

MISSOURI PACIFIC HOLD-UP

Three Robbers Go Through the Pullman Passengers on Omaha Train.

GUS STEPHAN OF OMAHA IS A VICTIM

Gives Graphic Description of the Attack—Saves a Five-Hundred-Dollar Diamond Ring by Concealing it in His Mouth.

The Missouri Pacific passenger train that arrived in Omaha at 7 a. m. yesterday was held up by three highwaymen a few minutes after it left Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Among the passengers robbed was "Gus" Stephan of this city, who gives a graphic description of the holdup. "The train pulled out from Kansas City at 9:15 in charge of Conductor 'Cap' Wilson, who immediately collected the fares," said Mr. Stephan.

"You fellows get up and get out of here," said the robbers. "Every 4-1 of you get out of here in a hurry!" was his second order. Just then he was joined by two masked men, each holding a revolver.

"I was the second victim. The unmasked man did the searching act. He took my pocketbook, containing about \$15 in money and two certificates of deposit on the Omaha National bank for a total of \$100.

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ADVANCE THE CATTLE RATE

Marked Increase in Rates for Shipping Stock Cattle in Western Territory.

RAILROADS CONTINUE TO ELEVATE TARIFFS

Commodity Rates on Certain Articles Abolished and Class Rates Substituted—Charge for Shipping Lumber in Transit.

At the meeting of the Western Trunk Line committee held in Chicago, Dec. 19, the most important matter decided upon had relation to one of Nebraska's leading industries—the cattle business.

The officials of the western railroads agree that on January 1 existing carload rates on stock cattle shipped to points west of Chicago and St. Louis, in turn the Santa Fe will deliver it under an agreed-through rate the American products destined to the Pacific ports of the various countries affected.

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SHIPPERS MEET IN CHICAGO

Decide to Postpone Action Until After Hearing Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the National Association of Freight Commissioners met here today to decide what position the shippers, whom they represent, should take at the hearing before the Interstate Commerce commission to-morrow when the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio river, known as "Official classification territory," have been notified to appear with reference to the proposed change of classification and increase of rates on many commodities on January 1.

The committee was called to order by N. B. Kelly, commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and president of the association. A. J. Valandingham of St. Louis, chairman of the executive committee of the national association; W. P. Trickett of the Kansas City Transportation bureau; E. G. Goodman, traffic manager of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce; and S. M. Forbes of the Niagara Freight bureau, Buffalo, were present, as were delegates from Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Quincy, Ill., Cincinnati, St. Joseph, Mo., and Indianapolis.

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COMPETITOR OF PACIFIC MAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The Examiner says that the Santa Fe people have a traffic arrangement with the Kansas Steamship company, a German organization, with San Diego as the point of transfer between car and ship.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The Record to-morrow will carry the office of general passenger agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad the first of the new year in place of his father, James Charlton, whose services with that line will end with the present year. Young Charlton is at present visiting general passenger agent Clarence Price, a Cincinnati business man, who will be the road's purchasing agent after January 1, in place of A. V. Hartwell, whose services with the line will end with 1899.

Webb Succeeds Vanderbilt. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—W. Webster Webb was today elected a director of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern to fill the vacancy created by the death of Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Lake Shore Dividend. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent.

New York Central Dividend. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The New York Central Railroad company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent, an increase of 1/4 per cent over the last quarter.

Railroad Notes and Personalities. E. H. Hughes of Chicago, contracting engineer, will be in the city looking after railroad matters.

M. Pollard, tax commissioner of the Burlington, accompanied by a small party of friends, has gone to Denver on a combined business and pleasure trip.

J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Elkhorn, has returned from Chicago, where he attended a meeting of transcontinental passenger representatives.

G. G. Dennis, division freight agent of the Elkhorn, with headquarters at Deadwood, S. D., will be in the city Wednesday, accompanied by his family, to attend the Christmas season of the commissary department of the Burlington road has issued an order that all dining cars shall be suitably decorated during Christmas week. On Christmas and New Year's days, plus puddings, turkey and other delicacies of a similar nature will serve to make the passenger feel that he is partaking of a holiday spread at home.

It is reported that the survey of the recently incorporated Chicago, Dubuque & Keokuk railway will begin next week under the direction of ex-City Engineer Tschirgi of Dubuque. It is said that the men at the head of this enterprise are endeavoring to bring the proposed line to a speedy completion by the end of the year.

"One Minute Cough Cure" is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. A. E. Cady, chief of St. Paul, Minn., is in the city.

