

THE NEBRASKA COAL RATES.

Railroad Representatives Fighting the Proposed Revision.

CHIEF POINTS IN CONTROVERSY.

Yesterday's Conference in This City With the Members of the State Board of Transportation—Lease's Views.

Object to a Revision.

Just now the representatives of the railroads doing business in Nebraska are endeavoring to explain to the state board of transportation wherein the latter made a mistake in issuing a mandatory order instructing the roads to reduce the rate on anthracite coal between local points, so as to make it the same as the present rate on soft coal.

Union Pacific by Assistant General Traffic Manager Munroe and Assistant General Attorney Kelley; the Burlington by Thomas Miller and A. Smith, general and assistant general freight agents, respectively; the Missouri Pacific by J. O. Phillips, assistant general freight and passenger agent; D. E. King, contracting freight agent; the Elkhorn by General Manager Burt and General Freight Agent Morehouse; the Rock Island by S. S. Stover, general freight agent; the General Agent Pool. The Santa Fe was also represented.

Messrs. Gilchrist and Garber, secretaries, and Thomas H. Benton and Attorney-General Lease, members of the state board, were also present.

The substance of the order affecting the coal rates, a full report of which has previously been published in The Bee, calls for the revision of the rate on anthracite coal to be reduced so as to be made the same as soft coal. The difference as regards the existing rates is about 18 per cent.

The situation was discussed behind closed doors. The stand taken by the railroads was that a difference would be made in the rates as regards hard and soft coal; the rate on the latter should be lower, because it is a more common commodity.

It was agreed that the railroads should prepare a reply and forward the same in writing to the board. The railway officials then went into executive session, the members of the board retiring, and after passing the following resolution, adjourned to meet again in the afternoon:

Resolved, That the chairman be instructed to request the board of transportation of Nebraska to modify their order of October 25, so far as it applies to hard coal, it being understood that, pending their decision, the railroad companies will continue to publish any rates on coal under said order.

In the afternoon the railway officials again congregated, and discussed the situation further. The action of the board remains to be ascertained, but one of the officials stated that a revised tariff had been prepared upon which the railway companies provided, he said, for a distance rate, and would be a material reduction in the present tariff on anthracite coal. The new rate will be based on weight and distance, and to be regulated on a scale of 100 miles. This action will be conveyed to the board, and the latter will be asked to pass upon it officially within the next ten days.

Attorney-General Lease, who is a member of the board, when questioned concerning the action of the roads regarding the rates on coal, said:

"I, for one, have made up my mind to bring the rates on hard coal down to terms. They have played around the bush long enough. As to the revision of the coal rates, the action of the board should be based on the fact that the rates should be lowered to the extent that they would be under the low distance tariff. They even had the audacity to charge the rates charged were the proportion of the through tariff. Now, I say that when they made these statements they grossly misrepresented the true facts. On the other hand, the rates under our order are 14 cents higher than they would be if the low distance tariff were in effect. The making of the rate, if I am not daily making the local rate on hard coal has no bearing whatever with the through rate under the low distance tariff. I want to say this, that if the road furnish independent evidence that the board has acted in the manner which I have mentioned, I will be willing to qualify my action; but unless this is proven, I, for one, will stand by the order, and I will do all within my power to see that it is enforced."

Secretary Gilchrist did not manifest any desire to express himself on the question in controversy. He contented himself with the questions propounded to him by a reporter, and, assuming a Sullivanic attitude, stated that he was a guest of the railroads and had nothing to say.

A New Train Schedule. Tomorrow the officials connected with the operating department of the Union Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern, St. Paul & Omaha, and the Elkhorn will meet in this city for the purpose of arranging a uniform train schedule, the same to take effect November 17, and govern the time and the running of the trains on the above roads in accordance with the terms of the Northwest-Union Pacific agreement. The time of arrival and departure of the trains on the above roads at this point will be materially changed.

