

ENTERS TAX PROTEST

Burlington Railroad Company Says Commissioners' Figures Are Too High.

INSISTS ON STATE BOARD'S ASSESSMENT

Contents that City Has Authority Only Outside of Right of Way.

REALTY EXCHANGE FILES A COMPLAINT

It Asks for Reass of Burlington Assessment to \$14,936,142.

EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND FOR DEPOT

Board of Review is Asked to Put Full Value of Tangible Property and Franchises in Railroad Assessments.

In contemplating the subject of railroad taxation the Board of Review finds a new complication in a protest filed yesterday by the Burlington company in which that corporation respectfully but firmly denies the authority of the tax commissioner or the board itself to make any adjustment of the assessment on certain portions of its property. This document is signed by Green, Brockbridge & Kinler, attorneys, and was filed by them late yesterday afternoon. It is addressed to William Fleming, tax commissioner of the city of Omaha, Victor Rosewater and William J. Hunter, constituting the Board of Review in the matter of assessments of property within the metropolitan city of Omaha. In part it reads as follows:

Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that the properties returned for assessment and taxation within the city of Omaha under the name of the Omaha & Southwestern Railroad company and the Omaha & North Platte Railroad company, and which are held under perpetual leases and operated by the Burlington Railroad company, are held under perpetual leases and operated by the Burlington Railroad company, and which are held under perpetual leases and operated by the Burlington Railroad company...

The Omaha & Southwestern Railroad company, 4.6 miles at \$6,000 per mile, and the Omaha & North Platte Railroad company, 3.7 miles, at \$5,000 per mile.

The only lawful assessment which can be made on the properties in question for the year of 1902 by the commissioner of the city of Omaha is the assessment made in the name of the Omaha & Southwestern Railroad company and the Omaha & North Platte Railroad company...

COMPLAINT AGAINST BURLINGTON.

A document also bearing upon the affairs of the Burlington road, but very different in its tenor, was filed soon after this protest. That was the complaint of the tax committee of the Real Estate exchange, the purpose of which is to effect an increase of the railroad company's assessment even above the figures named by the tax commissioner. The aggregate amount at which this complaint appraises the Burlington properties in this city is \$14,936,142.30.

The complaint is similar in form to that filed on the previous evening in relation to the assessment of the properties of the Union Pacific road. It is drawn by J. H. McIntire, an attorney, in the name of George T. Morton as complainant and is designated as relating to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company, the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad company in Nebraska, the Omaha & Southwestern Railroad company and the Omaha & North Platte Railroad company.

RAILROADS WITHOUT ENGINES

St. Louis Fair Company Refuses Utimatum and Loses Railway Facilities.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—In accordance with their ultimatum, the Missouri Pacific, Frisco and Colorado roads today withdrew their engines from the fair grounds.

MANY ARE FROZEN TO DEATH

Extreme Cold Weather, Together with Hard Times, Causes Suffering in Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The extremely cold weather prevailing in Germany, in connection with the hard times, is causing much suffering. Many persons have been frozen to death in the western industrial provinces.

FUEL FIGHT IS SETTLED

Factions Agree and the Stockholders' Meeting Lasts for Fourteen Minutes.

FIGURES SHOW WAGES PAID

Delaware & Hudson Swear to Paying Miners Over Six Hundred and Laborers More Than Four Hundred Dollars Yearly.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 10.—The most interesting, if not important, evidence before the coal strike commission today was to the effect that a former mine foreman attempted to bribe two presidents of miners' local unions to get ten men to purchase legislation ordering the men back to work.

A meeting of the new board was held this afternoon, at which officers and members of the executive committee for the ensuing year were unanimously elected, as follows: Chairman, J. C. Osgood; president, J. A. Kebler, first vice president, A. C. Cass; second vice president, J. H. McClement; third vice president, J. L. Jerome; secretary, D. C. Beaman; treasurer, J. L. Jerome; executive committee, George J. Gorman, J. C. Osgood, J. A. Kebler, A. C. Cass.

LOUP CONTRACT IS AWARDED

St. Louis Terminal Association Elects Rock Island and Increases Capital.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—At the stockholders' meeting of the Terminal Railroad association of St. Louis today it was voted to approve a contract to construct the Levee loop to evade the tunnel in entering the city and to increase the capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$50,000,000 and the bonded indebtedness by the same amount.

DAKOTA MEN GIVE UP FORTUNE

Hand Bulky Roll to Man Who Offers Advice When They Drink Too Much.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 10.—James Kirkbridge, a resident of South St. Joseph, is the custodian of a roll of bills amounting to \$6,000, which was given him last night by two stockmen, who said they were from South Dakota.

CONFER ON STREET RAILWAY

Railroad Seeks to Prevent Swift and Armour Getting St. Joseph Belt Line.

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TELLS SWIFT TO CUT HOURS

Jury Finds Recent Explosion Was Due to Careless Opening of Valve.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A coroner's jury today decided that the boiler explosion at Swift and Company's ice plant was caused by some employe opening the main valve of one of the boilers too suddenly.

SUSPECTED ROBBER ARRESTED

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 10.—John Lovett and Arthur Aldridge of Onarga were arrested at Buckley by United States marshals, charged with robbing the postoffice at Buckley on July 31 of \$200.

BRIBES TO BREAK STRIKE

Witnesses Tell of Thousands Offered for Resolution to Resume.

NEED OF FUNDS IS URGENT

Secretary Wilson Asks \$700,000 to Stamp Out Foot and Mouth Disease.

NO CHANGES IN LAND LAWS

House Committee Smothers Bill to Repeal Several Provisions.

LIKELY TO BROADEN IRRIGATION BILL

Barlett Richards Has Interview with Secretary Hitchcock—Lindsay and Millard Do Not Meet.

PUSH BIG BOOM IN SCHOOLS

Rockefeller and Others Plan Gigantic Scheme to Educate Colored Youth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The bill for the incorporation of a general education board which recently passed the house of representatives is intended to pave the way for the establishment of an educational center of extensive proportions.

SWANSON FOR POSTMASTER

Named by the President to Handle the Mail at Fremont, Nebraska.

POSTAL CLERKS ARE DENIED

Told Department Will Not Make Recommendations to Congress for Necessary Legislation.

FINDS NEW SORT OF BOGUS BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The United States secret service today announced the discovery of a new counterfeit \$20 gold certificate.

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