

ELKHORN STAYS IN OMAHA

Headquarters Here Not to Be Abandoned, Says General Manager Bidwell.

NOR IS CORPORATE IDENTITY TO BE LOST

Rumor that Elkhorn is to be merged with Northwestern, Parent Company, Still Lacks Official Confirmation.

In line with the prevailing tendency of big railroad systems to retrench and centralize both with respect to the operation and management of their properties, an unconfirmed rumor has crept out that the Northwestern, which owns and operates the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road, under a separate corporation, however, is about to merge the two corporate bodies and conduct all the system under one central organization.

The publication in a Chicago paper of a notice of "special meeting of the stockholders and voting bond holders of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company," in Chicago February 12, for the purpose, among other things, of acting upon the question of leasing the railroad franchises and property of the Elkhorn, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company, and of thereupon purchasing such railroad franchises and property, beside all the other property of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company, has aroused new interest in this report.

General Manager Bidwell Talks.

Of this matter General Manager Bidwell of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road said yesterday morning: "While I have not been formally advised by the board of directors who called this meeting, I think I can safely announce that there is no special significance in this legal notice. I think I can also say that the management of the Elkhorn will continue the same as it has been in the past, that the two corporations will not be merged and that the Omaha general headquarters of the Elkhorn road will be kept here and that the Elkhorn system will continue to be operated from here."

Railway Notes and Personalities.

E. H. Wood, general freight agent of the Union Pacific railway, has returned from Chicago.

Alfred Darlow, advertising manager for the Union Pacific railway, will return from Chicago Saturday.

E. W. Baxter, superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific railway, returned from the west.

E. C. Davidson, chief rate clerk of the Union Pacific general passenger department, who has been attending a convention of rate clerks in Chicago the past week, is expected back Saturday.

The Western Passenger association has just made a ruling allowing four stopovers in Nevada on tourist tickets to the coast.

In former seasons no stopover has been allowed. The new rule allows five days each in Elko, Minneruccia, Lovelock and Reno. These conditions apply from February 15 to April 30, and the traveler must reach his final destination by May 15. Thus he will have ample time to take advantage of all stops.

Joseph Garrety, who has been night ticket agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road at Burlington, Ia., has been appointed assistant city passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington home and arrived yesterday to assume his duties. Mr. Garrety has been with the Burlington fifteen years. His duties at Burlington will be to divide passenger agent J. H. Reynolds, formerly city passenger agent here, has been given both offices, and is now city passenger and ticket agent.

C. E. Wantland, for many years general agent of the Union Pacific land department at Denver, has just been appointed general sales agent for the department, with headquarters here. All matters pertaining to the establishment and conduct of agencies for the sale of the company's land will be under his immediate supervision. S. A. McAllister, land commissioner, made the appointment, which has been approved by W. D. Cornish, general manager. Wantland is already well known in Omaha. He has gained a national reputation as an advocate of irrigation, and has appeared before many such congresses to urge the reclaiming of the arid lands of the west.

Pneumonia.

This is one of the most dangerous and often fatal diseases. It always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy quickly cures these diseases and contracts any tendency toward pneumonia. It is made especially for these and similar ailments and can always be depended upon.

Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths were reported at the office of the board of health in the course of the twenty-four hours ending at noon Friday:

BIRTHS—Charles, 124 North Fifteenth street, girl; John T. Wilcox, 274 South Thirtieth street, boy; Joseph Klacke, Third street and Woodworth street, girl; Peter Burgeson, 422 Icard street, girl; William W. Richardson, 2311 Calhoun street, girl; Charles Sipple, 1618 South Eleventh street, boy.

DEATHS—Baby Combs, 547 Cuming street, aged 12 days; Michael Barry, St. Joseph's hospital, aged 42 years; James J. Sullivan, 12 South Twenty-second street, aged 75 years; Patrick Hogan, 133 South Twenty-seventh street, aged 54 years.

EASTERN BANKERS IN OMAHA

Eleven Capitalists Spend Friday Here and Visit Points of Interest.

