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## RISE OF THE TELEPHONE

Its Growth Illustrated from the Experience of Chicago.

LIGHT ON PUBLIC REGULATION OF TOLLS

Facts and Figures Elicited by an Official Inquiry Into the Finances of the Chicago Telephone Service.

The new Nebraska law vesting the State the subject.

This corporation has always been very the business affairs. At the Board of Transportation with the power to regulate telephone rates and thescases that bave been brought for the purpose of securtime. For this reason the following extract from the official report just issued by the Illinois State Bureau of Labor Statistics, although relating chiefly to the telephone in Chicago, presents some pertinent information. The report reads:

The latter half of the nineteenth century has probably witnessed no invention of greater importance to the commercial and social interests of the civilized world than that of the telephone. Certainly no other device covered by patents has brought such due the city. The following statement shows greater importance to the commercial and original capital was, in main, the brains of the inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, supplemented by the protection which the patent laws in this and other countries afforded the discoverer of new and useful ideas. Twenty years ago the telephone was a scientific wonder. Today it is a necessity of industrial and social life. At the Centennial exposition it would speak from one room to Now it conveys a conversation between New York and Chicago as distinctly as if the speakers were in the same room. Twenty years ago there was not a telephone exchange in the country. Today there are over 1,500, em; loying over 12,000 persons and furnishing service to upward of 300,000 subscribers. The average daily number of telephone conversations is at least 2,500,000, and the total for the year not less than

The telephone was invented by Bell, and his rights thereto were acquired by patents taken out in 1876 and 1877. The American Bell Telephone company, which for sixteen years by virtue of its ownership of the Bell patents has controlled the telephone busipatents has controlled the telephone business of the country, was incorporated in 1880 and succeeded in 1881 to the patents and property of the previously existing Bell Telephone company.

As soon as it became apparent that the

telephone was destined to become a great factor as a common carrier of intelligence. like the telegrach, a number of claimants to priority in the invention of this instrument sprang up. The immense amount of money in sight for the successful contestant made the litigation which followed the orsupreme court of the United States, in a famous decision, finally held that Bell was the original inventor, and that his patents were valid. The legal fight against the great telephone monopoly has, however, conits position today is that of one of the most gigantic monopolies in the land, notwithstanding the fact that the original patent which formed the basis of its organization expired several years ago.

An indication of the rapid expansion of the telephone monopoly is afforded by the following statement showing the gross earnings from 1888 down to the beginning of 1896:

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From the foregoing it appears that in a period of less than fifteen years the etockholders of the American Bell Telephone company received in dividends an aggregate of 240 per cent on their holdings of the shares

American Bell Telephone company is \$50,000,000, of which there has been issued to date \$23,650,000. In 1880 the company began operations. In 1881 it had 170,471 miles of wire. This was it creased to 193,213 miles in 1889, 240,412 in 1890, 266,456 in 1891, 307,791

tions for American Bell Telephone stock for

In November, 1896, the stock was quoted on the Boston Stock exchange at 206. On this basis the market value of the \$23,650,000 stock outstanding was \$48,719,000. In addi-tion the company has issued \$2,000,000 7 per cent debenture bonds, which are quoted at about 103. Taking these bonds at par the market value of the securities representing the property of the American Hell Telephone

com any was, in November, \$59,719,000. In 1881 the Chicago Telephone company was organized with a capital stock of \$500.ness of the American District Telegraph company and the Bell Telephone company of Illinois. The latter company was incorporated in 1879 and the former in 1878. Previous to 1881 these two companies, one perating under the Edison system, and the other under that of Bell, were in operation here with two rival exchanges,

The consolidation was followed by the union of the exchanges and a material reduction in the expenses of operation. The Chicigo Telephone company by contracts se-cured the exclusive right in Cook and ceveral contiguous counties to the use of the Bell telephone, paying therefor a royalty on a basis which insiders have never been willing to disclose. The American Bell Tele hone company became a large holder of the stock of the Chicgo Telephone company, in that way placing itself in a position to practically control the operations of the latter. No way placing itself in a position to practically control the operations of the latter. No statement has ever been made showing just how much of the capital stock of the Chicago Telephone company is controlled by the parent corporation. It has undoubtedly varied at different times, but the influence which was worth a few years ago considerably over \$2,00,000.

