IT COST HIM A FORTUNE

Henry Oliver's Interesting Story of Misplaced Confidence.

HIS MONEY NOT PROPERLY INVESTED

He Accuses James F. Lansing of Taking Advantage of Family Connections to Fraudulently Convert to His Own Use a Large Sum.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—One of the most sensational law suits ever instituted in Lancaster county was filed with the clerk of the district court this forenoon. It is a suit arising from a dispute between Henry Oliver and James F. Lansing, the owners of the new Lansing theater in this city. Oliver sues Lansing for $50,000, which amount he claims the latter has fraudulently converted to his own use. The petition filed today by Oliver alleges that having married Lansing's sister he has always reposed the utmost confidence in him and looked upon him as a brother; that up to 1891 the plaintiff had lived in Georgia, and desiring of making investments in Lincoln placed his money in Lansing's hands, fully believing that the latter would protect his interests; that Lansing fraudulently converted to his own use a large proportion of the funds sent him for investment; that he sold one lot for $330 more than he accounted for; that he induced plaintiff to pay $16,000 for sixteen blocks in East Lincoln that were not worth half that amount. A great many similar cases are cited and the court is requested to compel Lansing to make a full accounting of all the funds placed in his hands by the plaintiff.

Reply of the Rock Island.

The Rock Island attorneys have filed an answer in the district court to the petition for an injunction filed by the Lincoln street railway some weeks ago. In the answer the Rock Island alleges that it has received a franchise from the city council permitting it to lay its tracks across O street at grade; that it is about to purchase right of way from street south to and beyond the city limits and that it will suffer great loss if the work is longer delayed; that it will not interfere with the operation of the street railway company's road and that it will fully comply with all the requirements of the franchise granted by the city council. Each allegation of the plaintiff is specifically denied and the court asked to dissolve the temporary injunction.

Heard in the Courtrooms.

A bill of sale executed by the Capital Heights Street Railway company, conveying all its property to the Lincoln City Electric Railway company, has been filed with the register of deeds.

G. E. Bigelow files an affidavit asserting that John A. Rollins remarked in his presence that the successful bidders at the sheriff's sale of the Lincoln City Electric Railway had formed a combination to buy the road as cheap as possible and to get as large deficiency judgments against Bush and Bigelow as possible.

Frank Rawlings today commenced suit in the district court to compel T. H. Dahl to sell him two lots in Driving Park addition according to the terms of a contract made on July 13.

The case of Shadrach Cole against R. W. Cole and others was dismissed this morning per stipulation.

Commuted His Sentence.

Governor Boyd has commuted the sentence of William Simpson, a convict in the state penitentiary who has nearly completed a term of imprisonment for burglary. Several prominent railway men of Omaha became interested in his case and secured him employment in the general offices of the Pennsylvania company at Chicago and he will take his position there August 1. Jules Lombard of Omaha made a personal appeal to Governor Boyd in the young man's behalf and the governor granted his request. The commutation shortens Simpson's term about a month.

From the Police Court.

George Parker and Anna Patterson were fined $25 and $10 respectively for engaging in a fight at Evans' laundry yesterday afternoon.

James Richardson was arrested for stealing a hat from John Bauer, but Judge Waters discharged him when it was discovered that the stolen headgear was a campaign plug.

Detective Pound returned from Council Bluffs today where he had been to identify a prisoner supposed to be connected with the gang of sneak thieves who have been working in this city.

John Burke is still suffering too much grom the gunshot wound in his neck to stand a preliminary examination. The hearing was again postponed until tomorrow afternoon.

Frank Walker, George Dean and Frank Smith were lined up this morning on the charge of vagrancy. They were released and started for Omaha in the rain.

Lightning's Deadly Work.

J. S. Mann, a farmer living in this county, near Woodlawn, six miles from Lincoln, was instantly killed by a bolt of lightning during the storm which swept over this county at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was returning from the field, riding on a reaping machine, when the bolt struck him. Death was instantaneous. The only marks left by the fluid were on the left ear and a small red spot slightly burned nearly over the heart. The deceased was the son of W. D. Mann of Havelock and was unmarried. His remains will be interred at Wyuka tomorrow forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Lincoln in Brief.