Colonel W. A. Mears, a prominent banker of Philadelphia, was host for a party of bankers and brokers of Philadelphia, New York and Milwaukee that spent yesterday in Omaha. Colonel Mears and party arrived in the private car Hazelmeier over the Burlington in the morning, and went north to Deadwood over the same road last night. The easterners will there inspect the mining interests, leaving Sunday night for the return trip. On the way back they will stop in Denver a few days.

At noon the party visited the Bee building, inspecting the newspaper plant throughout, editorial rooms, composing room, stereotyping room and press room. The members are: W. A. Mears, W. B. Tilton, W. Peterson, A. B. Taylor, J. C. Donoghue, M. Smith, A. L. Arundel, Colonel Dever, E. B. Myers, W. J. Bruchel and Eugene Peterson.

What Makes Ruby Lips.

The pure, rich blood made by Dr. King's New Life Pills. They promote healthy, give clear skin, rosy cheeks. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

City Hall Roof Leaks.

The recent fall of snow has caused considerable trouble and annoyance to the fourth department in the occupancy of the offices on the top floor of the city hall, by reason of the leaky condition of the roof of the building. For some time past there have been leaks in many places and of late years this condition has become so aggravated as to cause the destruction of some parts of the plaster and lathwork on the roof. It is now the duty of the board of health to see that water has run through every time there has been a storm and the building has been kept busy with mops and pails to prevent destruction of the furniture.

HIS DIAGNOSIS A MISTAKE

Captain Neve Has Visions of Doing a Turn at the Pest House.

Captain William Neve is of military predilection. He never has interested himself in diseases and he never cares to. As one of Sheriff Power's deputies he is willing to go clear to the end of the car line after a healthy man called for jury service, but he balks on going even a block for one unwell of mind or body unless it be absolutely necessary. Because of this he never knew the difference between smallpox and the blotches of the morphia head—never until Thursday, when he was sent to summon Rose Bradshaw to appear as a witness in a case in district court.

"Smallpox," muttered the captain, edging into a small room on the other side of the hall.

Just then Rose got in front of the dinky windows and the faint light showed her arms to be as badly blotched as were her husband's. The captain felt chilly chills coming and down his back and had visions of doing a term at the pesthouse.

"Stand where you are! Stand where you are!" he commanded. "You're plenty close to hear all I have to say."

Performing his official duty as speedily as possible he backed out of the building and sprinted to the police station to inform the officers that there were two cases of smallpox at the Bradshaw home. Tony Vanous disposed of the plaintiff by saying: "Cap, you want to wise up on the hypo gun and its marks."

CHECK ON THE RAILROADS

Freight Shippers Are Using Convenient Forms Supplied by Commercial Club.

Since the inauguration of the slow freight schedules on the roads out of Omaha the system adopted a few weeks ago by the commercial club for the purpose of keeping a record of the delivery of local consignments of freight is proving popular, and within a short time the railroads will receive a large number of reports, showing the effect of the present plan.

Each member of the Commercial club who ships freight from the city is provided with a blank form, on which he enters the time each shipment is made from the house and the time it is delivered at the freight depot. The form is sent to the consignee, who is asked to return it, showing the time when the consignment arrived. At first but few of the members of the club used the forms, and those who did found that deliveries were comparatively in good time, but within the last week or two there have been complaints from customers and the shippers, in self-defense, adopted the form. These reports are now being returned.

One shipper out of two dozen consignments found delay which seemed to him reasonable in seven cases. Another found that it took five days to get an order to an Iowa town which is ordinarily reached from Omaha in less than forty-eight hours.

The reports, upon being returned to the houses sending them out, are sent to Secretary Pitt of the Commercial club, who sends them to the railroads interested. The plan is so new that its effect upon the railroad companies is not known, but it is understood that as the cases are recorded plans will be adopted for securing improvement if possible by taking the matter up with the railroad officials.

PLACES FOR BEALS PUPILS

Board of Education Committee Announces Arrangements Made for School Accommodations.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday afternoon at 2 to receive a report from the committee on the insurance on the south building of the Beals school, that being the one portion of the building which was not entirely destroyed.

