HEARING ON STOCK RATES

State Board of Transportation Interested in Shippers' Complaint.

SECRETARIES MEET AT SOUTH OMAHA

Edgerton Announces that the Matter to Be Determined Relates to the Minimum Weight of a Carload.

Secretaries J. W. Edgerton, J. C. Dahlman and G. L. Laws of the State Board of Transportation met at the Live Stock exchange, South Omaha, yesterday morning to inquire into the rates charged by the railroads for transporting live stock. The railroads were well represented, among those present being Attorneys Mather and Evans of the Rock Island, Ben White of the Elkhorn, Charles Dundy of the Union Pacific, J. W. Orr of the Missouri Pacific and General Manderson of the Burlington. The representatives of the freight departments were K. C. Morehouse of the Elkhorn, Lyman Sholes of the Omaha, C. J. Lane of the Union Pacific, G. H. Crosby of the Burlington and J. O. Phillippi of the Missouri Pacific. Among the local representatives of railroads were: W. B. Cheek of the Burlington, Dave Mahoney of the Union Pacific, J. L. Mortim of the Rock Island and Frank Reed of the Northwestern.

It was after 11 o'clock when the session was called to order, when Secretary Edgerton made the statement that the purpose was to ascertain what the fair weight of a car of live stock should be. There was no intention, Mr. Edgerton said, to return to the cold system of charges, but simply to find out if the minimum weight was too low.

J. R. Van Boskirk, secretary of the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association, stated that the association he represented passed a resolution September 15 condemning the present system of charges, and the present investigation had been brought about by action taken by himself and others in the association.

The first witness called was W. B. Cheek, general live stock agent of the Burlington, who read a circular sent out by the railroads last August giving notice of the proposed change in the manner of making charges. This was done in order to bring the question in point before the board.

Frank Currie, a shipper from Whitney, Dawes county, testified that under the old system of rates a carload of live stock from Whitney to South Omaha formerly cost him $66. On two or three occasions since that time he had paid as high as $73 per carload and his cars were not overloaded. An adjournment was then taken until afternoon.

STOCK YARDS OFFICERS TESTIFY.

The investigation was resumed in the afternoon, when several officers of the Union Stock Yards company, summoned by complaining shippers, testified. The witnesses examined were John A. McShane, traffic manager of the stock yards company; Harry L. Carpenter, auditor of the railroad department of the stock yards; James G. Martin, vice president of the South Omaha Live Stock exchange; E. W. Trode, a shipper from Stearns, S. D., and A. Newbery, a shipper from Cody.

By these witnesses it was sought to show that prior to August 10 of this year it was the custom to load cattle cars from 2,000 to 4,000 pounds heavier than the capacity allowed by the rules of the different railroads. The average weights as testified to were 19,000 pounds for a thirty-foot car, 20,500 pounds for a thirty-three-foot car and 22,000 pounds for a thirty-six-foot car. This was made more explicit by ascertaining the number of feeders, fat steers, etc., of average fixed weight usually shipped without injury to the animals. Some of the questions asked pertained to the shipments of hogs and sheep, but in the main cattle shipments were used as the basis for all calculations.

After some time had been spent in hearing the testimony of witnesses General Manderson, appearing for the Burlington, objected to further procedure along the lines then being followed, and said that the railroads were willing to submit tabulated statements of what had been received since August 10 from the cents per 100 pounds system in order that a comparison with the old rate of dollars per car might be made. General Manderson made the assertion that it could be shown that the railroads were the losers under the existing system when the expenses of weighing were figured in.

Mr. Van Boskirk, who is here as the representative of the Western Nebraska Cattle Growers' association, said that Alliance and Lakeside shippers had figures of their own which they insisted upon being offered in evidence. In order to allow those interested time to accumulate facts and figures an adjournment was then taken until 10:30 o'clock this morning.

RAILROADERS' POLITICAL LEAGUE.

Organized to Secure Recognition of Their Calling.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—By changing its name and declaring new principles today, the American Railway league has become a full fledged political organization. Hereafter it will be known as the Railway Employes and Telegraphers' Political League of America. Its proclaimed object is to deal entirely in state and national politics, chiefly on legislative lines. Behind this, however, is the desire and the determination to secure recognition, elective and appointive, for railroad men. This is shown in the fact that a movement is on foot to secure the appointment by President McKinley of a railroad man on the Interstate Commerce commission as successor to Colonel William R. Morrison.

Two hundred delegates were present from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

EXCURSION RATES FOR FOOT BALL.

One Fare May Be Allowed for the Thursday Events.

