

ALL THE COMPLAINTS HEARD.

Omaha's Grievances Presented to the Inter-State Commission.

ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES.

Full Text of the Bill of the Freight Bureau—Decision Reserved and the Commission's Work Here Ended.

The Inter-State Commission.

The inter-state commerce commission convened in the United States court room yesterday. The commission heard all the testimony in the case of the Minneapolis and Northwestern railroad company yesterday, but as yet have rendered no decision, and it is probably the intention to have all the adjustments take place on the final day of the session here.

Freight Bureau, Omaha Board of Trade: This amended bill of complaint of the merchants, manufacturers and business men of the city of Omaha through the freight bureau of the board of trade to the inter-state commerce commission, represents:

Since the filing of the original complaint in November last certain new freight tariffs have been issued by the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, discriminating more severely against the business interests of Omaha and affording increased preferences for Chicago, to Omaha's great detriment.

Further, that this great railroad corporation, making Chicago its initial point for west-bound traffic, now charging on first and fifth classes of west-bound merchandise from Chicago to stations upon the Union Pacific system, in this state, the rates of freight to points designated in this bill, as amended bill of complaint further sets forth that the aforesaid Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago & Northwestern and business men of Rock Island & Pacific railroads were charging on the 20th of December, 1887, and have since been charging the following rates, which were issued by L. N. Fowler, chairman of the tariff association, from the city of Chicago to Omaha, as agreed upon and adopted by said railway lines: 1st rate 75c, 2d 60c, 3d 45c, 4th 30c, 5th 25c, being rates publicly issued under a joint freight tariff.

These rates of freight are as charged by the Union Pacific, as shown in their tariff schedule No. 478.

It is charged that the lines above mentioned are actually violating the inter-state commerce law, inasmuch as they have authorized and are now using freight tariffs from Chicago to interior Nebraska points, which are heavily discriminating in favor of Chicago, to Omaha's great detriment and disadvantage, and which discrimination the complainants respectfully submit is made unlawful by the terms of section 3rd of the law.

Again, that the city of Omaha is unlawfully discriminated against and is subject to undue and unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage in the meaning of the 3rd section of the inter-state commerce law.

Again, that by reason of freight tariffs thus arranged and in effect, the city of Chicago is largely benefited to Omaha's detriment, on a condition clearly forbidden, not only by the general tenor of the law, but involving a distinct violation of the 3rd section.

Therefore, the petitioners ask that the aforesaid Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad companies be restrained and compelled to withdraw the freight tariffs in reference and to cease from charging the rates in points that are designated in this bill.

The interference of the commission is further solicited in Omaha's behalf, that the freight tariff between Chicago and all interior Nebraska points hereafter constructed upon a basis that shall give this city an equal chance with Chicago on the market and distribute points for west-bound traffic for the state of Nebraska.

The answer of the Union Pacific railroad company to this complaint is an amended document. It denies that either by itself or any connection with its co-defendants that it makes Chicago its initial point for west-bound traffic, or that it has done so at any of the times alleged in the complainant's bill, but it admits that in connection with the other defendants it has resorted to the establishment of a joint schedule of rates to be charged for the transportation of freights from Chicago to points in Nebraska, and at times charged in the annual complaint the said rates were substantially correct as stated by defendants. It further denies that the said rates, or any rates in use by the Union Pacific railroad company under and by virtue of the schedule of joint rates agreed upon by them as alleged in said complaint, effect any unlawful discrimination in favor of Chicago against Nebraska points. Denies that its rates are contrary to the letter or spirit of section 3 of the act to regulate commerce; denies that Omaha is unlawfully discriminated against and subject to undue disadvantage within the meaning of the 3rd section; denies that it has established or uses any rates which benefits Chicago to the detriment of Omaha.

Then it claims that the rates established by the railroad companies between Chicago and Omaha and between Chicago and interior Nebraska points, are just and reasonable and not discriminating. That they are fairly apportioned one toward another, considering the services required of the railroad companies.

Alleges that it would be unjust and an illegal discrimination in favor of Omaha to charge the same rate upon its local freight originating at Omaha and destined to interior points upon its own line, as it collects for its proportionate share of the through rates, as jointly fixed by the several railroad companies from Chicago to the same interior points upon the line of this defendant.

Wherefore the Union Pacific claims that the prayer of the plaintiffs be denied.

It may not come amiss here to publish the purport of the replies adopted for the government of the freight bureau of the Omaha board of trade. The main object thereof is to give the railroad and transportation companies such information regarding the various lines of goods it represents, as to their proper classification; to secure freight rates to all points that shall in no case discriminate against Omaha's business interests; to assist in adjusting claims for losses, damages and overcharges.