The business men of Lincoln will hold their annual picnic at Lincoln park on August 17. The business men of Omaha will be invited to participate.

The state grain department inspected four cars of new wheat today. It graded No. 1.

Mark H. Tilton will erect a handsome residence on the corner of Seventeenth and F streets. He paid $6,500 for the lot yesterday.

James Clark, who sawed his way out of the city jail, is still enjoying his liberty.

The Lincoln police force announces its annual picnic for August 10.

Ed Koen offered a bond this afternoon, which was approved by the clerk of the supreme court, and he will accordingly be released on bail. His securities are Mrs. Jessie Edwards and N. J. Scole.

MURDERED AT A DANCE.

Charles Stout Killed by Robert Frazier in Custer County.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—During a dance near Ryno's postoffice, in this county, Robert Frazier attacked Charles Stout and injured him so severely that he died. Stout had circulated a slanderous story about Frazier, and the latter approached Stout and remarked that he had a settlement to make with him. At once he struck Stout and knocked him onto a bed in the room, where a child was lying asleep. Some one removed the child and allowed the assault to proceed. In the scuffle Frazier got Stout down on the floor, where he jumped upon him with his feet, stamping him in the breast, head and face in a most vicious manner. Parties present who made an attempt to separate them, were prevented by others interfering in Frazier's interest. As soon as he had finished his murderous assault, Frazier fled, leaving his hat and coat in the room. His victim was taken charge of and a doctor called. He did not regain consciousness. Frazier is still at large.

Hunting for Choice Locations.

SPENCER, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—News has just reached here of the passage of the bill opening to settlement that portion of the Fort Randall military reservation in Nebraska under the bill introduced by Senator Paddock. This newly added territory is in Boyd county, and will increase the area thereof to the extent of about three townships. It is directly east and northeast from Spencer, straightens the county line and makes Spencer the geographical center of the county by a great big majority. Settlers are swarming over the tract by hundreds.

Increasing the Attractions.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Another new feature not announced in the reunion program which has been copiously distributed, is that of the Omaha guards. Chairman Mobley of the reunion committee informed THE BEE correspondent this morning that on Friday, September 2, the Omaha guards would give an exhibition drill, including the Gatling gun section of the guards. The committee has a very high opinion of the Omaha guards and pronounces the additional feature as one of the best it could possibly have secured.

Chautauqua Work at Long Pine.

LONG PINE, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Prof. J. A. C. Ambrose of Evanston, Ill., spoke this afternoon at the Chautauqua on "The Scholar in Politics." It was a very able address, fairly bristling with points. Mr. Ambrose is a strong lecturer and his work will take anywhere. He is down for several more lectures, including an address Sunday night. The railroad is to run another special train Sunday. The Chautauqua will close Monday evening with a grand concert under the direction of Mrs. Keithly.

Not Troubled by the Rain.

WATERLOO, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Swedish Lutheran church members of Omaha held their annual picnic here today. It had been raining nearly all night and was still hard at it when the excursionists arrived. They secured the opera house and had the train backed up to the sidewalk and all made a dash for the house where they had a very enjoyable time until 3 p. m. when the sun started to shine after which they took possession of the town and held it until 7:50 p. m. when the train left for Omaha.

Nebraska City Paving.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The city council last night let the contract for repaving Central avenue to Miller & Eagan of this city at $1.17 per square yard. The material is to be brick of their manufacture.

Lyons Sunday Schools Picnic.

LYONS, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Sunday schools held a union picnic yesterday in Fritts grove. There was a large crowd present and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Nugget! Nugget! Nugget! Buy Big Nugget baking powder. 32 oz. 25 cents.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Tale of a Boy Who is Now Sick at the Police Station.

Frank Andrees, a lad 17 years of age, is at the police station ill. His home is in Evansville, Ind., and his people have been notified of his misfortunes. A few weeks ago he left home and went to Kearney where he had secured work in the cotton mill at that place. He was to receive $1.25 per day, but when he was put to work he found it possible to not earn more than 40 cents a day as he was performing piece labor. He couldn't stand that and started east again. He landed in South Omaha yesterday. A companion whom he picked up along the road stole his coat from him.

