

I was a little afraid of that bear, but the old man assured me he would not move out of his corner until morning, and he did not.

Next morning, after a hearty breakfast, we left him at the door of his lonely cabin, and Jacko turned several somersaults of delight, as if he was glad we were going, and no doubt he was.

JAMES S. BRISBIN.

It is an Ill Wind.

That brings with it gusts of rain from the northeast. When the wind blows from that quarter on a wet day, the rheumatic are apt to suffer, even if seated by their "ain comfortable ingle," in a cosy arm chair. A few wine glasses full of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters—most genial and comforting of specifics—will afford them unspeakable relief.

He also showed that a large part of this dirt was rapidly turning into dust, flying through the air, injuring the displays of Sunday school scenes.

After a little trouble they found their man under the name of Williams. At first they were not sure and asked the Passaic officers to visit the track and see if they could identify him. This they did Saturday. He must have seen the men in company with Darling and Buckley and kept very shy since. Yesterday afternoon the two Union township officers visited the track and saw the negro near the grand stand talking to several gentlemen, evidently giving them tips. When they approached him he ran away. They pursued him and saw him dodge into the carriage shed at the north end of the track. When they entered the shed, after having considered the trouble in opening the large stable door, the negro could not be seen. Officer Buckley, however, saw something white under one of the carriages and said:

"Come, Williams. We have a warrant for your arrest and you may as well surrender, as we want you."

The negro got out from under the carriage and asked what they wanted, and upon being told said defiantly:

"Come and take me then."

Officer Buckley, having heard what a desperate character the negro was, drew his revolver, moved to intimidate him that to use it, advanced and at the same time drew his revolver from his pocket and read it as he went towards the negro. As Buckley stepped over one of the shafts of the carriage, he heard the negro say "I am a bad man." Buckley stepped over the carriage and the negro was hidden under one of the carriages and the officer advanced and seized the negro by the collar and pulled him forward and seized him and the negro tried to throw him to the ground.

Officer Buckley is a tall, powerfully built young man, but found he had his hands full when he tackled the negro, who seemed to have only one purpose, and that was to obtain his revolver. They swayed from side to side and did not have much room to move, as they were surrounded on every side by carriages and were at different times forced against them. Sergeant Darling called to Buckley, asking him if he needed help, but received no answer and only heard sniffs and hard breathing of both men as they fought for the revolver. The negro suddenly seized the butt end of it and forced the officer's arm up. He then took the negro's hand and attempted to throw him to the ground.

"One night he came to me on post and handed me something wrapped in a piece of cloth which he explained was the mysterious and fatal knife. He was afraid, he said, to keep it for fear he might be tempted to use it, and wanted me to destroy it. I told him it was a son where no one could handle it. I took the knife and put it in my pocket and forgot all about it until I was at home. I took it out, unrolled the cloth and pulled the blade out of its sheath. The blade was about five inches long, and curved in and out in a curious manner, giving it a look like tongue of flame. The handle was covered with dark colored leather, and I took it up in my hand to look at it more closely. I don't know what came over me, but suddenly I felt a queer sensation all over my body. My fingers closed over the handle, and the queer shaped blade seemed to quiver with life. I felt an unconquerable desire to stick it into some one, and probably have done so had my hand not struck the hot chimney of a lamp and the pain caused me to drop it.

"I managed to get the blade into the sheath again, as it was as it was when I found it, and put into that iron chest, where it has been ever since."

The reporter asked to see the knife, and after considerable pleading got the detective to open the box and lay the knife on the table. The sheath was a plain heavy leather one, and the knife looked so like hundreds of others he had seen that the reporter smiled at the supposed ghost story. The blade was withdrawn, and, as the detective had said, was curved in a curious manner. Near the handle were a number of hieroglyphics and, like the detective, the reporter to examine them lifted the knife from the table. His hands had hardly closed on the shaft when the curious thrill passed over him, but just then the detective forced the knife out of his hand, and with a sigh of relief he saw it locked in the iron chest from which it will shortly be taken and destroyed.

Ancient historians tell of Damascus blades which had a similar power, and the stiletto may have been fashioned by the hands that fashioned them.

Some fashionable ladies are not satisfied with ready-made fans, but must have them made to order; they are, however, satisfied with Dr. Bull's cough syrup at 25 cents and take it regularly.

"One fire burns out another's burning," and most pain suffers more to be cured, but Salvation Oil is painless and certain. It costs only 25 cents.

Financial Difficulties.

J. H. Patterson and wife to E. L. French, son, and ½ bldk 1 and so D C lot 3, lot 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Bedford Place add., w d.

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