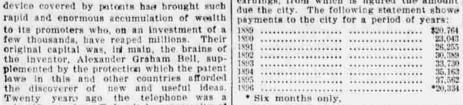
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of the Boston company on the Chicago off-spring has at all times been very great. The business of the Chicago Telephone company grew rapidly from the first, and new issues of stock followed each other as the years passed on until in 1899 the total caritalization was \$4,327,600. The earnings of the company kept pice with the increase in capitalization, dividends were increased month at one time as high as 3 per cent a month, 36 per cent per annum, was paid to the shareholders. Later, owing to in-creased capitalization, the dividend rate was dropped to 2½ per cent per month, then to 2 per cent, 1½ per cent and finally to 1 per cent, which is the present rate. It is impossible to give the exact dates of the changes in ca; stallzation and in the dividend rate for the reason that public records on this matter are accomplete and the officials of the company decline to throw any light on

secretive about its business affairs. At the annual meetings of the shareholders no statements showing earnings, expenses or other details were given out until the demand state board and the district court for Doug- for such information became too imperative.

In the purpose of securings, expenses or other details were given out until the demand for such information became too imperative. las county, make the subject of telephone for the officials to resist. Beginning with charges of special interest at the present 1894 very brief statements have been made

Capital stock	1894.	1895. \$3,796,000
Gross earnings Expenses		\$1,759,752 1,216,913
Net	\$ 508,576 445,544	\$ 542,839 445,544
The Chicago Telephone		



It is very difficult to get a reliable estimate of the money invested in the Chicago Telephone monopoly, or one as to the cost of duplication. The officials are reticent, declining to give out ray information on this point, but asserting, however, that there is no water in the stock of their com, any, par having been paid, they allege, in cash for all of the various issues. While it is impossible to find out how much money has been invested in the telephone business by this corporation, it is possible to get a fairly reliable estimate of charges necessary to maintain a telephone service as good as that furnished by the Chicago Telephone company and pay a liberal return on the cap tal invested. The following estimate of the nonthly cost of maintaining a telephone system in cities of various sizes is given by

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phones, and its outside connection swells though the total to possibly 15,000. Its charge for agents. ganization of the American Bell Telephone the total to possibly 15,000. Its charge for company long and desperate, but in 1888 the an office telephone is \$10.50 per month or \$125 per year, while for a long distance metallic current circuit telephone the charge is \$175 per year. L. E. Ingalls, president of the Harrison International Telephone company, were valid. The legal fight ugainst the great telephone monopoly has, however, continued mit varying results. New companies association and the third meeting of the feeling of the feeling of the state telephones, estimates that \$5 per month would be sufficient to pay a very handsome return on a plant operating 10,000 telephones. In the opinion of expert engineers, therefore, the charge of the Chicago Telephone com-pany in this city is about 100 per cent too high, and the enormous dividends which this company has paid seem to confirm this view. It is alleged by the officials of the tele hone company that the cost of maintaining a tele-phone service increases in geometrical ratio as the number of telephones increases. This is conceded to be true, but even after mak-ing due allowance for the greater complexity of a telephone service in a large city, it is patent that the profits of the busi-

> The present charges are no less than they were sixteen years ago, although it is well known that the cost of every other ublic service of similar character has been reduced very greatly in that time. As previously shown, the company could undoubtedly earn fair dividends on its invest-ment, or at least on what it would cost to duplicate its plant, if its charges were cut in two. It is now operating under an ordi-

nance passed in 1889. begun to serve over 4,000 subscribers at the rate of \$45 a year for business houses, and when a three-year contract is made, for \$40 a year. For residences the rate is \$30 on a one year's contract, and \$25 a year on three-years' contract, while the city also cures many free telephones for city use. In 1891 Toronto secured a five years' contract from the Bell Telephone company at \$45 for business houses and \$25 for residences. The contract also provided for the payment of 5 per cent of the gross receipts to the city.

Obstacles to Mexican Trade, LOS ANGELES, Nov. 9-Mr. Sattley, who oft here on the steamer Albion about seven weeks ago at the request of several busi-ness houses to investigate the possibilities ness houses to investigate the possibilities of establishing trade relations with Mexico, has returned. He says there is encouragement in some lines, but that it will take time to accomplish much, and besides there is an obstacle to overcome in the uncertainty of the continuation of the steamship line. A new boat, and one well fitted for the coast trade, has been built in England and is on the way over, but will probably sall under the Mexican flag, which makes it extremely difficult to enter American ports.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9 .- Charles Schlerel in East Seventy-seventh street today by in East Seventy-seventh street today by shooting her behind the left car. Death was almost instantaneous. Schlegel then tried to kill himself with a shoemaker's knife, hacking his left arm and causing a severe wound. He was placed under arrest before he could accomplish his purpose. Schlegel's 16-year-old son, Charles, was held as a witness. He said he found \$13\$ in his pockets when he dressed, and believes it was put there by his father with a view to throwing suspicion on him.

Mankato Banker Assigns. MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 2.-A special to the Journal from Mankato states that John A. Willard, well known as a militonatre of

Railroads Pile Red Tape Around a Proposed Innovation.

