

NO BOARD OR HALF A BOARD

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Secretary G. L. Laws says he anticipates a decision which will uphold the constitutionality of the board and destroy the law of 1897 providing penalties for the enforcement of the board's orders. Neither Secretary Dahlgren nor Secretary Edgerton has been at the state house for several weeks, but the latter is expected here in a few days to receive the court's decision.

"It is my opinion that the supreme court will uphold the constitutionality of the board of 1897, creating the Board of Transportation, but I believe the court will declare invalid the act of 1897 providing penalties," said Secretary Laws. "If that act is stricken from the statute books it will probably be necessary to dismiss several of the suits recently instituted by Attorney General Smith against railroads to collect penalties for violation of our orders."

"We expect a hearing in our case at the end of the sitting. The case was submitted several weeks ago and so long sitting there would be a decision at the last sitting." If the court decides as anticipated by Secretary Laws the Board of Transportation will be seriously though not totally disabled. The maximum penalty law carries with it a provision for penalties, as does also the act of 1897 creating the board.

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Lincoln Local Notes.

The October term of the district court opened this morning with a docket much smaller than usual. The judges found so little business of a pressing nature that they decided to adjourn court tomorrow until the following session.

Dr. Benjamin F. Lang consulted with Attorney General Smith today with a view to having that official institute proceedings against Auditor Cornell to compel the allowance of his net-of-claims. The attorney general refused to take any action in the case and said that he would give no opinion regarding the claims unless asked for one by the auditor.

A jury was impaneled in the federal court this afternoon for the hearing of the case of the State of Nebraska against the First National bank of Omaha and others. The state sues for \$25,000 in this case, the amount representing state money lost in the institution when it failed in 1897. The total amount lost was \$10,612.99, but as only \$25,000 should have been deposited in the bank under the law the state can sue for no more than that amount.

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