There is a strong probability that a one-fare rate will be made by the railroads to the foot ball game next Thursday afternoon on the university grounds in this city. The matter will be definitely decided tomorrow. Among some of the roads there is a disposition to limit the rate to a one fare only from such cities where at least 100 people will take advantage of the rate. That much of a crowd is expected from Lincoln Thursday, accompanying the Wesleyan university eleven, which is to play here Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Similar crowds may also come from other nearby towns.

Manager Thomas of the Wesleyan team is very hopeful that a favorable rate will be secured by most of the roads, as he anticipates a good attendance at the game Thanksgiving day.

Raises Grain Rates from Iowa.

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 22.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has advanced its freight rates from Iowa points to Minneapolis and St. Paul. The advance is 1 cent on 100 pounds from all the Iowa stations, except two, and it applies on coarse grains, including corn, oats and rye in car lots. The rate at present is 17 cents per 100 pounds to Milwaukee and 12 cents to Minneapolis. The raising of the rate to Minneapolis gives Milwaukee shippers an advantage of 1 cent per 100 pounds they did not enjoy before.

Interchangeable Tickets Popular.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The new form of interchangeable mileage ticket issued by the western roads is proving very popular. The Sebastian ticket was placed on sale November 15 and 25,000 tickets were ordered printed, as it was thought that they would be sufficient for the demands that would be made. This number is exhausted, however, and another 25,000 have been ordered.

Eastbound Freight Shipments.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Eastbound freight shipments for the week ending November 18 amounted to 47,901 tons, against 46,470 the previous week and 65,640 last year. It was divided as follows: Panhandle, 9,000 tons; Michigan Central, 2,715; Wabash, 3,939; Lake Shore, 4,659; Ft. Wayne, 5,725; Baltimore & Ohio, 3,455; Grand Trunk, 3,446; Nickel Plate, 4,583; Erie, 3,975; Big Four, 2,400. The lake lines carried 116,158 tons.

Railway Notes and Personals.

G. P. Bidwell, general manager of the Elkhorn, went to Chicago Sunday to be absent several days.

The local passenger agents' meeting, scheduled for yesterday has been postponed until next Monday.

Judge W. R. Kelly, general attorney of the Union Pacific, went to St. Paul Sunday afternoon on business.

The St. Charles Car company is at work on an order for 250 box cars for the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf railroad.

F. A. Nash, general western agent of the Milwaukee, left for Colorado and Utah points yesterday, to be gone about a week.

All the freight departments of the different railroads in the city report absolutely no change in the Colorado freight rate situation.

The Atchison road in the near future will contemplate putting on an extra fast train between Chicago and California. It now runs two trains a week, but a large increase in the passenger traffic is looked for with the opening of the winter season.

William McKinley, 19 years old, a timekeeper on an extra gang on the Union Pacific, whose home is in Omaha, was injured Sunday afternoon by a fall from engine 1479, at the Tenth street crossing. The toes of his right foot were mashed between the engine foot board and the crossing plank. No bones were broken, however.

Quite a number of Rock Island officials were in the city yesterday. Among them were R. W. Dey, chief engineer of the lines west of the river; Robert Mather, general attorney of Chicago; E. B. Boyd, general freight agent of the lines west of the river, whose headquarters are at Topeka, and W. F. Evans, assistant attorney, also with headquarters at Topeka.

Electric lights on all its passenger cars is the latest fad on the Santa Fe. The chair cars between Chicago and Denver have already been equipped, and all the dining cars and coaches will be similarly fitted out within a few weeks. The current is generated in a motor by a belt from the wheel axle, and the Santa Fe is the first line in the country to adopt this system.

There is much discontent reported on all the roads because of the general reduction in salaries which has gone into effect as reported in these columns last week. Some of the employes think it was a poor step, in view of the increased travel, both in passenger and freight circles, expected in connection with the coming exposition and the many conventions coming to Omaha next summer.

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n.

recommends the use of the greatest of all tonics, "Malt-Nutrine," and guarantees the merits claimed for it. For sale by all druggists.

Defendant Not Able to Appear.

COVINGTON, Ky., Nov. 22.—The trial of ex-Cashier T. B. Youtsy of the First National bank of Newport was called before Judge Taft of the circuit court here today. Mr. Youtsy was not present. It developed that the defendant was suffering from an attack of epilepsy since Friday night and was unable to come into court. The case was postponed until December 1.

Indict Members of Council.

