

PASSENGER RATE SITUATION

Hastily Called Meeting in Chicago of Agents of Western Railroads.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC PRESENTS A DEMAND

Wants Same Proportion of Reduced Second Class Fare that It Receives for Regular Tickets—Other Railway Affairs.

Trouble continues to pile up for the passenger men of the western roads. S. A. Hutchison and A. E. Smith, assistant general passenger agents respectively for the Union Pacific and Burlington, have gone to Chicago to attend a hastily called meeting of western roads to deliberate upon the rate situation. Two or three matters are demanding some action.

The interested roads have been brought face to face within the last few days with the realities of a monopoly and they are not experiencing the delights of satisfaction over the situation. The Southern Pacific, which is about the only line touching all California points, has made a demand for the same proportion of the reduced second-class fare that it receives for the regular tickets. The reduced fare is \$32.50, while the regular second-class ticket costs \$40. The Southern Pacific's share of the latter is \$18.40 and it refuses to make a proportional reduction in its percentage with that made by its connecting lines. This leaves but \$14.10 to be divided among the roads carrying the business from the Missouri river to Ogden.

The Santa Fe is the only other road which has a line to California, and it only touches at a few points in the southern part of the state. For the western roads to refuse to accede to the demands of the Southern Pacific would be to leave to the Santa Fe all the second-class travel to California. If they submit to these demands they will carry the business without profit. The best way out of the dilemma will be to suggest for consideration at the Chicago meeting.

Another matter to be brought up is the failure of the committee appointed for that purpose to induce the Great Northern to withdraw its low rates one way to all points along its line. The only satisfaction a committee obtained was the statement that the rates were not intended to be permanent, but when asked when the rates were to be withdrawn no answer was vouchsafed.

As a result of this failure it is rumored that the Canadian Pacific will retaliate with another series of low rates, which will be a new record in that line. How far this war will be carried, if once inaugurated, is problematical, and the course the other roads will adopt will possibly be decided at Chicago.

The third matter for consideration will be the wisdom of following the action of the Alton and the Northwestern in announcing that they will carry business to the educational convention at Leavenworth at the same rate made by any of their competitors. The Northwestern connects with the Union Pacific at Omaha, and the Alton, under its new management, connects with the same road at Kansas City. The Santa Fe a few days ago expressed a determination to take a \$5 differential on all traffic to Los Angeles which returned by Portland, no matter what rates the other roads made, and is supported by the Southern Pacific. The other two roads mentioned, with their connecting line, declare they will not condescend to be carried by the Santa Fe. Here is another incident of the irascible and the inmovable. Prospective travelers to the coast are looking on with complacency.

ENGINES AND ENGINEERS PARTED.

Locomotives Will Not Be Reserved

CHICAGO, March 27.—Engineers and their engines are to be divorced on two of the big railroad systems diverging from Chicago. Hereafter, on the Milwaukee and the Santa Fe roads, all engines will be pooled and run continuously regardless of the engineer in charge, instead of being run by one driver and laying up in the roundhouse while the master sleeps.

DOUGLAS COUNTY VETERANS

Meeting of the Association at Valley, Where Atlanta Post, G. A. R., Gives a Camp Fire.

At a meeting of the Douglas County Veterans association held at Valley Saturday afternoon the idea of having an old soldier's headquarters at the Greater American Exposition was suggested and discussed with general favor. A committee, which consisted of William Osborn, J. R. Gilmore, Frank Whitmore, W. H. Strain, B. R. Ball and M. J. Freeman was appointed to call on the exposition officials and ascertain if quarters could not be secured in one of the buildings.

A Successful Opening Event.

Accounts of the formal opening of the Port Arthur route Saturday, at the southern terminus of the Port Arthur railroad, agree that the event was an entire success. Some 5,000 strangers were in the little city on the gulf, and as there are only about 1,500 inhabitants there, some little difficulty was encountered in caring for the visitors. But the boom of the weather was warm and hospitable, and the weather being broad, the excursionists found places to sleep without great discomfort.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express to our friends our kindest thanks for the thoughtful and generous contributions of the members of the Douglas County Veterans association, which were given at the meeting of the association at Valley Saturday afternoon. The contributions were given in the following order: The Atlanta Post, G. A. R., of Valley, Va.; the Douglas County Veterans association, of Valley, Va.; the Douglas County Veterans association, of Valley, Va.; the Douglas County Veterans association, of Valley, Va.; the Douglas County Veterans association, of Valley, Va.

