

RAILROADS NOT VERY BUSY

This Condition Indicated by Annual Report to the Interstate Board.

OMAHA ALONE SHOWS AN INCREASE

Statement of the Union Pacific Not Yet Received—Considerable Speculation Being Indulged in as to What it Will Show.

LINCOLN, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—According to the reports received by the Interstate Board of Transportation, which are due September 15, but have been coming in very slowly, the only road in the state so far reporting which has done an increase of business over that done last year is the Omaha. The great decrease shown is in the hauling of building material and the increase shown by the Omaha is due to the large quantities of packing house products and grain which it has been hauling. The report of the Union Pacific has not yet been received and some speculation is being indulged in as to the showing which will be made.

The university members of the Young Women's Christian association tendered a reception last night to the new students and members of the faculty. This university chapel was packed to listen to the program which preceded the social time at the armory. Addresses of welcome were made by Prof. Bossey, Prof. Foster, Dr. Clark, the new director of the conservatory, Miss Green, state secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, Miss Loughborough, president of the Young Women's Christian association, and Charles H. Crawford, Mr. Walden, president of the Young Men's Christian association, presided over the gathering. The armory was decorated with the university colors, white and blue, and was an old fashioned well from which luncheon might be drawn.

LINCOLN IN BRIEF

Steve Besbo, the Colfax county forger, was discharged from the penitentiary yesterday. The Lincoln members of the Nebraska Manufacturers and Consumers association met at the Lincoln hotel yesterday and elected the following directors: S. J. Alexander, J. C. Harpham, M. A. Warren, George H. Clark, R. L. Jeff, W. R. Howard, H. S. Lippincott and Charles H. Harty. Fire broke out in a small frame building at the corner of Twenty-first and X streets last night. A large portion of the building was destroyed, but the fire was extinguished before the department arrived. The Lancaster county delegation to the Teachers' convention have returned and express themselves as highly elated over the action of the convention in nominating Weir. The republican central committee held a meeting at the Lincoln hotel at 2 o'clock this afternoon and completed plans for the prosecution of the campaign in this county.

EXETER BREVITIES

EXETER, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Wilber Hill and Wilber Baker returned yesterday from a trip to Missouri by wagon. In search of a better location, but could not find one. Mr. Tuttle and family of this place left by wagon this morning for Wyoming. A funeral cortege bearing the remains of Edward Numan of Ohio arrived here yesterday. The services were conducted from the Catholic church.

Mr. M. L. Rogers and wife, Miss Mina Melroy and Rev. C. H. Walker attended the Baptist District assembly at Surprise yesterday. Bennett Ervin and family, after an absence of nearly two years, have returned to Exeter to live. Chicken thieves are getting numerous in these parts. Joe Holmuth lost about eighty one night this week, and several other parties smaller numbers.

Two Bad Accidents at Guide Rock. GUIDE ROCK, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—While Newton Smith was cutting corn six miles northwest of this place with a sled cutter he stepped off with an awful fall in front of the knife. The horse at that instant started up, cutting his leg and almost severing it from his body, rendering him a cripple for life. Four miles east of this place, while Frank Coleman and a companion were out hunting on horseback, the horses crowded together, causing the discharge of one of the guns, which blew the wheel off of young Coleman's leg off. He was taken to the residence of Perry Rolston and a physician summoned from this place, who thinks he can save the leg.

Scotch Bluff Fair a Success. GERING, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Scotch Bluff county's third annual fair began this morning, and it is now an assured financial success, as well as in every other way. About forty good horses are entered in the various races, from Wyoming, Colorado and western Nebraska, among the best of which was a state fair winner at Lincoln last week. The agricultural exhibit is very good, showing the products of a very successful season of irrigation. An extra day will be added to the fair.

Weeping Water Bank Failure. WEEPING WATER, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Commercial bank of this city closed its doors this morning and is now in the hands of the state banking board. The failure was due to the steady dropping off of deposits and failure to realize fast enough on paper. The bank report this week shows about \$25,000 deposits, and over \$29,000 loans and discounts, \$2,500 undivided profits and a good bank building.