Seeking a Runaway Girl.

John Humbert was in South Omaha yesterday seeking his daughter, May Humbert, who ran away from her home at Oakland, Ia., two weeks ago in company with Alice Richardson. The young ladies were traced from Oakland to Council Bluffs, and after taking a motor train there all trace of them has been lost. Mr. Humbert's daughter is but 16 years old, while her companion is 23. No cause for their leaving is given and is a mystery. Mr. Humbert formerly resided in South Omaha, and was engaged in the business of contracting. He now conducts a meat market at Oakland.

Derrick Fell on Him.

John Anderson, an employe, was badly injured at Swift's packing house yesterday afternoon. He was struck by a falling derrick. His left ear was nearly torn from his head, and he was severely injured about the back and hips. His injuries are serious, but will not prove fatal. He was removed to his home in Omaha.

Notes and Personals.

Officer Anderson is off duty and is nursing a poisoned and badly swollen hand. Officer Emerick is also on the sick list.

The South Omaha Ball club will play the Nonpareils Sunday afternoon at Nonpareil park. The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

A. A. Wright of this city and Miss Mary Shields of Council Bluffs were united in marriage Wednesday at the latter city. Mr. Wright is the senior member of the firm of Wright & Schmitz.

The social entertainment given last evening at Blum's hall was a successful affair. The hall was filled and the musical and literary numbers on the program were well received. Lunch was served and the evening's festivities wound up with dancing.

David Anderson returned yesterday from a business trip to Smith Center, Kan. He reports the crops in that section to be in fine condition. He left Smith Center at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening and it was raining at the time. The rain continued through the night and yesterday all along the trip.

In Justice Hedges' court yesterday John Dunn, sr., John Dunn, jr., and James Maher were given their preliminary hearing on the charge of stealing several kegs of beer belonging to the Omaha Brewing company from a car in the yards. John Dunn, jr., and James Maher were discharged. John Dunn, sr., was bound over to the district court in $500 bonds, which he promptly furnished.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla destroys such poisons as scrofula, skin diseases, eczema, rheumatism. Its timely use saves many lives.

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

An Ex-Union Pacific Engineer Struck by Lightning in Wyoming.

LARAMIE, Wyo., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—While David Donovan, in company with James McGrath, was on his way to his mining property in Centennial valley, he was caught in a severe storm, struck by lightning and instantly killed. His horse was also killed. Donovan was an ex-Union Pacific engineer and well known. McGrath was riding with him, but escaped injury. It happened about fifteen miles west of this city and it was after midnight when the news was brought in. W. B. Kennedy had just left town for his ranch on the Little Laramie and had his team, a pair of fine Morgans, valued at $10,000, instantly killed. It was a general electric storm and the worst ever seen in this country.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla cleanses the blood.

Decisions Promised.

Tomorrow morning in courtroom No. 4, in THE BEE building, Judge Keysor will hand down decisions in the following cases, which have been argued before him during the present term of court: Henry P. Hansen vs the Missouri Pacific Railway company, Mamie Hansen vs the Missouri Pacific Railway company, William Gilder vs Douglas county, Louis Littlefield vs Fred W. Lessentine, Anna C. Huberman vs Mary B. Evans.

Entertaining Her Dolls.

A two-story frame house at 4018 Nelson, occupied by Charles K. Emory, caught fire yesterday afternoon and was damaged to the extent of $300. One of the children in the family was playing with her dolls upstairs and called her mother to come and see the pretty bonfire she had built for the dolls. An alarm of fire and the arrival of the apparatus was the next entertainment provided for the dollies.

NEBRASKA CROPS ASSURED

Yesterday's Seasonable Rain Extended Throughout the State.