TAUNTON, Mass., Nov. 22.—The grand jury, convened in special session here today, found indictments against W. Shay and Frank Foly, common councilmen of Fall River, for soliciting bribes in connection with the awarding of contracts for furnishing a school.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. F. C. Gehung of Wausa is in Omaha.

Senator William V. Allen went west last night.

C. Heber Turner of Chicago is stopping at the Barker.

S. M. Morgan of Nebraska City, Neb., is at the Barker.

John G. Doren of Dayton, O., can be found at the Barker.

C. S. Baldwin of Fort Worth, Tex., is stopping at the Barker.

B. R. Claypool, a stockman from Orleans, Neb., is at the Barker.

H. L. Coold, an Ogallala stockman, was in the city yesterday.

Robert Mather, a Chicago attorney for the Rock Island, is in the city.

James W. Orr, Missouri Pacific attorney at Atchison, is an Omaha visitor.

Senator Carey of Wyoming was in the city yesterday on his way to Cheyenne.

T. J. Davis has accepted a position in the office of the clerk of the district court.

A. Elliott, agent for the Mobile & Ohio railroad, is another of the Omaha visitors.

J. B. Frawley, general agent of the Union Pacific at Kansas City, is a visitor in the city.

J. A. Wood of Kansas City is in the city.

Dr. J. W. Agee and A. E. Agee of Valley are in Omaha.

H. A. Lee, banker and manager of the Paddock opera house at Beatrice, was in Omaha yesterday.

Misses Mae and Louise Perfect of St. Paul, Minn., are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Perfect.

Receiver Frank Trumbull of the Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf, was in the city yesterday en route to New York city.

W. F. Evans, attorney for the Rock Island, and Robert W. Day and E. B. Boyd of the same road, all located at Topeka, are in the city.

Mrs. J. Reigelman of Des Moines, Ia., is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiller, at their new home, 3521 Farnam street.

City Engineer Rosewater went to Lincoln last night, where he will deliver another in his course of five lectures before the students of the university.

Nebraskans at the hotels: W. I. Allen, Schuyler; William Gerlach, Harrison; W. W. Weigel, Creighton; S. Wardell, Washington; L. L. Coon, Elmwood; S. J. Mason, J. W. Crabtree, Lincoln; Phil S. Easterday, Tecumseh; E. A. Wright, Wolbach; F. E. Wolcott, Wymore; Edward C. Briggs, Seward; J. Miller, John Driscoll, Craig; C. H. Willard, Hebron; J. A. Ollie, jr., Ord; W. A. Hampton, Alliance.

At the Millard: W. Elliott, Kansas City; L. E. Marthis, Kansas City; J. W. Orr, Atchison; W. F. Evans, R. W. Day, E. B. Boyd, Topeka; J. B. Frawley, Kansas City; W. B. Campbell, New York; S. T. Alberding, Batavia, Ill.; J. M. Corey, Charles D. Carey, Cheyenne; George H. Thummel, Grand Island; Robert Mathers, Chicago; M. Schiller, New York; A. Sturet, St. Louis; E. F. Littlefield, Dubuque; Dick Dodd and wife, Ottumwa; Ed Fitton, Fairbury; C. H. Howard and wife, St. Louis; Alex Graham, W. S. Burrell, H. A. Lee, Beatrice; A. C. Gates and wife, Denver; W. E. Van Emden, San Francisco; F. W. Gilbert, Cleveland; J. W. Fulgham, Nashville; W. F. Gleason, Chicago; Mrs. Fannie Bond, West Side, Ia.; C. A. Parker, Denver; C. C. Fitzmaurice, Boston, Mass.

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CLARK MAY NOT BE WILLING

He May Not Take the Union Pacific Presidency.

ANOTHER LIKELY TO FILL THE PLACE

Rumor Revived in New York that His Health Is Not Such as to Permit Him to Undertake the Work.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—The Union Pacific reorganization committee, pending the making up of the new organization, after the property shall have been delivered to the reorganized company, has appointed the following to act as a committee in charge of the affairs of the road as far as they concern the reorganized company: Winslow S. Pearce, J. S. Stillman, Marvin Hughitt, E. H. Harriman and Otto H. Kahn. It is reported also that S. H. H. Clark, the former president of the Union Pacific, will probably not desire to be placed at the head of the reorganized company, owing to ill-health.