NEW INTERCHANGEABLE MILEAGE USELESS

Form in Which it Will Be Issued So Complicated as to Defeat the Object Desired by Traveling Men.

interchangeable mileage books, which will be 15. The conditions surrounding the sale are Statistician of Interstate Commerce lengthy and intricate. A synopsis of these conditions has been extensively published, but it will take probably an hour's consultachances are in favor of the return of the purchaser to ask some further questions.

During the last few days the local ticket agents have been studying up on the new proposition, and the majority of them are convinced that the system of interchangeable mileage which has been adopted, is so involved as to be thoroughly impracticable. This is not the opinion expressed by the general passenger agents who adopted the system, but others who have studied the matter. ter have reached that conclusion. A representative passenger man of a strong line out of Omaha says: "In my opinion the system of interchangeable mileage adopted is im-practicable. I could not afford to say this for publication, but I believe it to be the truth. I remember twelve years ago a similar system of interchangeable mileage was adopted and the trials of the ticket seller and tribulations of the purchaser were most numerous. That system was finally aban-doned, because it was found to be too intricate for everyday use, and that system was perfectly simple compared with the one which will go into effect on Monday next. None of the strong lines are in favor of this system, and its adoption has been brought about largely through the weaker lines. These will reap the benefit from the strong lines, and doubt if the ordinary traveler will be benefited at all.

prominent passenger official a Vanderbilt line was asked his opinion of the new interchangeable mileage system, and he made the remarkable statement that the very intricate system had been adopted to gratify the de-mand for such a system, but with the knowledge that it would prove too impracticable for ordinary use. In his opinion the system would be used but little. If the commercial trave'ers or others who have strongly urged the adoption of interchangeable mileage by western roads should complain, they would be policely informed that a system interchange-able mileage was in vogue. That the new institution will not prove popular seems to be the general opinion among ticket though not shared by their general passenger

OPERATORS OF BURLINGTON ROAD.

Muster Mechanics and Superintend-ents in Annual Session. s in Missouri.

G. W. Rhodes, superintendent of motive power of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. is the chairman of the assemblege. He annumber of St. Paul, appointed by Judge nounced that meetings would be held Sanborn of St. Paul to conduct the those connected with the mechanical and the operating departments of railroads. It is rounion of the master mechanics and the superintendents of all the parts of the Burlington family, and a conference on

city, it is patent that the profits of the business in a city using 12,000 telephones and barging \$125 to \$175 per annum must be out of all proportion to the money invested.

The market price of Chicago telephone sharee has varied in recent years from \$400 to about \$150. It is impossible to give absolute figures on this subject for the reascut that very few sales have been made on the stock exchange, where an official reford is kept. In November, 1896, the market quotation was about \$170. On this basis for the capitalized at \$4.327,600 is \$7,356,920. The fact that the shares of the com, any sell at few the capitalized at \$4.327,600 is \$7,356,920. The fact that the shares of the com, any sell at few the capitalized at \$4.327,600 is \$7,356,920. The fact that the shares of the com, any sell at few the capitalized at \$4.327,600 is \$7,356,920. The fact that the shares of the com, any sell at few the capitalized at \$4.327,600 is \$7,356,920. The fact that the shares of the com, any sell at the chicago & name that the profits this merring territory to this city next week on the ocasion of the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. Get the Maximum Mileage out of Locomo ting were: "Locomodive Mileage;" "How to casion of the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. Get the Maximum Mileage out of Locomo the subjects discussed this morning were: "Locomodive Mileage," "How to casion of the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. The Perit of the Special to the Special that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad will increase its dividence of the Casion of the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. The Dest the Special to the Special that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad will increase the territory to this city next week, on the Casion of the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. The Dest the Special to the Special the Special to the Special the Special that the Chicago territory to this city next week, on the Omaha Chrysanthemum show. The Dest

Those present at the meeting are the fol-Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company: G. H. Ross, superintenders freight service, Chicago; G. W. Rhodes, superintendent motor power, Aurora; William Forsyth, Master engineer, Aurora; M. H. Wiekhorst, engineer of trick, Aurora; F. H. Clark, chief draughisman, Aurora; H. W. Yates, chief clerk, Aurora; W. W. Ryder, superintendent chlef cierk, Aurora; W. W. Ryder, superintendent telegraph, Chicago; G. Hargreaves, purchas-ing agent, Chicago; C. I. Sturgis, auditor, Chicago; E. J. Blake, chief engineer, Chi-cago; S. L. Charles, supply agent, Aurora; A. T. Perkins, local agent, St. Louis, Superintendents—J. D. Besler, general, su-perintendent, Chicago; F. C. Black, control, su-perintendent, Chicago; F. C. Black, control

perintendent, Chicago; F. C. Rice, superintendent Illinois lincs, Galesburg; C. M. Levey, superintendent Iowa lines, Burling-ton; F. A. Delano, superintendent territory of Chicago.