Officers Conductors. At Sixteenth and Dodge streets passengers are transferred from the cable to the motor train, and vice versa. As a result, more or less complaints have been made by patrons of the motor train. The conductor in charge in which they have been treated by conductors on the motor train. Friday evening two ladies boarded into the cable train on South Tenth street. Upon reaching the transfer point they disembarked and got on board the motor train. The transfer agent, they state, informed the conductor that they were transfer passengers, but before the train had proceeded very far on its journey the conductor demanded their fare. They again explained the situation, stating that they had paid the conductor on the cable line. He then told them that they must pay or get off, and without any further ado he pulled the bell cord and the ladies left the train. One of them is the wife of a Thirteenth street merchant, and she has reported the matter to the officials of the company.

Railway Surgeons Appointed. Dr. O. J. Pfeiffer, chief surgeon of the Union Pacific has issued a circular citing the following changes and appointments: Dr. George W. Perkins, division surgeon of the Union Pacific, jurisdiction extended over Utah division. Drs. Walter S. Richards, Salt Lake City, and James H. Pike, Provo, appointed assistant surgeons of the company.

Dr. E. S. Garner, St. Joseph, appointed division surgeon with jurisdiction over St. Joe & Grand Island. The following assistant surgeons have been appointed and will report to Dr. Garner: Barton Hitts, Colfax, St. Joe; E. W. Bliss at Hawabath; N. Hayes at Seneca; A. G. Edwards at Marysville; G. H. Arner at Hanover; A. M. Kinsman at Fairbury; J. Conrad at Fairfield, and John Cook at Hastings.

Washburn Succumbs to Swine. General Purchasing Agent, McKibben, of the Union Pacific, has appointed F. Washburn to the position of superintendent of the hotel department of that road, vice Thomas Swibe retired. Superintendent Washburn will have direct charge of the operation of

the hotels and the managers of each hotel. He will report to the general purchasing agent.

W. V. Turner has been appointed accountant of the department and will have direct charge of all accounts.

The new superintendent will take charge Monday next. He has for some time been assistant superintendent of the dining car service of the Chicago and Northwestern, and is well known in Omaha.

LOCAL POLITICS.

Second Ward Republicans. The political club of the second ward held a meeting last night at Kasper's hall on South Thirteenth street.

M. O'Donovan presided and D. O'Connell acted as secretary.

Gus Andrea, chairman of the executive committee, reported that that body had decided to leave the canvassing of the wards to the county central committee.

It was announced that the committee had received ten dollars from Richard Berlin, candidate for county commissioner, to help defray the expenses of the club.

The money was ordered returned with thanks, the sentiment being that the club was sufficiently provided with means to bear the expense of the canvass.

R. A. L. Dick then spoke eloquently for an hour, reviewing the character and qualifications of the candidates on both the state and republican tickets.

M. P. O'Brien delivered a pointed speech showing the hypocrisy of the democrats in crying out against republicans, when many of the leaders in the cry were subsidized employees of the same soulless organizations.

M. O. O'Neil, candidate for coroner, spoke, claiming that he was not on earth, but a physician should be elected coroner, and that if an undertaker were not qualified, the best man for the place was a doctor.

Joe Southard, candidate for register of deeds, delivered a reminiscent speech, in which he recalled the name of a man, and a hearty endorsement of the republican ticket.

George Heimerd, candidate for county treasurer, spoke about his work in the legislature, and his efforts to bring about a law, which succeeded in warding off prohibition, as also in effecting an amount of useful and practical legislation.

Addressed. Eighth Ward Democrats. The Eighth Ward Democratic club met last night at Schroeder's hall, Twenty-fourth and Cumina streets, with twenty men present.

In the absence of the regular officers, A. H. Hoben presided and Charles W. White acted as secretary.

Brief and desultory remarks were made by J. R. Worsham, Henry Schroeder and William Sexau. Mr. William Anderson declared that he had no use for county commissioners, and that he would vote for Shaw to a worthy tilt until Anthony Houser quieted the combatants with the advice that democrats and their family quarrels aside until after election.

A long-haired stranger giving the name of Logan A. Stone announced himself as the author of a tract entitled "The Democracy," and asked the club for \$12.50 to publish it. No response. When "Donny" Lane said he expected to work for some of the democratic candidates the meeting was hastily adjourned.

Second Ward Democrats. The second ward German democratic club met at Sixteenth and Williams last night. The opening speech by the chairman was in German, but the remainder of the speeches were all in English.