In connection with the action of the reorganization committee, as stated in the above dispatch, one of the officers of the Union Pacific said: "While nothing is known here as to the general plans of this new committee, I believe it has been named to take temporary charge of the affairs of the road pending the formal transfer of the interests from the purchasing committee to the new company. Just what character their duties will be I am unable to say, of course. As to the personnel of the new committee, only two of its members, Marvin Hughitt and Winslow S. Pierce, are generally known in this city. Mr. Pierce has been general counsel for the reorganization committee all through its recent business in connection with the purchase of the road, while Mr. Hughitt is the president of the Chicago & Northwestern. Messrs. Otto Kuhn, J. S. Stillman and E. H. Harriman are not so well known here. I believe however, they represent some of the heaviest financial interests involved in the purchase of the road, and Mr. Kuhn, if I remember correctly, is a member of the New York banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who are also largely interested in Union Pacific matters. Mr. Stillman, I think, is a member of the law firm of Butler, Stillman & Hubbard, also of New York City."

South Omaha News.

The coroner's jury impaneled to inquire into the death of Frank Shack brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon to the effect that Shack came to his death by being stabbed by Edward Willets in self-defense. In the face of the testimony the jurors said that they could not hold Willets responsible for the death of Shack.

Assistant County Attorney Jeffries, who represented the state at the inquest, said that before taking any action he would lay the matter before County Attorney Baldrige. In his opinion the state could not convict Willets should he be tried for manslaughter, and he thought that by taking no further action the county would be saved an expensive trial.

A brother of the dead man was in the city yesterday and after the inquest was reported as saying that if Willets was discharged from custody he would make an attempt to have him arrested again, as he did not propose to drop the matter.

Willets was, of course, pleased at the verdict of the coroner's jury, but he said no other decision could very well be reached, as he acted in self-defense.

Last night Assistant County Attorney Jeffries came down and filed a complaint charging Willets with manslaughter. Bail was fixed at $1,000 and the hearing will commence in police court Wednesday forenoon. Willets was released during the evening, his friends having signed the bond.

INQUEST IN THE SCHACK CASE.

Witnesses Before the Coroner Give the Dead Man a Bad Name.

A coroner's jury met yesterday to investigate the death of Frank Shack. Dr. Berry testified as to the nature of the wounds and then William Volz, who is employed at Cudahy's and saw the fight, went on the stand and stated that Shack had frequently been in quarrels before. Not long ago he jumped on a man named Dolan, but the latter had a knife in his hand and bluffed him. Then Shack wanted Dolan to drop his knife and fight, but Dolan being a much smaller man, refused. Witness testified to Willets being a quiet, peaceable man and stated that he had never known him to have any trouble before.

Patrick McGinty, another employe, was a witness to the affair and told about Shack having struck Willets twice before the latter attempted to strike back. He heard Willets tell Shack to go away from him as he did not want to have any trouble. He had known of Shack having trouble several times before.

A number of other witnesses were examined, the general line of testimony being Shack's quarrelsome disposition and Willets' quiet, peaceful manner. Assistant County Attorney Jeffries represented the state and W. C. Lambert looked after Willets' interests.

Rothwell's Suit for Damages.

The case of Link Rothwell against the Union Stock Yards company for $15,000 damages will most likely be called before Judge Powell of the district bench within a few days. Along last spring the city authorities and the management of the stock yards company made an attempt to protect shippers from sharpers who, through one device or another, obtained possession of the proceeds of cattle sales. The fleecing of stockmen at this point became so frequent that the market was being injured and it was decided that a stop must be put to the practice. It was also decided at the same time to prevent alleged solicitors from loitering about the Exchange building. An officer was stationed at the exchange and one day he arrested Link Rothwell for refusing to leave the premises of the company when ordered to do so. Rothwell spent a day or two in jail on the charge of violating the ordinance which gave the stock yards company the right to keep objectionable characters off its property. After the matter had passed beyond the jurisdiction of the police court, Rothwell brought suit against the stock yards company for the amount mentioned.

Work on the Armour Plant.

There was a large force of men at work at Armour's yesterday preparing the piers in the hog cooler house for the cap stones. By night the greater part of this work had been done, besides the laying of cap stones for the west wall of the building. The contractors intend to commence work this morning on the west wall. No brick were laid yesterday on account of the masons being considerably ahead of other work. It is thought that work on all four walls will be resumed today.

In digging a trench for the north wall of the hog hanging house the workmen struck a flow of water which made it necessary for a pump to be kept going all day in order to keep the trench clear enough to work in. A creek, formerly ran through this particular part of the tract, but it was filled up a number of years ago. The ground all about this trench is soaked with water, which, in a measure, retards the work. In some places on the site of the beef house water has been struck in the trenches, but this is not remarkable, as the foundations for this building are being laid nearly fifty feet below the surface of the pavement on Q street. With another week of good weather the contractors expect to be able to report material progress in the construction.