HALL COUNTY FARMERS DELIGHTED

They Were Preparing to Employ the Services of a "Rainmaker" When the Shower Commenced—Reports from Various Points.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—During the night seven-tenths of an inch of rain fell here, and the subscribers to the rain fund, raised to secure Melbourne's services, are jolly this morning. They have their much-needed rain and their money too. If they had been just one day hastier they would have given $2,500 for a benefit they have now received gratis. A good rain was badly needed. Corn was beginning to dry up. A good yield is now assured. This experience with Melbourne has created much stronger confidence in the weather service.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A magnificent rain began falling here last night and continued without intermission up to this morning. The friends of Mr. Connett and Jim Cady, who were experimenting in artificial rain production all yesterday afternoon, insist that the present rain is the result of their work.

LYONS, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A heavy rain has been falling here all day.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A heavy rain fell here last night and today. It came just in time, as corn was beginning to suffer from the long continued hot weather. A bountiful crop is now assured.

ARCADIA, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—It has been raining here hard for over six hours and bids fair to keep at it all night. This insures the corn crop, that was suffering from the intense hot weather. It has been the hottest ever known here for eleven days, the thermometer registering from 99° to 100° every day, and on two days as high as 108°. Rye threshed yields twenty-five and winter wheat thirty bushels per acre. Spring wheat and oats are somewhat damaged by hot weather, but will be an average yield. Harvesting is in full blast here.

Some Damage at Beaver City.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A very heavy rain last night undermined the foundation of the Needmore mills, six miles south of here on Sappa creek. The structure is sinking into the water. The mill was recently fitted up with improved machinery. The loss will be heavy.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There has been a steady rain falling here since last night, insuring a good corn crop. The small grain harvest is finished and wheat and oats stacked in good condition.

HENDERSON, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A copious rain is and has been falling here for several hours. Three days more of the hot, scorching weather, such as the three last days have been, would have rendered a "calamity" corn crop, but all is saved now.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]T—he heated term has ended and a fine rain has come in good season. A steady downpour commenced last night at mionight, and at 8 o'clock this morning it is still raining with a prospect of continuing all day. This insures us a fine corn crop and improves the pastures.

COZAD, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A fine rain visited this section yesterday afternoon and last night. It was getting very dry and much fear was felt concerning the corn crop, many predicting a repetition of the failure of 1890, but this rain has soaked the ground to a depth of several inches, almost insuring a crop of corn.

Culbertson's Seasonable Rain.

CULBERTSON, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Another fine rain fell here last night which will stop harvesting operations for a day or two, but will benefit the corn which is in splendid condition and out in tassels. So far rains have been very seasonable in this section.

CURTIS, Neb., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A splendid rain, reaching all portions of Frontier county, fell here yesterday, followed by another today. Crops of all kinds are looking fine and a production nearly equal to last year is a certainty.

SARGENT, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—After a drouth of about three weeks' duration a very heavy rain visited this section yesterday afternoon, reviving the crops. Wheat will now be a good crop, oats fair and corn put in a very favorable condition. Seventy-five binders have been sold here this year in anticipation of an abundant harvest, which will now almost certainly be realized.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., July 28.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A much needed rain has been falling here since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The ground is thoroughly soaked and the farmers now expect a good crop of corn and potatoes. Wheat harvest is on and the yield will be good.

"THE NEXT DAY IT RAINED."

Notes by the Weather Observer on the Highs and Lows.

The occupation of the rain fakers in Nebraska appears to be gone for the present. Providence seems to have knocked the rainmakers out. From all parts of the state come the reports of welcome copious showers and abundant rainfall. It began to rain in Omaha about 9 o'clock Wednesday night. The temperature began falling quite rapidly about 7 o'clock.

The precipitation was not attended with much wind or lightning, but came gently and continued with frequent intermissions during the night. It developed into "rainy weather" yesterday morning and continued the gentle downfall nearly all day.

"I do not say it in a boastful manner," remarked Mr. S. S. Bassier, the observer in charge of the Omaha station of the weather bureau yesterday morning, "but I simply wish to remark that the conditions yesterday were such that it was almost impossible to conceive how any man having a knowledge of the state of the atmosphere in this section and of the approach of the cool wave from the northwest could make a mistake by predicting rain. It would be difficult to imagine circumstances and conditions more favorable or certain.