Superintendents-H. D. Judson Aurora; W. B. Throop, Galesburg; W. G. Besler, Beardstown; O. E. Stewart, Ottumwa; J. H. Duggan, Creston. Assistant Superintendents-L. A. Howland.

Chicago; J. H. McPartland, Ottumwa; H. S. Storrs, Creston. Division Master Mechanics-R. D. Smith, Chicago; A. Forsyth, Aurora; R. W. Colville, Galesburg; J. F. Deema, Burlington; J. E. Button, Ottumwa; E. Jones, Creston; J. A. Carney, Beardstown; L. F. Moore, freight claim agent.

Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska: T. E. Calvert, general superin-tendent, L'ocoln; D. Hawksworth superin-tendent motive power, Plattsmouth; J. G. Taylor, auditor, Omaha; W. P. Durkee, aud-

Neb.: E. F. Highland, Denver, Colo. McFarland, Holyoke, Colo.; H. C. Nutt.

Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad Company S. E. Crance, general superintendent, St. Joseph, Mo.; P. H. Houlahan, superintendent, Brookfield, Mo.; B. L. Crosby, assistant to general manager, St. Louis; G. B. Dunba, assistant auditor, St. Joseph. Division Master Mechanics—F. A. Chase. St. Joseph, Mo.: I. N. Wilbur, Hannical,

St. Joseph, Mo.; I. N. Wilbur, Mo.; C. E. Lamb, Brookfield, Mo. Council Bluffs and Kansas City Railroad Company and St Louis, Keokuk & North-western Railroad Company: W. E. Cun-ningham, superintendent, Hannibal, Mo.; Henry Miller, assistant superintendent, Han-Kanses City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs 6:15 o'clock.

INTRICATE BLYOND UTILITY Railroad Com; any: G. M. Hohl, superintendent, St. Joseph, Mo.: L. E. Bridenstein, foreman, Council Blund, Chicago, Burlington & Northern Railroad

Company: D. Cunningham, assistant super-intendent, LaCrosse, Wis., N. Frey, master mechanic, Grand Crossing. mechanic, Grand Crossing.
Yesterday afternoor's mreting was even more largely attended than yesterday morning's meeting and continued in session until 6 o'clock. G. W. Rhodes of Aurora, Ill., presided and among the subjects most earnestly discussed were: "The Best Roofs for Round Houses;" "The Practicability of Piping Cars Not Equipped With Air Frakes," and "The Feastbillty of Adopting Mr. C. C. Couplers on Locomotives." All the subjects were handled by the most prominent mechanics of the Burlington system and the discussions following brought out a wealth of information for the In all the local ticket offices and at the passenger stations are now posted notices of the conditions governing the sale of the

MORE DETAILS ARE WANTED.

Commission Wants Reports.

In the conclusion of his last annual report the statistician of the Interstate Comstock which to used in interstate traffic, and special reports from corporations and com-

from carriers by water, so far as their ousi-ness is interstate traffic.

The report closes with extracts from recommendations adopted at the National Convention of Railroad Commissioners, held at St. Louis in May last, in support of the proposition to establish a bureau of statistics and accounts in econection with the Interand accounts in connection with the inter-state Commerce commission, an argument in favor of which wai quoted in the statis-tician's report for 1895 from the ninth an-nual report of the commission. Among the points which in the view of the riational convention should be embodied in a law were the following: the following:

"First, it should provide for the appoint-ment of railroad examiners by the Interstate Commerce commission, and so define the duties of said examiners as to insure the

give to the commission the right to pro-mulgate through this bureau rules and regutwoulieth section of the act to regulate com-merce may be made effective."

NEWS PLEASES MINK MIGHTILY. Union Pacific Comptroller Rejoiced by Judge Sanborn's Action.

Oliver W. Mink, receiver, comptroller, sec Mr. Clark, he said, would be in within a few days.

Mr. Mink was accompanied by W. D. Cor that meetings would be held mornings and afternoons on Wednesday and Thursday. The Wednesday and Thursday. The clearest Salie of St. Paul to conduct the foresteen working the returned to his St. Paul Wednesday and Thursday. The clear sales were sales and Canacal Salie of Kelly of the Tuesday, Wedresday and Thursday. The home last evening, General Manager Dick morning meetings will be from 8:30 until inson and General Solicitor Kelly of the 12 o'clock, and the afternoon sessions from 2 until 5 o'clock. At these meetings will be considered topics of especial interest to nish and returned to this city with them.