C. J. Richards of Laramie, Wyo., is in the city.

W. J. Owens, a railroad contractor from Norfolk, is visiting in the city.

A. C. Hastings, a cattle shipper from Akron, Colo., is at the merchants' exchange.

Ben Betts, a prominent Butte (Mont.) horseman, is registered at the Merchants.

P. B. Nelson, manager of Nelson's opera house, is a visitor in the city.

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If you will return this coupon and three one-cent stamps to the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass., you will receive in return a copy of the 20th Century Year-book. This is not an ordinary almanac, but a handsome book, copiously illustrated, and sold for 5 cents on all news-stands. (We simply allow you the two cents you spend in postage for sending.) Great men have written for the Year-book. In it is summed up the progress of the 19th century. In each important line of work and thought the greatest living specialist has recounted the events and advances of the past century and has prophesied what we may expect of the next. Among the most noted of our contributors are: Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, on Agriculture; Senator Chauncey M. Depew, on Politics; Russell Sage, on Finance; Thomas Edison, on Electricity; Dr. Madison Peters, on Religion; General Merritt, on Land Warfare; Admiral Higginson, on Naval Warfare; A. J. Smith, on Sports, etc.

Evening Devoted to Music. A sextette of young people gave a concert Wednesday night in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association that was full of enthusiasm and a model of good taste. Mr. Charles Higgins, an Omaha violinist of unmistakable talent, was sponsor of the program and it reflected credit on his good sense and his taste as a musician. Every appointment of the program was well arranged—even the encore which he so pronounced in Omaha being short of half the multiplicity, as the performers readily appeared for a second number, and then only at the most urgent and intent hand-clapping. The interest in the concert centered about Mr. Higgins, who appeared in two solos to fine advantage. He played with ease and grace, and added to his strong playing there was a sense of reserve force back of him that gave satisfaction to his audience. Mr. Higgins has a fine stage presence that lends much to his performance. In his first appearance he gave an "Ave Maria" (Schubert), "Wilhelm" and a Gypsy dance (Sarasate). His second numbers were "Memories," a little composition of his own, which he played with great tenderness, much as a father would pet his own child, and "Airs Rousseau-Souvenir de Moscow" (Weinlowski). His encore to the first number was "Last Rose of Summer" and in the latter instance De Berlioz's 7th concerto. Sigmund Landberg was at the piano for two numbers, the opening ones to the two parts of the program. Although he was at a disadvantage placed thus, he gave entire satisfaction in his Schuber's "Impromptu" with variations, in the first instance and an étude and two waltzes by Chopin in the second. His playing was marked with intensity and warmth and he added greatly to the dignity of the concert. Miss Daisy Higgins sang "The Worldly Hope Men Set their Hearts Upon" (Lizla Lehmann) and "Where Roses Gleam" (Mascaroni). Both songs were dramatically rendered by the young singer, whose voice has a strange haunting quality—nevertheless most pleasing. Oscar Garesien labored under the difficulty of singing with a bad cold and was not at his best. His first number was "Evening Star" from Wagner's "Tannhauser" and his last number "I'll Be a Soldier" (Molloy), substituted for "A Song of Thanksgiving" (Allister). "When Love is Done" (Lynes) was given as an encore to the last song. Francis Potter gave a pleasing variety to the program with his mandolin solo and played that tinkling instrument in such a manner that it did not sound trivial, the fact being due possibly to the excellent judgment used in selecting the music. A crude song, "Stumber On" (Abb.) and the pizzicato "Sylvia" (Delibes) were the pieces and his encore was the dainty little "Pellece" (Lange). Karl Smith, the youthful 'celist, gave one of the best performances of the evening. He played a tarentelle by Popper with fire and force, and demonstrated his ability forcibly. Without doubt if this talented young person had the proper channels for study he will make a name for himself. He was called back and played a delicate little cradle song by Godard. The closing number was a trio by Messrs. Higgins, Landberg and Smith. They chose for their selections the audience movement from a trio by Mendelssohn and the Gypsy rondo from a trio by Haydn. Have you tried Old Quaker Rye?

Work on Burlington Extension. CHRYSENNE, Wyo., Dec. 20.—(Special)—J. H. M. Shansie of a firm of grading contractors of Omaha arrived today from the line of the Burlington's Alliance-Hartville road, where his firm has the contract for constructing several miles of grade. He says that work on the grade is progressing rapidly but owing to the necessity of running the line through solid rock it may be some time before the grade to Hartville will be completed before next March or April. The

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