"Take a glance at the map this morning and see how that area of high barometer has pushed the area of low barometer off to the east and you will see how the atmosphere is getting the water squeezed out of it," and Mr. Bassler spread out his "geography of the air." It was observed that the temperature at Kearney, Valentine, Sioux City and other points included in the low area yesterday had fallen as the barometer had risen. The heavy, cool air had displaced the warm, light air over a wide area and in the squeezing process which took place precipitation had been the result. At Des Moines there had fallen 1.38 inches of rain, at La Crosse, Wis., 2.32, at Concordia, Kan., .34, at North Platte 3.12, at Sioux City 1.74 and at Omaha .76. This occurred between 7 o'clock Wednesday evening and 7 o'clock Thursday morning. Rain had fallen at Kearney and other points, but the amount in inches had not been ascertained.

"It is impossible to say," continued the observer, "how long this cool, rainy condition may continue. This area of high barometer and cool air, will of course, move on toward the southeast and will possibly cause rain all the way across the continent to the ocean. There may be another low approaching from the southwest or west but we will not hear from that for another twenty-four hours yet. This cool wave may linger for some time or it may be succeeded by a warm wave within a week or so, depending on the direction taken by the next area of low barometer that comes across the continent. If the low should pass to the south of us then we will get winds from the northeast and north, and the cool weather will be continued for some time."

FARM HANDS WANTED BADLY.

Forty Thousand Men Needed in the Dakotas to Harvest Wheat.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 28.—There is a panic among Dakota farmers lest they be unable to harvest their great wheat crop, which is now being cut in the southern part of South Dakota. North Dakota begins its wheat harvest in about a week or ten days, and all farmers are especially anxious. It has been estimated that from 200 to 400 laborers are needed in each county in South Dakota east of the Missouri river. This means about 10,000 laborers. Southern Minnesota needs help in the harvest field also, and North Dakota will begin harvesting in about two or three weeks. Altogether, conservative estimates are that 40,000 laborers are needed within the next month in order to harvest the immense grain crops of the northwest. The acreage is a little less than last year, but the yield promises to be equally great, if only the crop can be secured.

In order to induce laborers to come to the relief of the wheat farmers of the northwest, all the railroads in this section have announced a special rate of $5 from this city to the Dakotas for farm laborers. The farmers also promise good wages and abundant work, threshing following close on cutting, and giving many weeks' employment at an average of $2 a day. The fact that a large part of last year's crop was lost through lack of sufficient help emphasizes the needs of the present, and the Dakotas and Minnesota send out a cry for help in the harvest fields. Steady employment can be had until late in the fall at least.

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VALUE OF A GOOD NAME.

Barnum & Bailey's Reputation Proof Against the Flea-Bites of Presumptuous Would-Be Showmen.

When showmen who have yet to make their reputation and prove their right to the fame they print on their bills, but have not yet earned, speak lightly of reputations born of years of conscientious and honorable dealing with the public, they must necessarily forfeit the respect of thinking people. Barnum & Bailey have been to Omaha many times and not one person will say they have ever failed to give the public many times the worth of its money. This is a record safe to rely on and they do. The presidents of many national banks and wealthy corporations have held their positions for many years and discharged their trusts with unswerving fidelity, but this fact does not characterize them as "moldy" nor their business institutions as "ancient" and behind the times. Only the freshness of inexperience and the desperation of a consciousness of inferiority would suggest such a thing. It is the time-honored institutions in which the public has confidence, and this confidence is the substratum of all substantial prosperity. Those who mock at it have it not. Let the reader ask himself what manner of men characterize a splendid commercial reputation as "moldy." Were they ever heard of before? Mr. Barnum was proud of his half century of triumphs, and the nation was proud of him. Mr. Bailey, in turn, has led the show business, like a Napoleon, to where he has "no more worlds to conquer," and he stands as pre-eminent in the circus world as Rothschild in the financial. He has been in the show business for many years, and has placed the peerless exhibition he controls in the crucible of public criticism of the old and new worlds, and uncounted millions of patrons of every tongue have pronounced it matchless. It comes to Omaha September 14, "time-tried and true," standing on its grand reputation of the past and promising to beat its own record on September 14, which is all it can say or do, for it has reached a point where it has its own glorious past to excel. As Columbus founded a new world so has Mr. Bailey discovered all the new features for tented exhibitions, and as he presents them this season they form an amusement program at once the largest, grandest and best that the sun of the nineteenth century has smiled approvingly on.