Mud Creek Sewer Again.

The managers of the stock yards and packing houses are considering the question of building a sewer to take the place of Mud creek. With the advent of another large packing house the capacity of the creek would not be sufficient to carry off the waste water. Besides, the need of better sewer facilities the stock yards company and the packers realize that the time is coming when some attention must be paid to the protests of those who live near the creek. Sarpy county people have taken up the matter in earnest and propose to carry it to the courts early in the spring unless some effort is made to abate the nuisance before that time.

The last time the question of the Mud creek nuisance came up before the city council it was laid on the table for the time being in order that arrangements might be made for a covered sewer clear to the river. At this time Councilman Burrett assured the members of the council that the packing houses and stock yards were contemplating the laying of a large sewer and upon his recommendation all action was deferred. It was estimated by engineers some time ago that the proper kind of a sewer from Swift's to the river would cost in the neighborhood of $80,000. It is understood now that the promoters of this project desire that the city pay one-third of the cost of such a sewer. Two members of the council are reported to be in favor of this, but a number of others are opposed to it. Those opposed say that it would not be right for the city to pay a portion of the cost of a sewer when it has the power to compel the corporations which cause the nuisance to abate it.

Brick Yards Close.

The brick yards here have discontinued the making of brick for the season. Work has not been entirely stopped at the yards, as there still remains a large number of brick to be burned. It is said here that brick will be very scarce in the spring. At present prices are steady at $7.50 per thousand, and it is thought that the price will go still higher before spring. There will be a big demand for brick here in the spring, as a number of buildings now being planned will be built then. It is understood that the improvements is to be made at the Cudahy plant next spring will call for over 1,000,000 brick.

Magic City Gossip.

William Daily has gone to Sioux City to visit friends.

John McDaniel has returned from a trip to Laramie, Wyo.

C. H. Waite is down at Hastings looking after some business matters.

W. M. Geddes of the Sun is able to be about again after a short illness.

F. A. Agnew and wife will spend Thanksgiving with relatives at Stuart, Ia.

Colonel C. M. Hunt has gone to the western part of the state on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hawley of Percival, Ia., are the guests of Mrs. O. K. Paddock.

J. P. Krause of Albright has returned from New York, where he visited his brother.

It is understood that the Hammond Packing company will locate a branch at St. Paul.

There is a case of diphtheria reported in the Williams' family at Twenty-fifth and Y streets.

The October report of City Treasurer Broadwell shows a balance of $47,358.55 in the treasury.

Coopers' union, No. 10, of Omaha and South Omaha will give a ball at Blum's hall Wednesday evening.

Miss Maggie Raub of Springfield, Ill., is here, visiting her brother, John Raub, Twenty-third and N streets.

A social will be given next week in the old school house at Thirty-third and J streets by the Fourth ward mission.

A meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held tonight for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year.

Linemen in the employ of the telephone company were engaged yesterday in stringing a number of party line telephone circuits.

Only three members of the city council answered to their names when the roll was called last night, and an adjournment was taken until Friday evening.

The Fourth ward mission has elected officers as follows: O. E. Bruce, superintendent; Frank Spear, assistant superintendent; Mrs. O. E. Bruce and Miss Mary Beniz, organists; Bertha White, secretary; Venia Bruce, treasurer; Dr. Wheeler, Lizzie Wells, Belle Taylor, O. B. Morey and May Bruce, teachers.

Word was received here yesterday that Tom Green, who was for a long time in the employ of the stock yards company, had been killed at Echo canon, Utah, Saturday. At the time of his death Green was firing a locomotive and was running between Evanston and Ogden.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price 50c and $1.00 per bottle at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store.

Must Pay Double License.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 22.—Under the decision of Judge Siebreker in the injunction suit of the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., against Insurance Commissioner Fricke that corporation will have to pay the state $3,300 to continue its accident business in Wisconsin. Since 1884 the Travelers' company has been doing a life and accident insurance business within the state, while paying only a life insurance license. Commissioner Fricke ruled that the company must pay an accident as well as a life insurance license.

Worshippers Drop Seven Feet.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 22.—By the collapsing of the floor of Cory Avenue Methodist church yesterday afternoon 500 colored worshipers were precipitated to the ground, a distance of seven feet. A panic ensued, but only three persons were hurt and they not seriously.

STOPS MACHINE GAMBLING

Omaha City Council Hurriedly Repeals Its Licensing Ordinance.

MAYOR MOORES ISSUES NEEDED ORDERS

Urges the Council to Take Action and Then Directs Chief Gallagher to See the Machines Removed Instanter.