Decker Got Guilty of Arson. WILBER, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—In the case of H. T. Decker, charged with causing the Dorchester opera house to be fired in 1892 to defraud an insurance company, the defendant testified this morning in his own behalf. After being out about three hours the jury returned a verdict of acquittal.

Denise of Hamilton Cooper. AUBURN, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Hamilton Cooper, an old resident and prominent citizen of this city, died this morning at 7 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. Dropsy was the immediate cause. He leaves a wife and two children.

Discovered Russian Thistle. FAIRMONT, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Ed Beach, living five miles northeast of this place, a day or two ago found a large Russian thistle growing in the road. It measured three feet across the top and was hardy ripe.

Small Fire at North Platte. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The Union Pacific hotel and depot narrowly escaped destruction by fire at noon today. The damage amounted to several hundred dollars.

By tests at the Chicago World's exposition and California Midwinter fair all other baking powders were shown to be inferior to Dr. Price's. Received highest award and gold medal.

Bruswick Brevities. BRUNSWICK, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The Bruswick dramatic company, consisting of twenty-four amateur actors and actresses, will present a comedy-drama entitled "Past Redemption" at Creighton Saturday and at Plainview the same play at home and at Neligh with success.

H. Olson, one of Antelope county's best farmers, living one mile north of here, is erecting one of the largest and finest barns in the county, notwithstanding the hard times. The Bruswick hotel has changed hands and name. It is now the Commercial hotel, with Knott & Lohmann proprietors. It has been refitted and refurbished.

York Baptist Association. YORK, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The York Baptist association at this place opened Wednesday and closed this evening. The attendance was very large, there being fifty or more delegates, besides many visitors.

ing members. The following are among those who give short addresses and sermons on church and religious work: Rev. C. E. Bentley, Lincoln; E. A. Russell, Ord; John Soeters, Bethany; J. M. Bay, LaCrosse, Mo.; William L. Taylor, David Elder, McCook; B. P. Fellman, York; E. L. Craig, Dorchester; G. F. Daller, Baxter; G. W. Lewis, Surprise; J. C. Kennedy, David City; W. H. Stearns, Grand Island Baptist college, and George Sutherland, president of Grand Island Baptist college; Charles Dillon, York; R. H. Trowbridge, Surprise; Miss Isabel Crawford, of Oklahoma; Mrs. W. W. Campbell, late of India; Mrs. C. E. Bentley, Lincoln; Mrs. L. G. Miller, York; Mrs. Jennie Raper, Exeter; Mrs. O. W. Lewis, Surprise. Bethesda Mission band, led by Mrs. C. H. Walker, church chorister, furnished the music.

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TARGET PRACTICE AT BELLEVUE

Army Team from the Department of the Platte Shows a Fine Total. BELLEVUE, Neb., Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—This afternoon's skirmish firing brought to a close one of the most satisfactory target competitions ever held on the range. In point of favorable weather it has never been surpassed, and the scores made are nearly as high as the record. Quite a number of new men will be introduced to the army team in the coming week. The side practice was excellent. Sergeant Wilson of the Seventeenth infantry leading the army team with a score of 621 out of a possible 800. How high this is will be understood when it is noted that Sergeant R. N. Davidson of the Sixteenth infantry, known in army circles as "Gunning" Davidson, won the army championship medal for distinguished riflemen at Fort Sheridan last year with 621. His score on the target was 611. Lieutenant J. C. Greig of the Sixteenth won the army championship gold medal with a score of 612. Lieutenant Greig led the team from this department with a score of 612. For the last three years the scores of the army rifle team from the Department of the Platte have been:

Table with columns: Year, Average, Per Man. Rows: 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.

When the cavalrymen of the Department of the East, the Platte and California finished their competition, the army team had piled up an aggregate score of 5,497 points, or an average of 149.7 out of a possible 800 per man. Lieutenant Lindsay of the Ninth leads with a total score of 698. In comparison of the work of the infantry and the cavalry it will be seen that the carbine was more effective at the skirmish firing than the rifle. At known distance the rifle did the better, the 250 out of a possible 400 made by Sergeant Wilson of the Seventeenth being a most excellent showing. Final score:

Table with columns: Rank, Name and Regiment, Points, Average, Per Man. Lists scores for various regiments.