Rates to Chrysanthemum Show There was a meeting of the passenge representatives of all the Omaha rillroads echnical matters connected with their re- yesterday afternoon to hear a request for

fact that the shares of the com, any sell at nearly twice their par value is, of course, due to the high rate of dividends paid, 12 per cent per annum. The ability of the company to pay these large dividends is based entirely critte toils paid it by the general public. The present charges are no less. Those present at the meeting are the following the property of the company to pay the present charges are no less. Those present at the meeting are the following the present and they are meant to note. Here are the ansociation and open take on early one and one-third regular fare for the round one and believed the rate requested will be made by all roads.

> Oregon Short Line Earnings. CHICAGO, Nov. 9 .- Earnings and expense of the Oregon Short Line for the month of September were as follows: Grees earnings. \$534,590, against \$483,178 for the same month last year; increase, \$51,412. penses, \$336,909, against \$353,837 last year decrease, \$16,958. Net earnings, \$197,681, against \$129,311 last year; increase, \$68,370. From July 1 to September 30 gross earnings were \$1,595,346, against \$1,078,352 for the corresponding period last year; increase, \$145.183. Operating expenses, \$967.505, against \$1,078,352 last year; decrease, \$110,-Net earnings, \$627,841, against \$371,811 last year; increase, \$256,030.

Railway Notes and Personals. Frank Hills, auditor of the Oregon Shor line, is in the city.

W. D. Cornish, special master for Union Pacific foreclosure sales, has returned from his trip to Topeka and Denver, where he went to postpone the siles of the Kansas Pacific and of the Draver Pacific, and went to St. Paul last evening

The freight rate clerks of a number vestern railroads are in session at Union Pacific headquarters lining no freight rates with the Oregon Short Line Among the outsiders present at the meeting are: Robert Ran-toul of the Northern Pacific and John Reeves of the Oregon Short Line.

C. L. Pierce, brakeman, and George Ap plegate, fireman, on a Union Pacific freight train were badly scalded on a locomotive just coln; A. Canobell, McCock; J. R. Phelan, cas: of Sidney yeaterday. The arch pipe of the engine was blown out and Pierce was Arsistant Superintendents—V. O. English, scalded badly about both legs. He was taken to Sidney. Applegate was scalded about the face, neck and right leg and was removed o North Platte for medical treatment. Rumors are current that the Chicago

Plattsmouth; E. S. Greusei, Havelock; R. T. Smith, Lincoln; R. B. Archibaid, McCook; control of the lows Central railway. T. road runs from Mason City via Marshalltown and Oskaloosa to Peoria, Ill., a distance of 335 miles. It has also a number of branch

General Manager Dickinson and General Solicitor Kelly of the Union Pacific went west on "the Overland Limited" yesterday morning to meet Oliver W. Mink, receiver, comptroller and second vice president of the Union Pacific, and W. P. Cornish, special master for the foreclosure sales. The party arrived here late this afternoon, and Messrs. Mink and Cornish proceeded to St. Paul at 6.15 celebrates.

## COUNTY SEEKS SETTLEMENT

Some Basis for Securing Money Held in a Froken Bank.

ACCOUNT WITH GERMAN SAVINGS BANK

Delinquent Special Taxes Levied by the City and Sold by the County Enter Into the Terms for Adjustment.

ment of the accounts that exist between the bank and the county and the county and the

but it will take probably an hour's consultation between the prospective purchaser and the ticket agent to insure a perfect understanding of the situation, and then the chances are in favor of the return of the purchaser and the statistician of the interstate commission repeats the recommendation failed it had on deposit the sum of \$39,685,95 and the Supreme Court—A. M. Post. Failed it had on deposit the sum of \$39,685,95 and the express companies engaged in interstate urer, the institution having been prior to traffic; that rejorts should be secured from corporations and companies owning rolling stock which is used in interstate traffic, and stock which is used in interstate traffic, and special reports from corporations and companies owning depot property, elevators, and the like; and that reports should be secured from carriers by water, so far as their busi-page is interstate traffic, and the like; and that reports should be secured from carriers by water, so far as their busi-page is interstate traffic, and purchased delinquent tax certificates aggregating something over \$50,000, most of which tax had been levied against city property for paving, curbing, sewers and companies of the bank had purchased delinquent tax certificates aggregating something over \$50,000, most of which tax had been levied against city property for paving, curbing, sewers and companies of the bank had purchased delinquent tax certificates aggregating something over \$50,000, most of which tax had been levied against city property for paving, curbing, sewers and companies of the bank had purchased delinquent tax certificates aggregating something over \$50,000, most of which tax had been levied against city property to property for paving companies. sidewalks. Since the failure of the German Savings bank the supreme court has passed tron the special tax question, holding that as a rule they have been filegally levied and are consequently void. This decision applies to the certificates held by the receiver of the German Savings bank, as much of the oroperty involved is covered by the certificates that were made the issue in the case in the upreme court.