Union Pacific Officers' Lunch Room.

Managing officials and heads of departments at Union Pacific headquarters are now enabled to take their noonday lunch without leaving the building. The room on the first floor, which has been fitted up for this purpose by J. E. Markel of the Millard hotel, is ready for use. It is light, airy and attractive and it is promised that the menu to be served will be first-class. The use of the lunch room is limited to the officials mentioned. It is said to be an idea of President Burr's, that the officers might be brought together each day to talk over matters pertaining to the road while lunching. Almost without exception the men affected are pleased with the accommodations. They say that aside from the social feature, which is an attraction in itself, it is a convenience which they are surprised had not been introduced some time ago.

Feeding-in-Transit Rates End May 15

Freight officials of Transmissourian roads are preparing an official announcement of the definite withdrawal of the feeding-in-transit rates, which will be issued to the shippers and all others interested within a few days. The date of the withdrawal has been fixed for May 15. This seems to preclude the possibility of the roads changing their minds on this subject. Several rates will be paid in advance. These rates were to be withdrawn, but later for various reasons the action was reconsidered, and those who have benefited by the rates have felt a similar regret would follow at this time. But such will not be the case. After long and careful consideration the western roads have determined that the rates should be taken out, and expect to carry out their intentions in this regard. Numerous protests from stockmen have been received at the freight offices of the Transmissourian roads, but they are simply being filed.

Fast Mail Time Shortened.

Beginning Sunday, the Lake Shore and New York Central, to meet the new card of the Pennsylvania road, have shortened the time of their fast mail between New York and Chicago one hour and a quarter. The new card will allow a little over twenty-two hours between the two cities. It is not believed here that the shortening of the time on these roads will affect the card adopted by the roads west of Chicago. The reduction has not been called for by the government, so far as could be learned at local railroad offices, but is merely the result of competition between the great routes for the contract. Neither is it possible there will be any change in the arrival of the fast mail in Omaha. It is presumed that the shortened time is made by the trains leaving New York that much later, which would not call for any change in the departure of the mail trains west from Chicago.

Calling in Northwestern Bonds.

NEW YORK, March 27.—(Special.)—The Northwestern Railway company has advertised the calling in of its bonds, and is now calling in the bonds of 1875, which were drawn by lot at 105 and interest. Interest on the sinking fund ceased February 1 and the Farmers Loan and Trust company will hold the 106 2-3 of the 15s and 107 of the 16s upon the surrender of the bonds.

No Opposition to Readjustment.

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Conference on Tourist Rates.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Representatives of the Transmissourian lines met here today to consider what action, if any, will be taken in the way of meeting the new competition of the lines leading to the northwest in the carrying of cheap tourist traffic.

Change in Freight Agents.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Charles A. Chipley, general freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, has tendered his resignation, which will take effect May 1. He will probably be succeeded by John B. Thayer, jr., his assistant.

Railway Notes and Personalities.

G. A. Lee, assistant city ticket agent at St. Paul, for the Omaha road, is in the city.

SILKS! SILKS! SILKS!

Today Positively the Greatest, Grandest Silk Bargains Ever Shown in Omaha.

AT BOSTON STORE TUESDAY

3 Cases High Cast Silk from M. C. Spencer Co.'s Stock—One of New York's Finest Retailers on Sale for First Time Today.

ALMOST OUR ENTIRE MAIN FLOOR DEVOTED TO THE SILK SALE TODAY.

These silks are without any exception the newest highest grade and very fine quality ever placed on sale in our store.

Bargain square No. 1 contains all the choicest black and red colored broads, including evening shades in satin, duchesse, checked, plaids and stripes in all the new spring combinations, heavy taffetas, black and colored plain de soie, bengalines and twisted silk serge. In this immense array of high class silks you will find almost anything and everything you want, and they were marked to sell in New York City at \$1.50 yard, but they are on sale at 50c yard now.

Bargain square No. 2, extra heavy plain and changeable silk taffetas in all colors for \$1.50 SILKS 50c YARD.

Bargain square No. 3, all the black and colored 20-inch plain, extra heavy china silk, printed liberty satins and fancy silks, plain and striped summer silks, all new, fresh goods in the greatest variety and combination of colors. Every yard of this lot was marked to sell in New York City at 75c yard, but it is on sale at 35c a yard now.