The opening speech in the afternoon was Mr. Gandy in behalf of the Chicago & Northwestern. He claimed that no discrimination whatever existed either for or against Omaha. He asserted that the present suit was an attempt to force discrimination in favor of Omaha, and that if they succeeded in this then all the other cities of Nebraska could complain of a discrimination against them in favor of Omaha.

Mr. Thurston next appeared in behalf of the Union Pacific. He said that there was no specific reply to the complaining party's claim; no reduction in local rates or change in tariff between here and Chicago was asked for. If the complainants they could not get their rates applied to the country at large it would ruin Omaha and the west. Matters were best as they now are. To give every town in Nebraska the opportunity of doing the jobbing trade that Omaha now has would be fatal to the interests of the metropolis.

Judge Woolworth said in behalf of Omaha that previous to the passage of the inter-state commerce law the jobbing interests of this city amounted to \$40,000,000. Since then discrimination has been practiced against the city so systematically that it has paralyzed the lumber trade and every other business. He made a strong presentation of the case and strengthened it with a formidable array of facts.

At the conclusion of his speech the matter was taken under advisement and the work of the inter-state commission in Omaha was thus ended.

BAD DEBT COLLECTORS.

United States Authorities Investigating the Sprague Agency.

There is a gang of human vultures associated together under the title of "Sprague's Bad Debt Collecting Agency." This "agency" has branch offices in every important city in the United States. The association has a branch in Omaha.

to get merchants to send in their bad debts for collection. The debtor then receives a letter enclosing a statement of the account and is informed that unless he pays it within a specified time the bill will be sent him next time in an envelope on which is printed in large type the words "Bad Debts." A sample of this is enclosed and in some cases causes the payment of the debt, whether just or unjust, through fear of the debtor. The idea of the "agency" is to ruin the credit of every person whose name is given them.

The United States postal authorities have for some time been investigating the case, and in many instances the perpetrators of this outrage have been arrested for using the United States mails for criminal purposes. In the opinion of Postmaster Gallagher, a strong case can be made out against every one connected with the concern, and it is learned that the anonymous man who presides over the Omaha branch will find himself in a serious predicament ere long. The merchants who aid and abet the crime are also said to be liable to fine and imprisonment.

A Reprieve For the Condemned.

Wretched men and women long condemned to suffer the tortures of dyspepsia, are filled with new hopes after a few doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This budding hope blossoms into the fruition of certainty, if the Bitters is persisted in. It brings a reprieve to all dyspeptics who seek its aid. Flatulence, heartburn, sinking at the pit of the stomach between meals, the nervous tremors and insomnia of which chronic indigestion is the parent, disappear with their hateful progenitor. Most beneficial of stomachics, who can wonder that in so many instances it awakens grateful eloquence in those who, benefitted by it, speak volubly in its behalf. It requires a graphic pen to describe the torments of dyspepsia, but in many testimonial received by the proprietors of the Bitters, these are portrayed with vivid truthfulness. Constipation, biliousness, muscular debility, malarial fever, and rheumatism are relieved by it.

The Slater Woolen Company is now and has been for 30 years known as the most celebrated makers of fine Indigo Blue Cheviots in the United States. Their goods are always thoroughly reliable, and when warranted Indigo Blue will be found precisely as they are represented. The most thoroughly satisfactory blue goods made in this country to-day are made by the Slater Woolen Co.

WE OFFER, COMMENCING THURSDAY: Lot No. 1—200 pure all wool and full Indigo Blue Slater's Cheviot Suits, new, fresh goods, just made up within 60 days, in single-breasted sack suits; coats all made with lap, double-stitched seams, made and trimmed in the best manner, and in regular men's sizes, from 34 to 42, at the extraordinarily low price of \$10 per suit. Read the price again. Think what the goods are that we are offering you. Genuine Slater Woolen Co.'s all wool full indigo suits, heavy weight, at only \$10. The ordinary retail price is not less than \$16 to \$17 per suit. Price \$10.00.

Lot No. 2—We offer 200 Suits in single-breasted sack coats, the very best Sawyer Woolen Co.'s Double and Twist Spring Suitings, new, light gray and brown mixture, just made up in our very best manner, suits that we have sold regularly for the past 12 years, and in no instance have they ever been shown on our counters at less than \$18 per suit. For our present season's opening and until this lot is closed, we shall offer them at the UNAPPROACHABLE PRICE OF \$12 PER SUIT. The old and long established Sawyer Woolen Co., of Dover, N. H. needs no word of commendation from us. We unhesitatingly pronounce this company the best manufacturers of fine all wool suitings in New England. No shoddy, flocks or cotton is ever used in any of their fabrics. Send for samples of the cloth, or a sample suit, and if you wish to examine and prove the value of the suits as they are represented in this advertisement. Price \$12.00.