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing these claims held by the receiver, who asked that the commissioners take some steps to compal the city council to refund the tax illegally assessed and sold.
County Attorney Baldrige contended that
the county could not be held liable for the

County Attorney Balfrige contenued that the country could not be he'd liable for the duties of said examiners as to insure the keeping of the book of corporations subject to the act to regulate commerce according to the principles and rules laid down by the commission.

Second, it should prescribe that annual and monthly reports should be filed with the Interstate Commerce commission, which reports and in case of discovery of sbuses, as may lead to appropriate legal remedies.

Third, it should provide the the establishment of a bureau of statigues and accounts, under the direction of and in connection with the Interstate Commerce commission, and give te the commission the right to premiude the filegal tax, as it was simply acting as the contended that it eccived to money or soming to the duty of the county to get out was not the duty of the county to get out ascertain if the city tax hid been legal to gaily levied.

Attorney Beckenridge, for Receiver Merconstables—A. B. Letovsky, fusionist; Third ward, F. W. Marciller, Seventh ward, G. L. Attorney Beckenridge, for Receiver Merconstables—A. B. Letovsky, fusionist; Third ward, W. H. Mailory; Sixth mort of a bureau of statigues and accounts, under the direction of and in connection with the Interstate Commerce commission, and give to the commission the right to premise the control of the state of the provided for the control of the state of the provided for the control of the state of the county to account the control of the state of the county to get out and several of a bureau of statigues and accounts, under the direction of and in connection with the Interstate Commerce commission; and give to the commission the right to premise the members of the Hewell charter and has uncarthed a gent for the city in making the sale. As such as the Country of the Hewell charter, Country of the Hewell charter, Country in the clust it was all with the confusion and the commission. Second, which may cause the members of the Hewell charter, Country in the country to get out and

the board, he was willing to allow the sum as an offset against the claim that the ounty has against the bank.

for the presidency of the Union Pacific railissue was how to get back the money from the city. He complimented the county, saying here about two minutes. He was returning from his trip to St. Louis

WILL THE NORTHWESTERN SIGN.

pose of formally executing the refunding mortgage of \$165,000,000 against the road. It could not be ascertained whether definite action will be taken by the executive comyesterday afternoon to hear a request for mittee. On the Stock exchange a bet of gospel meetings in progress here for the police judge, ranging from burglary and reduced rates to apply from surrunding \$1,000 even was offered that the Chicago & past three weeks, under the leadership of grand largery to drug king and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress are control of the progress and keeping a control of the progress a

Illinois Central Enrnings.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9 .- Illinois Central earnings for the quarter ended September 30 were: Gross earnings, \$6,505,958, against \$6,199,541 for the corresponding period last year; increase, \$306,147. Operating expenses, \$4.779,739, against \$3,685,833 last year; increase, \$910,904. Net earnings, \$1,726,219, against \$1,303,906; increase, \$395,513. Gross earnings for the month of Se, tember were \$2,341,284, against \$1,905,056 for the same month last year; increase \$436,148. Operating expenses for the month were \$1,761,065 against \$1,319.679 last year; increase, \$341, 386. Net earnings for the month were \$608. 139, against \$585,377 last year; increase \$94,-762. Gross earnings for the month of Oc-tober were \$2.353,008, against \$2.243,620 for the same month last year; increas: \$109,388. From July 1 to October 31 gross earnings were \$8,858,966, against \$7,443,161; increase,

Consider Freight Rates CHICAGO, Nov. 9 .- Executive officers of he western roads had another conference here today on the freight rate situation. The practicability of bringing about a restoration of all pites which have been reduced below regular biriff was discussed at considerable length, but in view of the position main-tained by the southwestern reads in regard o rates to and from gulf ports the conclusion was reached that nothing could be done at present to adjust matters. The opinion was freely expressed that until some change is effected in the law as it has been declared to be by the supreme court of the

CHICAGO, Nov. 9 .- Passenger traffic on the western roads is rapidly increasing. Late reports show that recent earnings are far in are expected between this time and tomorrow advance of those of the corresponding period coon. Among the delegates are a number hast year. The improvement noted is not confined to any particular class of business. It is pretty equally divided between local and through traffic.

rates being maintained on a permanent basis.

President of Wabash Road III. NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—President O. D. and Oskaloosa to Peoria, Ill., a distance of Danch and St. Paul road.