The nickel-in-the-slot machines have vanished. This is the effect of an order which Chief of Police Gallagher received from Mayor Moores at 6 o'clock last night. The ordinance repealing the ordinance by which the licensing of the devices was authorized was passed at a special meeting of the city council held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the mayor did not lose a minute in attaching his signature and carrying the ordinance into effect. As soon as possible the police took the necessary action and machine gambling stopped.

The summary intimation given by County Attorney Baldrige that unless the council acted at once he would begin criminal proceeding under the state law against the proprietors of the machines was the immediate incentive that spurred the council to this sudden change of front. Ever since the notorious ordinance was passed there has been a vigorous protest against the slot machines from the more respectable element of the community. An ordinance repealing the first ordinance was introduced and it has been pending for three months. Every time it was reported by the committee on judiciary it was recommitted to the committee without debate and by an apparent understanding between a majority of the members of the council. The expressed reason for this action was the fact that the proceeds of the licenses had been turned over to the school fund, and that if the ordinance was repealed the city would have to refund the license money from the general fund. On this plea every effort to repeal the ordinance was successfully checkmated.

DIDN'T TAKE LONG.

The first official intimation of the change of front occurred at the regular committee meeting yesterday afternoon. Mayor Moores came before the committee and stated that it was time that the council acted on the repealing ordinance one way or the other. He notified the council of the ultimatum that he had received from the county attorney and suggested that a special meeting be called at once to take action on the ordinance. The idea was agreed to without apparent opposition and the call was immediately drawn up and signed by the mayor and the necessary number of councilmen. At 5 o'clock the committee meeting was adjourned and the special meeting was called to order in the council chamber. All members were present except Mount. The report of the judiciary committee recommended that the ordinance be amended by striking out the section which provided for refunding the license fees and then passed. The report was adopted without debate and the ordinance was placed on its final passage. It was passed by a unanimous vote and Clerk Higby, President Bingham and Mayor Moores at once attached their official signatures.

The mayor then directed an order to the chief of police to see that the machines were removed at once.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS JOIN IN.

Pass the Herdman Resolution After Everything is Over.

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners added their official voice last night to the decree of the council against the slot machines and their proprietors can now find endorsement in no division of the city executive government. The resolution instructs the chief of police to issue orders to have the machines suppressed and warns the proprietors of them that prosecution will follow their continued use. The matter had been under consideration for some time, but following similar action by the council, was unanimously passed last night. It is understood that a petition is being circulated by certain dealers praying that merchandise slot machines be spared, as they state the abolishment of them would seriously affect their business.

A communication was presented from the directory of the Transmississippi Exposition asking that fire protection be established at the exposition grounds. It was signed by F. P. Kirkendall, manager of the Department of Buildings and Grounds, and read as follows:

The committee having in charge the arrangement of the fire protection on the exposition grounds respectfully asks your honorable body to give the chief of the fire department authority to render such assistance with fire fighting apparatus as in his judgment he can temporarily spare, and that he be also instructed to place the chemical engine which is now at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets, together with its equipment, on the exposition grounds, where it can do double duty, on the grounds as well as in the neighborhood, the exposition people agreeing to furnish temporary quarters at their own expense for the same. The exposition grounds being in the corporate limits we respectfully ask your honorable board to render all such assistance as is possible and to aid in preventing and extinguishing fires.

Favorable action was taken on this request and the chief of the fire department was instructed to immediately furnish such protection as could be safely supplied and further on full investigation to report such means of permanent protection as the conditions may require. The chief stated that a chemical engine and its equipment would be placed on the grounds as soon as quarters for its reception were provided.

A complaint was read from Captain John Simpson of Hose company No. 2, charging Driver Sidner with incompetent driving and a violation of the rules. The charge states that in responding to a fire at Sixteenth and Cuming streets Driver Sidner went down the hill on Eighteenth street between Dodge and Capitol avenue, which is contrary to orders. In crossing Davenport street, also, it is charged that he drove in such a manner as to break a spring on the engine. This charge was laid over for one week, as was that entered against Lieutenant Frank Urban of Hose company No. 3. The latter was charged with using loud and insulting language and inciting a fight in the quarters of Hook and Ladder company No. 1. The complaint was entered by Captain Taylor, with whom Urban had a misunderstanding regarding proper fuel for the company stove.

The following leaves of absence were granted: Pipeman L. E. Cassiday, two days; Patrolman Russell, five days; Patrolman U. M. Flint, five days. The bond of M. R. Bowles as special policeman was approved.