The main business of the evening was the election of officers. The names to rally around the democratic standard and scratch no democratic names on the ticket were: Charles Schaefer, president; Peter Shields, Jeff Meagher, Peter O'Malley, Adam Snyder and Messrs. Richter and Von Bieker.

Seventh Ward Democrats. The democrats of the seventh ward held a rally in Cates' hall last night. The hall was packed. The speakers were: Robert G. Wilcox, president, and Arthur H. Schaefer, secretary.

Wilcox, who is one of the liveliest democratic politicians that has been held during the campaign. The speakers also included: Robert G. Wilcox, president; Arthur H. Schaefer, secretary; and others.

Frank W. Bandhauer. OMAHA, Nov. 2.—To the Editor of THE BEE: The law reducing the number of justices of the peace to six was passed in the interest of the people, the object being to get a better class of candidates for that important office. It is questionable if the candidates presented for the coming election are much of an improvement on the past.

In the first district, comprising the First, Second and Seventh wards, Judge Brandeis is again a candidate on the democratic ticket, together with Judge H. Jones. The republican candidates are David D. O'Connell and Frank W. Bandhauer. The last named, who has been a deputy sheriff of this county for the past several years, is without doubt the best qualified of all, and being an honest and straightforward man deserves the votes of all citizens who desire a pure judiciary and justice for all.

Police Brutality. A Prisoner Hammered and Beaten in a Shameful Manner. Ed. Murphy is languishing in the bastille of the city, having been beaten during the peace, resting an officer and fighting. He undertook to execute a contract to color the vicinity of Fifteenth and Farnam streets a mild vermilion, but only succeeded in rousing the ire of Policeman Vizard, who swooped down on him like a hawk on a young chicken and battered him over the head with a club. The result was a 300-pound policeman is capable of exerting. Murphy naturally did not relish this sort of thing, and tried to avoid the blows, but he failed. He was assaulted to greater deeds of violence. He pounded, kicked and choked Murphy to his heart's content. Policeman Vizard then came by, attracted by the crowd which had gathered, and the two policemen threw Murphy down. Vizard continued to beat him with the legs and feet with his stick, and when the patrol wagon arrived, tried to choke him into silence.

A Drunkard's Strange Freak. M. J. Crowe acquired a very large jag last night and entered the residence of Frank Pennell, at 423 North Seventeenth street. He went upstairs and locked himself in a room. The next morning the house thought they were being burglarized and gave the alarm. The patrol wagon was sent for and a large crowd gathered about the house to witness the capture of the bold burglar. When the patrol wagon arrived it was found necessary to break in the door of the room in which Crowe had locked himself. He was found lying on the floor dead. The contents of the room were found undisturbed.

Edward Martha, of Typhoid fever, age 27 years. Funeral Sunday, November 3, at 2:30 p. m. from No. 4014 North Twenty-first street, to St. Mary's cemetery.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS

In Seasonable Dress Goods, FRENCH BROADCLOTHS, Steam Shrunk, all shades, FOR \$1.50.

MELTON BROADCLOTHS, Steam Shrunk, extra fine, the latest shades, worth \$2. MELTON, FOR \$1.50.

FRENCH AMAZON CLOTHS, The finest grade, newest colorings, warranted steam shrunk. Never offered for less \$2.50. FOR \$2.

BROADCLOTH with Camels Hair, fine stripes, the latest production from England. The correct thing for winter dress in dress patterns. FOR \$11.

TWEED CLOTH Suitings, in patterns of 7 yds, 54-inches wide, in stripes and plaids, now the fashion in Europe for street wear. FOR \$10.

CHEVIOT CLOTH Suitings in checks stripes and plaids, 54-inches wide, worth \$1.00. FOR \$1.10.

FANCY CLOTH Suitings, stripes that are handsome worth \$1.25. FOR 75c.

HIMALAYA SERGE, heavy and warm for winter, reduced from \$1.25 to 75c.

LADIES' CLOTH, all shades, all wool, worth 50c. FOR 35c.

FLANNEL. All wool, to clear the lot we offer them at this extremely low price, they are double width. FOR 25c.