25c SILKS, 50c YARD.

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All the high art silks, large berms, very exclusive designs, on sale at \$1.98 and \$2.98 yard.

EASTER MILLINERY. We have made special arrangements with one of the swell Fifth avenue, New York houses to send us this Easter week, twelve patterns in silk, and we cordially invite every lady visiting our store to be sure and visit our French pattern room, in which we exhibit these patterns hats, from day to day.

BOSTON STORE, OMAHA, 16th and Douglas Sts.

BOSTON STORE DRAPEY LACE.

1,500 Yards of 20-inch Wide Scalloped Lace, Suitable for Lumbergins and Mantel Drapes.

25c SCALLOPED LACE, 50c YARD.

All the week they have been in our show window, all the week they have been in our show window, all the week they have been in our show window.

UNDER FALSE PRETENSES

Howitz Will Be Taken to Louisville to Answer Charge of Working Confidence Game.

See Armstrong, assistant chief detective of Louisville, Ky., is in the city for the purpose of taking Dr. Leopold De la Bowitz back to the blue grass state, where he is wanted for obtaining money under false pretenses. Howitz has agreed to return without requisition papers and Detective Armstrong expects to start for Louisville today.

Howitz appeared in Louisville about three weeks ago and claimed to be the Greek consul. He seemed to be deeply interested in the Zionistic movement and soon had made quite a number of acquaintances. One day he was called to attend a young Greek girl, who was ill. He remained until after banking hours and suddenly discovered that he had a check which must be cashed immediately, as he was in need of money and could not get to the bank. He intimates to the girl's brother that it was his fault that he had been placed in this difficult position, and to help him out the kind-hearted brother proceeded to cash the \$40 check. With this Howitz disappeared, forgetting to pay his board bill and failing to leave his address.

He appeared in Omaha about a week ago, but the westerners were suspicious of his representations, and the first thing he knew the walls of the bastille surrounded him. He speaks several languages and is well educated. It is claimed that he is wanted on similar charges in St. Louis and New York.

Mortality Statistics.

No deaths and the following births were reported to the health commissioner during the forty eight hours ending at noon yesterday:

Births—Ed. S. Tooker, 1914 North Twenty-sixth; girl; Joseph Laux, 1108 North Twenty-third; girl; Frank Robertson, 1229 South Eleventh; girl; Robert E. Boyd, 619 Grand; girl; Benjamin Roseberg, 4010 Ohio; boy; Charles Crummit, 1711 South Seventh; boy; Ice Amble, 1829 North; boy; Frank Smith, 613 North Twenty-first; girl.

Attention, O. H. S., '95!

There will be a reunion of the class at the residence of Miss Kate McHugh, 415 North Twenty-fifth street, next Monday evening, April 3. All members of the class of '95 are urged to be present.

Please notify Fred S. Parsons, 1021 Third avenue, Council Bluffs, at once whether you can come or not, enclosing 25 cents for general expenses.

Be sure and come.

A ten-wort want ad costs you but 25 cents for 7 days in the Morning and Evening Bee.

Burlington Route

THE ST. LOUIS TRAIN

Is the Burlington's St. Louis Flyer—leaving Omaha at 4:55 p. m.—arriving St. Louis 7:19 next morning. Fastest and finest. Makes the quickest time. Runs over the smoothest track. Through sleeper and chair car.

Ticket Office—1502 Farnam St. Telephone, 259.

Burlington Station—10th and Mason Sts. Telephone, 310.

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Armour & Co., SOUTH OMAHA, NEB.

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Close of the Night Schools.

Board of Education Well Satisfied with the Experiments Which They Tried.

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The schools were kept going in the face of serious impediments in the way of the small-pox, the generally bad health of the attendants and the severe weather of the winter.

They started out with an attendance of about 150 each, but a goodly portion of this number consisted of men and women who came out of curiosity or for mischief.

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Sam'l Burns, 1818 Farnam street, is offering 15 per cent off Libbey cut glass and everything until Friday.

Mercer hotel, 12th and Howard streets, Omaha, 32c per day. F. J. Conter, Prop.

Omaha to Chicago.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has just placed in service two magnificent electric lighted trains between Omaha and Chicago.

San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego.

Chicago and the East.

How 'bout it, huh?

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