If, as is often said, the "best is the cheapest," the whole city will "wait for Barnum" without further suggestion.

An Appeal for Aid.

MASON CITY, Neb., July 14.—To the Charitable People of Nebraska: It is generally known by the telegraphic dispatches to the daily papers of Omaha and Lincoln, that this village was visited by a very destructive cyclone on Friday evening, July 1, 1892, which totally destroyed many of the resident and business houses and all the public buildings of our town.

Our school district is already bonded to the limit of the law, and the financial condition of the people will not allow the rebuilding or repairing of one loss in ten. The losses are not confined to our town, but many of the farmers in our vicinity are without shelter, and it is the feeling of our citizens that they share equally with the town in any aid that may be given us.

The loss is estimated at from $30,000 to $50,000, and we are greatly in need of help. It is with pride that we refer to the fact that our people have always responded liberally to any of our neighbors who have met with such disasters, and we would ask each and every person who may be aware of our loss to contribute as liberally as his or her financial condition may allow.

We have selected Mr. John A. Hall, an old and respected citizen, as treasurer; any funds may be remitted to him, on a guarantee on the part of every business man of Mason City that such funds will be expended for the rebuilding of our schoolhouse and churches.

A. B. WARRELL,
W. C. ELLIOTT,
M. C. WARRINGTON,
Committee.

Nugget! Nugget! Nugget! Buy Big Nugget baking powder. 32 oz. 25 cents.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Judge Eller yesterday:

Name and address.	Age.
R. A. Macfarlane, Omaha	29
Elizabeth Chapman, Omaha	28
R. G. Williams, Council Bluffs	35
Persimah A. C. Horton, Omaha	54

"Late to bed and early to rise will shorten the road to your home in the skies. But early to bed and "Little Early Riser," the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser.

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ATTITUDE OF THE ATCHISON

White Says His Company Cut Rates as a Last Resort.

NOW THE MATTER IS VERY SERIOUS

Association Lines Have Requested Their Chairman to Grant Them Relief and the War is to be a Bitter One.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 28.—Passenger Traffic Manager White, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, was interviewed as to the correctness of the statement in a New York paper that the Atchison itself was responsible for the $12 excursion rate from Chicago to Denver and return, because it was the first to make concessions to the Knights Templar. Mr. White said the statement was absurd on its face, and added: "The Santa Fe company placed the whole matter before the commissioners and before the advisory board of the Western Traffic association away back in April, and asked for an investigation that might result in placing it upon an equality with its competitors. The whole question was slighted and thrown out of court on a trifling technicality and the merit of the complaint not inquired into. The advisory board is composed of officers of the Santa Fe and competing lines, who must or should have known what their own companies were doing and that if the Santa Fe had not just cause it would have been a very simple matter for these gentlemen to prove it.

"The trouble was that nearly every one of these lines had, at that time, illegitimate contracts which they could not expose and they thought to get rid of the question by slighting it. There is not a passenger official in the Western Passenger association and very few in either the Central Traffic or Trunk Line associations who does not know that this action of the Santa Fe was forced upon it by the intemperate and unfair competition of other roads. Any statement to the contrary comes from interested parties who thought they could continue indefinitely to take advantage of the extremely conservative policy of the Santa Fe management without incurring loss or detection. The Santa Fe has ignored many such actions in the past two years, but it could not afford to lose its whole Colorado traffic."

Making the Matter Worse.