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CLOTHING may be dear at any price, if poorly made. While new you can't tell the difference, but a few weeks' wear soon opens your eyes. Now we, with the largest clothing store in the west, with an absolutely new stock, are going to build up an immense business by "Selling on Honor," clothing that has been "Made on Honor." You will soon learn that our prices are right—always lower than at any other store.

Man's all wool suit—single or double breast d—six different shades—a round or square cut—a great big bargain at \$5. 5.00 Men's black cheviot suits, guaranteed to wear and hold color to the last thread, always looks well and is nicely trimmed and sold for \$7.50. 7.50 Men's sack suits in silk mixed cassimeres, such as you never pay less than \$15 for, with the best of trimming and finishing, will go out at \$10. 10.00 Men's Prince Albert clay worsted suits, double breasted, reagent cut, a very nobby suit and will give elegant service, for \$13. 13.00 The best English melton suits, with lap seams, raw edge, a nice absolutely new style, Auburn make, double breasted \$11, and single breasted at \$10.50. 10.50

Man's fall overcoat, light and medium weight, a handsome affair, and though the price is small the overcoat is 'way up in G. You may buy them at \$4.50. 4.50 Men's fall overcoats in cheviot; made up as well, wear as well, look as well as any \$12 coat you ever saw. We sell them for \$6.00. 6.00 Three shades children's suits, ages 4 to 14, usually sold for \$2.00; big special sale price \$1.25. 1.25 200 boys' suits, ages from 14 to 18 years, long pants, heavy woolen goods, dark effects, usually sold for \$4, big special sale price \$2.50. 2.50 Junior suits in blue and black tricort cloth, nobby, dressy, ages 3 to 7 years, usually sold for \$6.50; big special sale price, \$3.25. 3.25

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Well Known South Dakota Insurance Man Ends His Life. DEADWOOD, Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain R. R. Pope, a well known insurance man, was found dead in his room this afternoon. He had evidently been dead several days when found, as decomposition had already set in. It is thought that he committed suicide, as a few days ago he had openly threatened to take his own life. Pope was well known throughout the state and at the time possessed considerable property. He was born in England, of a prominent and well known family. He leaves a wife.

Jury Called to Usanalty. VINCENTS, Ind., Sept. 21.—Sheriff Lemuel Willis of Sullivan county has been accused of the murder of ex-Prosecuting Attorney Hultz in June, 1893. Willis found Hultz at his home with his wife and shot him, but did not kill him. Hultz was afterwards killed by Willis on the street. Willis was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Rockefeller in a Jury's Hands. DULUTH, Sept. 21.—The case against John D. Rockefeller, brought by Leon D. Merritt, has gone to the jury. The action was brought to recover \$45,000 for alleged services performed for the Meamba road by Merritt before Mr. Rockefeller secured control.

Officers Caught the Murderer. CINCINNATI, Sept. 21.—This morning officers caught Will Myers, who is wanted at Atlanta for the murder of Forest Crowley last Tuesday and who was mentioned in Associated press dispatches from Atlanta last night. He is in prison here.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. C. M. Thomas, Deadwood, S. D., is in the city. W. Monreiffe, Sheridan, Wyo., is a Paxton guest. E. S. Bogart, Glenwood, Ia., is a Millard guest. J. J. McNulty, Muscatine, Ia., is at the Barker. L. Butler, Chadron, Neb., is registered at the Barker. J. A. Lindsey, United States army, is at the Paxton. Paul E. Kennedy, Rock Springs, Wyo., is a Paxton guest. Tobias Castor ventured into Omaha last night and quietly took quarters at the Paxton. D. J. Burgess, formerly manager of the Colorado, has become night clerk at the Arcade, to succeed Charles Grate, who has gone back to Des Moines as day clerk. J. C. McManima, formerly a newspaper man of Pierre, S. D., but now a bloated bond and real estate owner of Springfield, Mo., is in the city for a few days, stopping at the Paxton. E. H. Stokes, traveling passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley, and C. H. Duxbury, traveling passenger agent of the Baltimore & Ohio, and C. W. Green, traveling passenger agent of the Big Four, are at the Millard. Lieutenant Harry E. Wilkins, Sixth United States infantry, formerly of the Second infantry, Fort Omaha, is in the city. Lieutenant Wilkins is enroute to Des Moines where he will report to the governor for staff duty.