Capture Twelve Moonshiners.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Nov. 22.—Deputy United States Marshal F. J. Carpenter, with a posse of twelve men, has arrived in the city with fifteen illicit distillers, who were captured in Scott county. The officers destroyed four stills and about 4,000 gallons of whisky and beer. The officers got the drop on the men and captured them without trouble. The stills were all located within a few miles of each other. The men will be taken to Dardanelle tomorrow for preliminary examination.

CHURCH FAIRS AND SOCIALS.

Hanscom Park Methodists Have a Miniature Exposition.

The Sunday school rooms of the Hanscom Park Methodist church were transformed into a miniature Transmississippi Exposition last night. The mammoth buildings of Omaha's big show were represented by unique booths, each presided over by charming young women, who sold popcorn, candy and refreshments to replenish the exchequer of the local branch of the Epworth league. In addition to this, there were many handsome exhibits, to which a small admission price was charged. The main room, occupied by the exposition, was handsomely decorated with Japanese knickknacks, flags and bunting, while picturesque signs announced the character of the goods contained in each of the booths. Midway through the entertainment a juvenile sketch entitled "The Gypsies" was given on an improvised stage in one end of the hall which proved one of the best features of the evening. Miss Madge Mayall played the role of the gypsy queen, supported by a following of fifteen juveniles who danced and sang for the edification of the large audience. An exhibit that drew much attention was the textile and hand-painted china display, presided over by Mrs. F. J. King and Misses Cora Chaffee and Lillian Watson. Others equally attractive were "The Midway," in charge of Messrs. Fred Lale and Fred Foster; the Japanese booth, in charge of Misses Jones and Hertzler; the chrysanthemum show, by Miss Gertrude Williamson; the missionary display from Egypt, the Grand Army of the Republic booth, in charge of Rev. F. M. Sisson, and a score of others. Rev. F. M. Sisson is director general, Lynn Chaffee is commissioner of ways and means, Miss Bertha Hertzler is director of the department of exhibits, Miss Anna Hazard manager of department of concessions, Mrs. M. L. Store on grounds and buildings and Mel Uhl in charge of the department of publicity. The show will be presented again this evening.

There was the biggest attendance at the St. Peter's fair in Creighton hall last night since the opening and the fair itself was in the best running order. The booths, the Turkish den, the dining room and the other features were all open and were well patronized during the evening. A big attendance witnessed the minstrel performance of the colored troupe and listened to the concert of the Fort Crook band. A change of program in the stage feature will be made every evening this week. Two voting contests began last night. In the one for the most popular woman in the hall, in which the prize is to be a diamond ring, were entered Helena Wyman, Maggie McQuirk, Olie O'Neill, Clara Gentleman and Agnes McNamara. This contest will close at 10 o'clock on next Saturday night. The other contest is for the most popular man and in this the entries so far are E. C. Ryan, Tom Hector, P. J. Barrett and J. Powers. This will close at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, when a gold watch will be presented to the winner.

The regular monthly sociable at the Trinity parish house was last night in charge of the King's Daughters and they were provided a most entertaining and enjoyable evening for the members of the congregation of the church and their friends who attended. An informal musical program was rendered. Among those who contributed numbers were Mr. Sport, Miss Mobie Dodgeworth, Prof. Parson and wife, Miss Howe, Mr. Clawson and Miss Maud Wales. Delightful light refreshments were served by the Daughters. During the course of the evening almost the entire congregation were greeted by Dean Fair and the women of the auxiliary.

Parties trying to introduce new cough remedies should know that the people will have Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

IMPORTANT CHURCH GATHERING.

Congress of Methodist Preachers and Lay Workers.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 22.—The Methodist Episcopal church congress began a six days' session at Christ church yesterday. The call for the congress, which was signed by Bishops Vincent, Ninde and Fitzgerald and many prominent Methodist educators, says:

"The congress does not propose to invite or favor destructive criticism of existing institutions, but simply to bring out from different persons representing phases of intellectual activity a frank expression as to whether the church can meet any more fully than it does the demands of our times, and if so wherein its activities may be modified or directed to advantage. The congress will not concern itself with questions of church policy, but with issues bearing upon the relation of the church to the thought and life of the people as affected by current scientific and literary teachings. The congress will aim to secure an adequate presentation of the tendencies of current scientific and literary teachings and also suggestions as to the best service to be rendered by the church interpreting those tendencies for the spiritual and intellectual advantages of its followers."