Lot No. 3. We offer 100 of the well known Velour cloth finish Sawyer Woolen Co.'s Suits, in very dark Oxford Mixtures, a small, neat check pattern, one of the most popular styles that the mill has ever made, suitable for either business or dress purposes. Single-breasted sacks, regular sizes in fall weight at the same extraordinarily low price of \$12 per suit. REMEMBER these are all new suits made in the present style, within the past 60 days, and we guarantee that the ordinary retail price usually asked for these suits is \$18. Sample suits will be sent, and they may be returned at our expense, if, upon examination, they do not bear out all the statements made in regard to their value.

Lot No. 4. We offer 250 spring overcoats; made of a pure worsted in a light gray color, with silk facings and trimmed equal to any \$15 overcoat in our stock. New goods just made up in our own workroom, and cut with as much care as any overcoat in our stock. The extraordinarily low price of this overcoat in regular sizes from 34 to 42 is \$10. We do not hesitate to recommend this as ONE OF THE BEST VALUES ever offered by the Continental. If not considered to be just as represented in this advertisement, every garment purchased may be returned and money refunded. Price \$10.

Lot No. 5. We offer 150 All Wool Spring Overcoats, made from the celebrated PUTNAM ALL WOOL TWILL COATINGS, made by the famous PUTNAM WOOLEN CO., of Putnam, Conn., a mill that is pre-eminent and famous for its thoroughly honest, all wool fabrics, certainly the most popular goods manufactured. Our prices on them in regular sizes from 34 to 42, will be \$7. They are all new goods, made up within the past 60 days, in the very latest styles, and we state an undisputed fact when we say that up to the present time \$12 is the lowest retail price that is quoted for these overcoats. There are of a very handsome brown mixture. Send in your orders at once. REMEMBER the price is \$7, and the same privilege is granted on this lot as on lot 4, if not satisfactory they can be returned.

Lot No. 6. We ask SPECIAL ATTENTION to this lot of Young Men's Overcoats, cut only from 33 to 38 sizes. Made of a fine diamond twill in light brown tan color, with handsome silk facings, dressy and just right for the present season. Placed on our counters this week at \$12.

Lot No. 7. We offer 250 Boys' Strictly GREY MIXED CASSIMERE SUITS a small neat basket pattern, medium color, neither very light nor very dark in sizes for boys 4 to 12 years old. We manufactured these goods in Feb. of the present year and have sold hundreds of them and the average price has been \$6 a suit. During the present week or until they are closed, we shall offer them for \$3.50 a suit. READ THE PRICE ONCE MORE, \$3.50 and remember they are strictly all wool, no cotton or shoddy in them. Only \$3.50. Every suit is worth \$6 to-day.

Lot No. 8—150 BOYS' PLAIN BLOUSE SUITS, strictly all wool, made from a medium color Cheviot, one of the best suits in our stock at any price, and a beautiful color for spring and summer for boys 5 to 12 years, only \$3 a suit. Every suit is worth \$5.

Lot No. 9—We offer the balance of several lots of dark mixed cassimere suits, somewhat broken in sizes. Suits that have sold for \$3.50 and \$4. They are in heavy weights and will be closed out at the REMARKABLY LOW PRICE OF \$2.

Continental Clothing House GRAND OPENING SALE OF SPRING AND SUMMER SUITS.

In every department of our store will now be found new and elegant goods made especially for the spring and summer season, at prices extraordinarily low. Commencing this week, close buyers will find it to their advantage to watch the list of attractive bargains which we shall offer and which will be announced in the daily papers each week.

Read the List of Unprecedented Bargains for This Week.

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BENCH AND BAR.

District Court.

WANTS A MORTGAGE FORECLOSED. Valentine S. Aree gave to Frank A. Scoville as security to insure the payment of a promissory note amounting to \$178.65 a certain piece of real estate in the town of Elk-horn, and as he has thus far refused to pay the note Scoville yesterday petitioned the court to foreclose the mortgage and sell the premises to pay his claim against it.

MARY WANTS A DIVORCE. Mary Landon yesterday commenced proceedings for divorce from her husband Fred. She says she married him in Michigan in 1870, and for the past two years he has lived apart from her without a reasonable or just cause. She prays for the custody of their child, eight years of age, and such other relief in equity as the court may see fit to grant.

A REAL ESTATE SUIT. John Riley yesterday petitioned the court to compel Lev Pixley to live up to an agreement entered into between them in reference to the sale of certain real estate, lot 3, block Y of Shinn's third addition.