The committee on buildings and property and superintendent of schools have announced the following arrangement in the way of school facilities for the present accommodation of the pupils of the Beals school.

The children who belong in the third, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be divided between the Windsor and the Columbian schools. The children in these grades who live south of and on, or just to the north of Center street, will attend the Windsor school. All children in these grades who live north of Center street, with the exception of those who live on, or quite near, Center street, will attend Columbian school. These accommodations will be ready Monday.

The children in the kindergarten and in the first and second grades will be provided for in the building which still stands on the Beals site. The kindergarten room will be ready for use early next week, perhaps by Monday. The room for the children of the first and second grades cannot be ready for a week or on a day, as some plastering must be done before the room is in condition for use. The children in these grades will have an enforced vacation until the room is put in condition.

OMAHA SEEKING NEW TRADE

Traffic Alliance of Rock Island and Union Pacific May Bring It.

WOULD OPEN UP SOUTHWESTERN FIELD

Jobbers of This City Say They Can Compete with Kansas City and St. Joseph if Direct Transportation is Provided.

With the reported intimate traffic arrangements between the Rock Island and Union Pacific railroads an attempt will be made by Omaha jobbers to secure a more direct route to the Texas and Oklahoma territory. The Rock Island has a direct route from Omaha to Lincoln, while the line of the Union Pacific is not so direct. From Lincoln to Manhattan, Kan., the Union Pacific has almost an air line, while the line of the Rock Island to that point is indirect.

As such as the new arrangements were reported it was suggested to President Leeds of the Rock Island that some plan be adopted between the two companies whereby the Rock Island could secure the use of Union Pacific track from Lincoln to Manhattan, thus giving a direct route from Omaha to Rock Island points in the southwest. Such an arrangement would let the Omaha houses into that territory with something like the rates Kansas City has. The Omaha merchants are kept out of the business of Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma more by reason of the slow delivery than by reason of the rates, anyway, although they have considerable effect.

Takes a Month to Ship.

"At the present time a shipment from Omaha to points on the Rock Island in Oklahoma frequently takes thirty days for delivery, while over the same road a similar shipment from Kansas City is delivered within a week. There is already some business done in that territory by Omaha houses in spite of the slow delivery, but it is said by the managers of several of the largest houses that if the arrangements between the Rock Island and the Union Pacific can be made traveling men from this city will be placed in the three states and business pushed as rapidly as possible.

"On business west of the center of Kansas, Omaha, with this road, could compete with southern Missouri river points," said a prominent jobber. "So long as it takes us as long as it does to deliver goods to the lines running east and west through the state we can do little but stand aside and see the business go to Kansas City and St. Joseph. With this line we will be in shape to compete on practically an equal basis in the greater part of Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma."

SET EXAMPLE OF VENALITY

Correspondent Writes of Men Who Own and Control Railroad Properties.

OMAHA, Feb. 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: The railroad lobby in Lincoln is not working to establish equity in taxation, but is trying to legalize inequality. Since we have no king to prescribe a rule for our actions, but accept and submit to the rule of laws, to understand laws it requires intelligent citizens. For this purpose our institutions of education have their object. In consequence every citizen is expected to discern right from wrong, and also to pass judgment on the justice or injustice of our laws. It is inherent and natural to all good citizens to support and defend a law if it tends to the weal of the community. On the contrary, if a law is construed to the injury or detriment of its inhabitants, and they submit, they have ceased to be called citizens, but deserve to be rated as subjects or slaves.

The Bee has done more than anyone to call the attention of the citizen to the injustice of our law concerning equality of taxation. According to The Bee the amount of the railway bridge, which earns the company nearly \$1,000,000 a year, is assessed \$1,500, no more than a common dwelling. Now, how can those scions of our order expect their fellow citizens to believe them when on the Fourth of July they make the platform and try to convince us about the glory of our institutions and our equality before the law. Instead of being leaders toward justice and right those very gentlemen set a sample of venality and fraud.

VOTE ON QUESTION OF RATES

Chief Consideration in Electing Delegates to Modern Woodmen Head Camp.