The list of speakers who will attend the congress includes the names of many of the brightest men in the denomination, and the topics announced for discussion are such as will doubtless prove attractive to all thinkers, without regard to their denominational affiliation. Delegates from all parts of the country will be present during the week. Bishop John B. Vincent of Chautauqua fame will preside over the congress.

Bank Officials Sentenced.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22.—A sentence of six years and six months each at hard labor in the Eastern penitentiary and costs of prosecution were imposed by Judge Butler in the United States district court today upon John B. Mitchell, ex-cashier, and Willis F. Houch, ex-teller of the South Bethlehem (Pa.) National bank. When arraigned today both men pleaded guilty to embezzlement.

ABOVE THIRTY MILLIONS

New Valuation of Omaha's Realty for Purposes of Taxation.

FOOTING MADE BY TAX COMMISSIONER

Mr. Sackett Gives Out a Statement Showing the Increase in the Aggregate Assessment Made by Hunting Out the Property.

Tax Commissioner Sackett and his assistants here so far completed the tabulation of the first municipal assessment under the new system that it is possible to approximate the aggregate result. The figures indicate that the assessed valuation of real property is $31,000,000 in round numbers. As the property is assessed at one-third of its estimated market value, the actual value of the real property of the city is placed at nearly $100,000,000. The tabulations of the assessments of personal property have not been completed, but it is evident that it will be largely in excess of any previous year. The total personal assessments a year ago amounted to about $2,800,000 and the aggregate of 144 of the 13,811 assessments which have been made this year is nearly equal to that amount. These assessments are the largest personal property assessments, and the same ratio will not be maintained throughout, but the tax commissioner is positive that the completed schedule of the personal assessments will show a material increase over those of preceding years.

In response to the numerous inquiries concerning the totals of the assessment for taxes of 1897, the tax commissioner has authorized the following statement: "The delay in obtaining the result of this assessment is a result of two causes. First, the total number of personal blanks distributed is 14,222; of this number 411 were not used, making the net number of personal assessments 13,811, being an increase of 7,000 over any former assessment. The additional work involved in indexing and distributing 7,000 extra assessments upon the books will make it impossible to obtain a total footing of the personal assessments before December 5 or 10.

TOTALS UP TO DATE.

"The second cause of delay arises from the fact that in this assessment no attention is paid to ward lines and the entire city must be consolidated before any total is arrived at. Aside from the personal assessments, however, the net figures will be obtainable in a few days. The following is a statement of totals at this date:

City lots	$14,262,000
Additions with the exception of four not returned at this date	12,587,065
Four additions not returned, estimated on the basis of the last year's assessment	100,000
Land not fully entered on schedules, but estimated at	2,000,000
Railroad assessments as returned by the state board	186,657
Palace car assessments, same return	937
Telegraph line assessments, same return	2,093
Insurance companies assessed locally	124,107
Banks	833,976
144 out of 13,811 personal assessments	2,296,555
Total	$33,302,995

"To these figures will be added 13,667 personal assessments, which, in my judgment, might be safely estimated at $100 each. This footing, however, cannot be obtained until the entire personal list is completed and footed. It is quite likely that the figures quoted will be subject to a reduction of possibly $1,000,000 by the Board of Review."

SOME DOWN TOWN VALUES.

In this connection some interest attaches to the valuation of some of the more prominent pieces of property in the business district. The Wabash corner at Fifteenth and Farnam streets is the most valuable property in the city, according to the estimates of the tax department. The valuation of this corner is fixed at $108,000, and it appears on the assessment rolls at one-third of that amount. The lot at Sixteenth and Douglas streets, occupied by the Boston store, has second place with an actual cash valuation of $100,000.

The highest real property assessment in the city is that of the New York Life building. The building and ground are assessed at $294,000, which would indicate an actual valuation of nearly $900,000. Some of the other valuable properties are these: Bee building, $169,600; Paxton block, $139,400; Merchants hotel, $46,400; Nebraska Clothing company's building, $56,250; Continental building, $90,250; Paxton hotel, $134,670; First National bank, $75,000; United States National bank, $56,000; Omaha National bank, $85,000; Karbach block, $61,700. These are one-third valuations and cover both the buildings and the grounds which they occupy.

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Southern Express Election.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 22.—The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Express company was held here today. The old board of directors was re-elected and the following officers chosen: H. B. Platt, president; M. J. O'Brien, vice president and general manager; M. F. Plant, vice president; G. H. Tilley, secretary and treasurer; E. R. Leary, Chattanooga, Tenn., assistant general manager and F. D. Dubignon, Savannah, Ga., general counsel.

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