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Advance Agent Commits Suicide. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 9.—The Los Argelan engagement of Mme. Moultenord, the Oriental lecturer, has been marred by the suicide of her advance agent, Rev. W. T. Veale, a Presbyterian clergyman. Rev. Mr. Veale shot himself in his room at the Hollenbeck hotel. He was an Englishman. 49 years old. Temporary insanity due to an injury to his brain is the supposed cause of the suicide.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF DOUGLAS COUNTY

Canvassing Board Makes No Change in the Result Already Printed. At noon yesterday the canvassing board completed the work of making the official His Honor Tires of Going to Judgment count of the ballots cast at the recent election. There are no material changes from the figures as printed in The Hee on the

morning after the election. Official figures on the bond propositions fol-

For the exposition bonds, 12,252; against, 5,707; blank ballots, 1,502.
For the poor farm refunding bonds, 12,061; against, 2,749; blank ballots, 1,467.
The total vote of the county aggregated

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, their attorney, Receiver McCague of the German Savings bank and his attorney held a conference yesterday for the purpose of reaching some plan for the adjustment of the accounts that accounts that or the purpose of the accounts that or the purpose of the purpo sale of the bonds, both exposition and refunding. The canvass of the returns shows the elec-

tion of the following, all being republicans if not otherwise designated:

122.
Sheriff—John W. McDenald, republican, 10,510; Thomas Hoctor, fusion, 7,689.
Probate Judge—Irving F. Baxter, republican, 10,062; W. A. Anderson, fusion, 7,762.
County Clerk—D. M. Haverly, republican, 10,034; M. H. Redfield, fusion, 7,796.
County Treacurer—George Heimrod, regulation was received by the police judge asking that he be more explicit in his demands and make known whether he old

Register of Deeds—T. S. Croeker, republican, 9,392; E. R. James, fusion, 7,662.

Coroner—V. B. Sances, fusion, 7,662.

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Coroner—N. B. Swanson, republican, 9,823; tember 15 Judge Gordon sent another letter to the mayor and city council stating

Will Visit Omnha. Hon. D. P. Markey of Port Huron, Mich.. supreme commander of the Knights of the Receiver McCague replied that such plan would be satisfactory to him, but that before entering into the ogreement he would have to confer with the court.

Attorney Breckenridge said the point at He will be accompanied by G. J. Seigle, who

the speech of the evening. He draws big out that the prisoner would not be served crowds. Some 4,000 people have already paid freeze. I find, however, in looking over the

Rev. M. B. Williams, evangelist, closed Sunseveral score of new members to the church rolls. Spiritually the churches and the community have been greatly benefited. Mr. Williams is a forceful, logical and earnest worker and preacher; fearless and convincing, not hesitating to remind the churches of their shortcomings and at the same time presenting gespel truths to outsiders so presenting gespel truths to outsiders clearly that good results follow. The gathering will continue here for some weeks. the various churches continuing the meetings indefinitely. From here Mr. Williams, accompanied by Prof. Alexander, musical di-

Chicago, to take charge of the work.

Two Deaths Already Result and a Third is Dying. officials are investigating a mysterious been arrested on a charge of disturbing the poisoning case which has already resulted in the death of two persons and threatens the life of a third. The victims are Louis ticipants in the affair are still at large. the life of a third. The victims are Louis Beliew, aged 40, the proprietor of a livery stable, and his sister, Susan, aged 30. hired man. Bruno Kline, is in a critical con-dition. All three were taken suddenly ill yesterday after drinking water from a in the rear of the cottage in which they reside on Main street, and despite prompt

KNIGHTS OF LABOR ASSEMBLY, in Rock Springs for about a year and a half and has been operating a meat market, wherein supplies were furnished. Only a Portion of the Delegates Yet in Attendance.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.-The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was called to order in Hibernian hall, 133 West Market street, this morning at 10 o'clock by Grand Muster J. R. Sovereign. About eighty delegates were present and fifty more of the most prominent leaders in the move-

ment in this country and abroad.

After the appointment of committees on credentials, press, etc., the meeting adjourned until this afternoon. Many reforms will be urged upon the president and con-gress at this session, which will consume a week or more.

Husband and Wife Both Dying. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 9.—A special to the Evening Post from Pineville, Ky., says: Andrew Vaughn, a prominent farmer, and his wife, were found by neighbors in their house in a dying condition this morning. It is supposed Vaughn became mentally unbalanced, and while in this state shot his wife and then himself.

Belginn Minister Arrives. NEW YORK, Nov. 9 -- Among the passengers who arrived on board the steamer Friesland, from Antwerp, were Count G de Lichtervelde, Belgian minister to Washing-ton, and Countess de Lichtervelde.

JUDGE GORDON AND HIS PAY

Without Emoluments.

MEANS TROUBLE FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Delay in Decision from the City Fathers Stirs the Judge Up to Heroic Action in Self-Defense.