The educational campaign which has been in progress for nearly a year among the Modern Woodmen for an increase in the rates has now entered upon the final stage, as the lodges are voting at the first meeting this month, for delegates. Who they finally select the delegates to the head camp. Little else is considered but the question of rates, and the contest will shape the action of the Indianapolis meeting. As showing the need for better rates as the organization grows older, the experience of Illinois, the home of the order and with the oldest membership, is cited. The 130,000 benefit members in Illinois paid \$1,250,000 in 1902 and drew out \$1,407,000 in death benefits, so that the younger members in other states paid a deficit of \$154,000 on the Illinois business. The total death claims in 1902 were 3,981, for \$5,592,883, an increase of 302 in claims over 1901, although the membership was little larger.

CONVENIENT TO GIVE ORDERS

Burlington's Independent Telephone System to Be in Operation Next Week.

By next Monday the Burlington road will have completed the first section of its independent telephone system for the use of the operating department. The line between Omaha and Lincoln will be in use next week. This puts General Manager G. W. Holdrege here in direct and instantaneous communication with General Superintendent T. E. Calvert at Lincoln, also with Division Superintendent Ed Bignell and with Chief Engineer I. S. P. Weeks.

Memorable Event.

That's what this sale means—\$4,000 worth of furniture pieces that we desire to close out, marked at less than cost and half price, on show for inspection only Friday and Saturday, on sale Monday, February 9, 9:30 a. m. ORCHARD & WILHELM.

Union Pacific Pay Checks

All other railroad pay checks will be cashed at our bank. Four per cent interest paid on deposits.

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Father Pleads for His Boy.

Though he had confessed to having broken into the office of the Barber Asphalt company in the day time, Charles Avery, 17 years old, was saved from being held in the district court for trial by the pleadings of his father. With tears in his eyes the parent asked Judge Berka to dismiss the charge against his boy, who, until the Barber robbery, had always been a dutiful son. "No better boy to his mother ever lived," said the father. "I will do it for him. If I admit he was getting into the habit of selling junk, but the dealer influenced him, he did not do it on his own account. Upon the father's promise to curb the waywardness of the boy Judge Berka dismissed the case. The father promises to do better in the future.

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APANT SALE FOR MEN. 1475 Men's Pants go on sale Saturday worth \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 all go at the one price—1.90. Saturday morning the great pant sale continues, we expect to sell the greater part of them in one day, and by the time they are all gone we believe that every man who has a pant desire will have supplied it during this great sale. The values that they represent are simply marvelous, they are without question the greatest money's worth that this or any other concern has ever offered. There was a reason for this great pant sale. Broken sizes and odd lots will happen in the best of regulated stores, for that is exactly what has happened to these pants. They represent odd lots—some sold for \$2.50 and \$3.00, others for \$3.50 and \$4.00—and by combining these broken lines all sizes will be represented. They are made of fancy worsteds, cassimeres, chevots—in all sizes, in all colors—positively and absolutely pants that formerly sold for \$2.50 to \$4.00—all piled on separate tables and your choice will be free and unrestricted Saturday for \$1.90 a pair. Men's suits \$ worth 7.50, 8.50, \$10. On sale Saturday—Make your selection while your size is here. Nebraska Clothing Co. CLOTHES FOR MEN—AND WOMEN.

\$1.50 SHOES FOR BOYS. We can sell you a boy's shoe for \$1.50 that will surprise you if your boy hasn't worn our shoes before. They are made of the right stuff to resist the hard, rough wear a boy is bound to give them. The leather isn't the finest, but it's tough and strong. This is the best that is put into a boy's \$1.50 shoe. The soles are thick and warm and the shoes are shaped for comfort. There are no others like them for \$1.50. We can fit any boy or girl with the best there is at any price.

The Little Fellows are a great deal harder on their shoes than the boys that are grown up. We've made a study for years of a shoe that would wear and have produced a boy's shoe at \$1.50 that has given such satisfaction that we feel no hesitancy in offering it to you. Saturday we will have a special sale on these shoes and invite you to bring your boy to the store and let us fit him with a pair.

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