The $12 round trip rate between Chicago and Denver Knights Templar conclave was the subject of a further conference of the western general passenger agents. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate an application to Chairman Caldwell for authority to make such rates as would afford them ample protection against the Atchison's reduced rates. The Chicago & Alton representative was present and gave notice that his company, in order to protect its interests, would not only meet the $12 rate to Denver and return, but would make a round trip rate of $8 from Chicago and St. Louis to Kansas City and return and a one way rate of $6 westbound between the same points. Upon hearing this the association lines so framed their application that the chairman was asked to authorize an additional to the $12 round trip Denver rate, a one way rate of $12 from Chicago to Denver and intermediate points, and a round trip rate of $8 and a one way rate of $5 Chicago and Missouri river points.

Will Meet the Cut.

Chairman Caldwell authorized the Atchison's rivals to make the $12 rate to Denver and return under the following regulations: The rate is to apply through the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis gateway and in all the territory south of the Illinois Central lines in Dubuque, south of the Chicago Great Western lines from Dubuque to Waterloo and South of the Illinois Central lines, from Waterloo to Sioux City. The dates for the sale of tickets are to be August 3 to 7, tickets to be good for continuous passage only from date of sale.

The final limit of the tickets to be October 1 and they may be certified to for the return trip at Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo. Authority was also given by the chairman to sell one-way tickets at the $12 rate to Denver and all intermediate points on the dates named. These rates and arrangements are to be tendered connecting roads for basing purposes.

Concerning Missouri river rates the chairman reserved his decision until tomorrow. Of course he cannot refuse to authorize the $8 rate to Kansas City and return as well as the one way rate of $6, because these rates have been adopted by the Chicago & Alton, but he has asked to allow a rate of $10 to Omaha, Council Bluffs and Sioux City and return, with a one-way rate at the same figure. This, he thinks, is an entirely different matter and he cannot grant the request without further consideration.

Playing a New Hand.

The tariff of the Vandalia, reducing rates on all sixth class freight other than grain and grain products, became effective today. The reduced grain rates went into effect last Monday. So far as known, the Vandalia is the only road that has taken this step. It is true that the Chicago & Alton and the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City both issued tariffs on the same basis, but they canceled them on receiving assurances from the Chicago committee of the Central Traffic association that the reduction is not concurred in by any of the eastern roads. The Vandalia cannot derive any advantage from its course if all its eastern connections refuse to participate in the reduced rates, and that seems to be the state of affairs at present. A suspicion exists, however, that the Vandalia has an ally in this movement and that it is no less a road than the Erie, though the officials of that line did not admit it.

Out of the Combine.

According to reports received here there is a painful lack of harmony in the Transcontinental association. The Rio Grande Western has given notice of withdrawal, and it is intimated that other roads may follow its example. Chairman Vining has raised a technical point in regard to the Rio Grande Western's notice, claiming that he cannot entertain it because it does not specify whether the company desires to withdraw from the passenger or freight department.

The supposition is that the Rio Grande Western wishes to sever its connection with the association which includes both departments and that Chairman Vining is simply seeking to delay action. It is believed that other Colorado lines will take this step in order to preserve the independence of their Colorado-Utah association over which the commissioners of the Western Traffic association claim no authority.

The Burlington statement for June, which is to be issued in a few days, will probably come up to the most sanguine expectations of that company's officials. It is promised that the gross earnings will show an increase of over $100,000, as compared with the corresponding period last year, and that the gain in net earnings will be $642,999. This is regarded as a very favorable comparison, in view of the road making an unusually good showing in June, 1891.

To Protect the Association.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 28.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—B. P. Waggener, general attorney of the Missouri Pacific, and George R. Peck, general attorney of the Santa Fe, will leave for Cheyenne, Wyo., tomorrow to oppose United States District Attorney J. W. Ady in his attempt to break up the Transmissouri Freight association. The case will be called in the United States court over which Judge Riner presides, Monday morning. Mr. Waggener feels confident that the association will win the suit.

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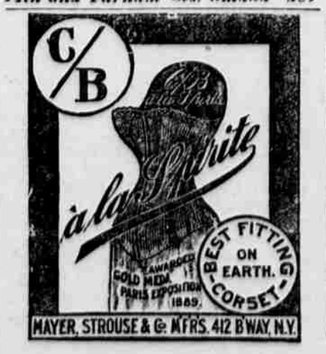

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