

CASE OF THE GRAIN MEN

Memorial Sent from Northwest Iowa to Members of Congress.

ONLY RATES ON CEREALS KEPT UP

Incidents of Alleged Discrimination Cited for the Benefit of Legislators—Reason for Claiming a Rebate.

IDA GROVE, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Grain Shippers' Association of Northwest Iowa has decided upon memorializing congress to secure if possible legislation which the association considers absolutely necessary to the prosperity of the farmers of this part of Iowa.

The memorial is in the form of a petition to the legislature asking favorable action in that body. The exact nature of the legislation asked is not clearly stated, but the petition shows that the complaint is that the movement is taken in view of the defeat of the Grain Shippers' association in the suits brought in the federal courts to recover for discriminations to grain shipments in the past. The petition to be sent to congress is as follows:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: The Grain Shippers' Association of Northwest Iowa, composed of grain shippers, respectfully memorialize your honorable body as follows: AN AGRICULTURAL REGION. Northwest Iowa is an agricultural region, and the production of grain, wheat, corn, barley and other food products, is the chief industry of the people of this section.

For many years there has been a continuous and gradual reduction in the costs and charges of transportation for the various kinds of freight moved over the railway lines penetrating northwestern Iowa. The freight charges for grain, coal, lumber, etc., have been reduced to such an extent that the cost of transportation for grain is practically the same as for other commodities.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION. In the complaints filed by this association have the Interstate Commerce Commission the foregoing facts were considered by the traffic managers of the railways and it was based upon any principle recognized as rightful in the formation of tariff sheets and the rates for the various commodities.

INJURY TO FRUIT NOT VERY GREAT. Frost damage in Florida less than in 1894-95. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Received from the weather bureau officials of Florida indicate that the freeze of January 2 and 3, 1898, has done less injury to the fruit crops than in any previous year.

NO REMEDY NOW. The federal courts, through their construction of the provisions of the interstate commerce law, have gradually shown both the Interstate Commerce Commission and the courts of the United States that they were supposed to possess under the provisions of that law, so that there is now no adequate remedy for the wrongs done by the carriers of goods in interstate commerce.

Polish Archbishop Coming. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A report is being sent to Washington on January 1 a Polish archbishop who would cooperate with the papal delegate in restoring peace in a number of disturbed Polish communities.

Allows Export of Tobacco. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The following telegram has been received by the secretary of state from our minister to Spain: Tobacco bands revoked. Leaf tobacco may be exported on paying tax of 12 pesetas per 100 kilograms.

Will Cause No Stringency of Money. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip said today that there need be no fear that the treasury will contribute to any stringency in the money market, and that if any occurred it would not result from redemption of outstanding currency.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$233,206,118; gold reserve, \$109,987,199.

Bank Examiner Appointed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Comptroller James has appointed William C. Oakley of Chicago as bank examiner to succeed Joseph T. Talbot, resigned.

CITY ELECTRICIAN'S REPORT

Document of Considerable Extent Submitted to the Mayor.

SCHURIG ON HIS DEPARTMENT'S NEEDS

Work Done During Last Year and Outlook for 1898, with Some Figures on Municipal Lighting.

The annual report of City Electrician Schurig, which was submitted to Mayor Moore yesterday, adds to a review of the work that has been accomplished by the department during 1897 some extended suggestions of desirable improvements. The recapitulation of the year just past shows that 307 permits were issued for inside construction. On these permits there were installed 9,117 incandescent lamps, 181 arc lamps, 219 arc street lights, and 1,111 electric bells.

There were 379 tests of arc lamps made during the year, the average result showing 50.05 volts, 9.55 amperes and 483.07 watts. Nineteen new street lights were added during the year and the total cost of the arc lighting of the city last year was \$14,559.77.

Referring to the work for 1898, the electrician's attention is directed to the fact that it is now almost impossible for one person to superintend the large amount of electrical construction that is constantly going on in the city. He suggests that the city should employ a number of men to do this work, and that they should be trained in the various duties of the department.