VERDICT FOR RICE & CO. The jury that has been trying the action of Rice & Co. against the Commercial National bank before Judge Doane yesterday rendered a verdict of \$111.97 in favor of the plaintiffs.

A STABLE VERDICT. The jury in the famous horse-law suit of Potter vs. Mayne came into court last night with a sealed verdict which will be read this morning.

County Court.

Mrs. MORTON'S APPEAL.

Mrs. Martha Rounds, mother of the deceased Mamie Rounds Rothacker, yesterday petitioned Judge Shields to remove Ottomer Heburn Rothacker from the guardianship of the persons and all property of the minors, Watson Rounds Rothacker and Douglas Dustin Rothacker. The allegations on which the petition is based are of a sensational and astounding character, and will be formally heard on the 10th of April.

Police Court.

Among the numerous cases before the police court yesterday was that of Julius Othson, charged with cruelty to animals. He left a mule hitched in the alley back of Howard street stable Sunday night, and the morning it was found in a horrible condition from exposure to the blizzard. It had to be shot. Julius was fined the sum of \$6 and cost.

George Wannervorst and John Lee were brought to the establishment of a joint schedule of rates to be charged for the transportation of freights from Chicago to points in Nebraska, and at times charged in the annual complaint the said rates were substantially correct as stated by defendants.

William Keith is one of those unfortunate individuals who has had a whole barrel of money stolen from him by the intricate ramifications of the will he is only allowed the interest to disport himself upon. William is fond of fire water. He appears regularly once a week before the Berka tribunal and gulps down small doses of "over the hill."

Yesterday he got five days. Frank Smith, H. Crosswell, John O'Neill and Mike Hartney came in from Meany's grading camps to see "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp." They saw it, also the interior of the city jail. On their way home they were run in as vagrants. They were discharged.

Thomas Flaherty, who floored the hayseed the Union Pacific in the street, most decried of confidence games—a worthless check as collateral for a small loan—was held for further investigation.

William Housser, the prize fighter was ordered out of town.

Every person is interested in their own affairs, and if this means the eye of any one who is suffering from the effects of a torpid liver, we will admit that he is interested in getting well. Get a bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters, use it as directed, and you will always be glad you read this item.

The Humane Society.

At the special meeting of the Nebraska State Humane Society held at the residence of the president, Champion S. Chase a letter was read from the secretary, E. T. Gerry, acting president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, announcing the death of Henry Bergh and requesting the presence of President Chase at the funeral.

The following resolutions were adopted: 1. Resolved, That in the death of Henry Bergh the world has suffered the loss of an unselfish, noble man, and a true friend of the United States their foremost spirit and promoter, and dumb animals their most steadfast friend.

2. Resolved, That the Nebraska State Humane Society tender its sincerest sympathy to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of which Henry Bergh was president and the family and friends of the deceased for their irreparable loss.

3. Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of this society and that a copy be forwarded to the association in New York and to the family of the deceased.

A surprise, when smoking "Solden-berg Figs" for 5c you will find it a 10c cigar. Ask your dealer for them.

Aud Lang Syne. A very cordial recognition after thirty years separation, occurred in the United States court room Monday between Colonel James H. Howe, attorney for the Omaha & St. Paul road and Colonel C. S. Chase. It appears that they were young lawyers in Wisconsin before the war, and political co-workers and intimate friends. Neither of them recognized another by looks yesterday, though they sat near each other. Colonel Chase recognized Colonel Howe's voice and hence the reunion, which followed to their great surprise and pleasure.

For sick headache, female troubles, neuralgia pains in the head take Dr. J. H. McLean's Little Liver and Kidney Pills. 25 cents a vial.

Where Is Torbett?

No information has been received concerning the whereabouts of George Torbett, who disappeared Sunday night from his home at Thirteenth and Center streets. Mr. Torbett is about sixty years of age, and will be remembered by many whom he visited as a taxidermist. The family of the missing man are very anxious to learn of his whereabouts, and any information reported to the police headquarters will be appreciated by them.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is peculiar to itself and superior to all other preparations in strength, economy and medicinal merits.

The Floods Subsiding.

The storm of Monday did a great amount of damage along the Union Pacific near Mercer on the main line and near the long bridge south of Valley. The rise in the Platte was rapid and submerged the tracks at both places mentioned to a depth of several feet. The washout on the main line has now been repaired and trains are running regularly. The branch line is expected to be opened to-night.

His Arm Amputated.

Edward A. White, a switchman employed in the yards of the Union Pacific at Council Bluffs, caught his right arm between bumpers of two cars Monday night at 11:30 o'clock, and was later carried to St. Joseph's hospital where the member was amputated by Dr. Galbraith.

One thousand four hundred and forty-two dog licenses have been issued by the county clerk up to date.

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