COMBINATION SUITS. All our handsome imported Robes that sold at \$95.00, \$92.50, \$87.50, and \$25.00. GO FOR \$16, \$18.50 and \$22. ON MONDAY.

These are worth your attention. SPECIAL LINE. Full dress pattern of choice Imported Bordered Gowns. FOR \$5.75.

COMFORTABLES AND QUILTS. We are showing an elegant assortment of Eider Down Comfortables in figured satens, all colors, ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Special values in cotton comfortables in Turkey red and chintz coverings, all full sizes and white cotton filling. Marcellines and Honeycomb quilts in every size and quality.

Special—250 English muslin quilts, extra size, at \$2.50 each, worth \$3.50. FLANNELS.

We are now exhibiting complete lines of the latest novelties in fancy French flannels for wrappers, dressing gowns, etc.

Open, elder down and jersey stripe flannels in all the leading colors and combinations.

All quantities in scarlet and white medicated Saxony and Balard Vale flannel for underwear.

A immense variety of styles in embroidered skirting flannels at very low prices.

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Most important in This Climate is a Cloak,

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If it be a Newmarket you desire to buy, we shall guarantee—unusually stylish—ranging in price from \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$8, \$8.50, \$9, \$10, \$11.50, \$12, \$13, \$15, \$17, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$28, \$30, \$32, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$95, \$100, \$110, \$120, \$130, \$140, \$150, \$160, \$170, \$180, \$190, \$200, \$220, \$240, \$260, \$280, \$300, \$320, \$340, \$360, \$380, \$400, \$420, \$440, \$460, \$480, \$500, \$520, \$540, \$560, \$580, \$600, \$620, \$640, \$660, \$680, \$700, \$720, \$740, \$760, \$780, \$800, \$820, \$840, \$860, \$880, \$900, \$920, \$940, \$960, \$980, \$1000.

The quality and style of each and every and every one of these garments is the best the market will afford for the price we ask. IF IT IS A JACKET YOU WANT TO WEAR.

Our stock has met with such favor during the past week as to convince the most skeptical buyer in the city that we are headquarters for jackets.

Our English Walking Jackets at \$10, \$15, \$17 and \$19, in cloths, have been free sellers for the week.

Our \$17 Plush Jacket, ladies tell us is of good value as is shown at \$23 by other dealers.

IN PLUSH SACQUES

We feel our reputation is too well known to need of further advertisement. However, it is enough to say \$25, \$35 and \$45 is the price at which we sell a SEAL PLUSH SACQUE.

With either of which we give a satisfactory guarantee, making the purchase of either of these garments absolutely no risk to the buyer.

In Misses' and Children's Cloaks.

From 4 to 18 years we show a choice selection both in plaid, striped and plain garments made up in the latest styles with gathered skirts, Alpine Capes and Empress sleeves, in four and six sizes, our prices are as follows: \$8.50, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$8, \$8.50, \$9, \$9.50, \$10 and upward. With the customary rise for each additional rise of two years.

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Cor. 15th and Dodge Sts.

LADIES' HOSIERY & UNDERWEAR. 50 dozen of ladies' heavy fleecy line, hose, in black, "guaranteed stainless," for 35c or 3 pairs for \$1.00, worth 50c.

50 dozen of ladies' wool hose, in black, navy, seal and garnet for 25c, worth 35c.

25 dozen of ladies' natural wool hose, "free from dye," for 50c, worth 75c.

50 dozen of English "Imported" cashmere hose, with double soles and high spliced heels, for 50c, worth 75c.

100 dozen of ladies' heavy cotton hose, in black, "guaranteed stainless," for 25c, worth 35c.

CHILDREN'S HOSIERY. 100 dozen of children's heavy wool ribbed hose, in black, seal, brown, navy and garnet, sizes 5 to 84, all sizes for 25c, worth 35c.

50 dozen of children's heavy wool ribbed hose, superior quality, in blacks only, sizes 5 to 84.

50 dozen of ladies' extra heavy combed Egyptian cotton shaped vests and pants, sizes 2, 3 and 4, for 50c, worth 75c.

100 dozen of ladies' white jersey ribbed vests and pants, "guaranteed not to shrink," for \$1.00, worth \$1.50.