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WANTS FOR A FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Reciprocity Negotiations with that Country at a Standstill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The French embassy has been notified by cable that the new French ambassador, M. Cambon, sailed for New York on the 1st inst. and will arrive in New York the latter part of this week. He will remain in New York a few days and will come to Washington the middle of next week.

The French consul general, M. Brewster, has been here for several days in conference with Reciprocity Commissioner Kasson concerning the details of the proposed agreement between France and this country. The essential points, however, cannot be arranged until the ambassador arrives, as he comes with a sufficient commission to allow the authorities here to give him definite instructions as to how far the demands of the United States for a modification of the reciprocity treaty can be conceded.

Although the department is not advised there is a possibility that the French ambassador will be asked to accept American cattle. In view of the recent action of the Chamber of Deputies in passing a government measure which forbids the importation of American cattle, it is suspected that this advance was made in order to permit a reduction to the old rates, but there will be little disposition to accept such a sufficient concession.

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MODELS OF THE GREAT GROUPS

Decorations for the Exposition Show Tangible Form.

SCULPTOR BOCK ILLUSTRATES HIS IDEAS

Statuary for the Machinery and Electricity Building Shown in Detail of Its Conception by the Designer.

R. W. Bock of Chicago, the sculptor who is to make the groups of statues which will surround the Machinery and Electricity building, arrived in Omaha yesterday, bringing with him the small clay models of the several groups. These models are on a very small scale, but they give an excellent idea of the beauty of the design and the artistic manner in which it will be carried out.

The first of these groups, taken in the order of the sequence of ideas, is one of four figures. The central figure is that of a man and a lion. These two are engaged in a struggle for supremacy, the huge brute reared on his haunches, his shaggy head towering above the head of the man and his right paw raised to administer a death blow to his foe.

The second group consists of five figures, representing the intermediate stage, where the building of the central portion of the building, the electrician, is shown in the act of being built up by the lion, assisted by the man. The lion is simply subjected, but man is able to stand on his feet, and the lion is being held in a position of submission.

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ESTIMATES JUST A LITTLE HIGH.

City Council's Opinion of the Police and Fire Budget.

Members of the city council have not decided how closely the estimates of the present Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will be followed in making the levy next month. The charter makes the maximum levy for fire purposes \$125,000 and that for the police department \$115,000, and of these amounts the city council has decided to appropriate \$120,000 for the fire department and \$110,000 for the police department.

HER PLANS A NEW WAREHOUSE.

P. E. Her has had plans prepared for a large three-story warehouse to be erected on the southwest corner of Fourth and Pacific streets in connection with the Willow Springs Carriage Company. The building will be 145x22 feet and in order to obtain this width it will be necessary to encroach four feet on the alley. Mr. Her has filed a petition to the city council for a license to encroach on the alley.

CITY BELL NOTES.

Carriage Company has turned over to the city treasury the royalty of \$250, due according to the provisions of its charter. Mayor Moore has received an invitation from President H. Harkness of the Niagara Falls Convention to attend the convention on North Twenty-fourth, North Twelfth and Farnam streets and Sherman avenue. He will attend the convention on the 15th inst.

REFUSE AN APPEAL TO DURRANT.

Application for writ of Habeas Corpus Denied by Federal Judges. SAUL B. DURRANT, a resident of the United States circuit court judge, Morrow and DeHaven, rendered their decision in the Durrant case, submitted to them on habeas yesterday. They denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus and also refused to grant attorneys leave to appeal from this decision.

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SCHOOLS AND THE EXPOSITION.

State Superintendent Jackson Talks of the Work Under Way. W. R. Jackson, state superintendent of public instruction, passed through the city yesterday, en route to Allen, where he will attend a meeting of the Farmers' Institute and talk education and exposition to those in attendance. Mr. Jackson stated that he had received a number of replies regarding the proposed educational exhibit in the exposition building, and that he was very pleased with the replies. He stated that he was very pleased with the replies.

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