It is now a trifle over seven months since Judge Gordon has drawn a dollar of salary from the city exchequer. Although the police magistrate has been in the habit of placing his feet under the makegany with his usual regularity during this period, he has of late been cogitating upon the ultimate outcome of the matter. Winter is drawing on and be may want to buy coal.

When the new city charter went into operation last March and cut his honor's salary in two the section pertaining to the office of police judge was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. According to the decision handed down by the higher court, Judge Gordon was entitled to receive \$208.3314 from the city per month for his services. Falling into democrat, 221; J. S. Leas, national democrat, line with this decision, Judge Gordon sent a 22.
Sheriff—John W. McDonald, republican, this amount be allowed him in the monthly

Coroner—N. B. Swanson, vepublican, 9.823; tember 15 Judge Gordon sent another letter to the mayor and city council stating superintendent of Schools—E. J. Bodwell, republican, 9.995; W. W. Elliott, 7.615.

Surveyor—George McBride, republican, 9.948; E. T. Youngfelt, fusion, 7.602.

County Commissioner, First District—A. C. Harte, republican, 2,705; Frank J. Kascar, Judge Gordon has since made a close study

give to the commission the right to promission the rig Bechel, members of the committee, to some decision. Should Judge Gorden not receive the satisfaction which may be his due from

have been made for this affair and it promises to outshine anything given by the local members in the past. Mr. Markey will make the speech of the evening. He draws big crowds. Some 4,000 prople have already raid to hear him. NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The executive committee of the Chicago & Northwestern railway met in this city today for the purpose of formally executive the case of the purpose of formally executive the purpose of formally executive the case of the purpose of formally executive the case of the purpose of formally executive the case of the c SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT HURON. the amount remitted by order of the mayor and Doc Jones, fined \$5 and costs for carry-Evangelist Stirs Up Both Churches ing concealed weapons, boarded it out with HURON, S. D., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—The were eighty cases up for trial before the vicious dog. Out of this number seventy-three prisoners were discharged. The others day night. The effort was a very successful are set for a hearing later in the month, one. It resulted in bringing into closer fel- and a few were bound over to the district lowship the churches of the city and adding several score of new members to the church make enough convictions according

imposed, it is impossible to collect them,'

Arrested for Fighting. Saturday night W. H. Tracey, a young man living at Twentleth and Pierce streets, torector, and Fred Sibert, general assistant, go gether with George Thomas and a couple of to Sandwich, Ill., where they will conduct chums, visited Washington hall, where a to Sandwich, III., where they will conduct the meetings for three weeks. A class with 200 dance was in progress. The boys demanded members has been organized for bible study admittance, but were refused. They there and arrangements have been made for an proceeded to create trouble, and incidentally instructor to come from the Moody institute, knocked S. Peterson, the janitor, down. Peterson landed a couple of times on Thomas' left optic, yelling lustily meanwhile for the police, but in the general melce which ensued the boys got away. After Peterson's nerves thad calmed down a trifle he was disturbed to DIXON, Cal., Nov. 9.—The Solano county had disappeared. Tracey and Thomas have

ADAM SNYDER REPORTED DEAD.

Been Killed at Rock Springs. A rumor was affoat in the city this morning to the effect that Adam Snyder, ex county reside on Main street, and despite prompt medical assistance Louis Bellew died at noon and his sister some five hours later. Miss Bellew was to be married to E. H. Mann and her brother to Miss Clara Ferguson on Thursday next. The affair is shrouded in mystery, as the victims of the tragedy were highly respected.

SYIGHTS OF LABOR ASSEMBLY, in Rock Springs Packet at Rock Springs Coal company failed to verify the report. No report of any such accident was received by other officials of the company. Mr. Snyder has been living the Rock Springs for about a year and a

> miners. His family lives in Rock Springs. C. L. Allen, a brother of C. E. Allen of this city, resides in Hitchcock county, this state. He is a republican, and two
> years ago was elected county clerk of
> litchcock county by a majority of seventeen votes, being the only republican
> elected. Last week he was re-elected by
> a majority of thirty-nine. This year he
> was the only republican elected on the
> county tleket, the other men all being
> fusionists.

Robbins Charged with Assault. An information charging Charles Rob bins with an assault with intent to kill has been filed in police court. Robbins is the young man who met Clint Moorhead and J. Loy at Sheeley station Sunday night and after a few words assaulted Moor-head with the result that Moorhead re-ceived a broken jaw.

Eugene Anderson, living at Forty-first street and Patrick avenue, reports his wife, Frankle Anderson, missing, and wishes the police to locate her. The woman left her home last Saturday night on pretext of visiting her mother, who resides at Kearney. Nothing since has been heard of her,

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