Nebraskans at the Hotels. At the DeWitt, H. B. Edgar, D. J. Sinclair, Nebraska City; M. C. Beck, Dakota City. At the Merchants—C. E. Ginnell, Paxton; A. V. Nelson, Osceola, John Reiners, Grand Island; Isaac Dunsford, Mason City; G. F. Montgomery, Curtis. At the Arcade—F. R. Andrews, E. Mitchell, J. C. Sullivan, Cedar Rapids; P. M. Johnson, Tilden; Henry Hoeg, Berwyn; J. J. Wilson, Broken Bow; L. N. Worley, Alliance.

KANSAS FARMS CAVING IN. Mysterious Sinking of the Earth in Several Counties of the State. WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 21.—Land is caving in toward the center of the earth in the vicinity of the junction of Harvey, Butler and Marion counties in this state. Great excitement prevails among the people and many of them are getting away. The disasters are of the most unaccountable origin and the state geologist has been summoned to investigate the disturbances of the earth formations. There was no shock felt when the ground caved in, bearing any resemblance to an earthquake. Near Whitewater, on the farm of Thomas Essington, an area of forty by ninety feet sunk to the depth of twenty-eight feet, and when a man was let down into the hole his weight alone sunk it nearly three feet more. This occurred yesterday and about the same moment an area of seventy-five feet square sunk at Plum Grove a depth of thirty-five feet. This was on the farm of Sid Jones, the sliding-in carrying a threshing machine and separator with it. Water poured into the latter hole from underground sheets of water till it is filled nearly to the top, but the hole at Whitewater is still dry, although it is supposed that water poured into the latter hole from a body of water. Both places are some seven or eight miles apart. At Anney, some ten miles from Whitewater, there was several small cavities ranging in depth from six to forty feet. The theories are various, but none of them so far are scientific. Not long since a man was digging a well in the vicinity of Plum Grove, and when he had reached a depth of twenty-six feet the drill shot into an apparent vacuum and could not be recovered. The supposition is that there are dried up underground rivers underneath the land, which have caved in. All the cavities, great and small, extend in a crooked, streamlike course a distance of about twenty-four miles.

When health is considered, no baking powder can be used with safety, but Dr. Price's Analysis shows all other powders to contain lime, ammonia or alum.

Commissioners About Agreed to Submit the Platte Canal Proposition. The county commissioners held another meeting yesterday to consider the Platte river canal project and the advisability of submitting the bond proposition to the voters at the November election. While no official action has been taken by the members of the board, they have decided that they will allow the voters of Douglas county to cast their ballots for or against voting aid to the enterprise.

With the exception of one, all of the proposed changes have been made in the terms of the agreement between the company and the county. Under the terms of the old proposition there was a provision that in the event the county should want to purchase the canal after a term of years the judges of the district court were to act as the arbitrators on the sale. By the terms of the new proposition, when the time for purchase arrives, the company wants to name one appraiser, the county one and the two so named to elect another. The commissioners contend that three men should be named, one to be selected by the company, one by the county and the two select the third.

Arriving to Reel the Railroad Tax. PRINCETON, Ky., Sept. 21.—A fresh shipment of firearms has been sent to Union county to arm the taxpayers of Lindley and Caseyville precincts, who are resisting the collection of the railroad tax. About 700 are now armed with Winchester and dynamite and they are patiently awaiting the arrival of Collector Blackwell and his 100 armed deputies. Captain Blackwell is expected today, but he will hardly begin his work before Monday. He says that he will collect the tax if it takes military power to do it. The people say that they will resist to the death.

New President for the Adams Express. NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The board of directors of the Adams Express company has accepted the resignation of President Sanford and elected L. C. Weir of Cincinnati in his stead. Mr. Weir has been with the company thirty years. The election was in accordance with Mr. Sanford's request. Mr. Sanford remains a director of the company.

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