

ROCK ISLAND MAN OBJECTS

Does Not Think Stocks and Bonds Plan of Assessment is Right.

CONDITION OF THE STATE TREASURY

State Treasurer Mortensen Files His Semi-Annual Statement with the State Auditor-Porter Not Ready to Pay.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 2.—(Special.)—After flitting around among the heads of his road for many days Tax Commissioner Mather of the Rock Island came back to Lincoln this morning and told the State Board of Equalization that he did not believe it was law for the board to value railroads upon a stocks and bonds basis, but that the proper way was merely to assess the road in the state by finding the value of its 250 miles of track, of which 1.5 miles is main line. He would not discuss the franchise valuation with the board, but said his engineer had informed him that it would cost about \$17,500 a mile to reproduce the road in Nebraska.

Mr. Mather was not absolutely empty-handed, however, when he returned, for he did bring back some information about the stocks and bonds of his company. He filed a report with the board that in June, 1902, the shares of the road was amended and the stocks were increased from \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000. The funded debt of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific is divided into first mortgage bonds due in 1917, bearing 6 per cent, amounting to \$12,500,000; general mortgage bonds, bearing 4 per cent, amounting to \$6,500,000; gold bonds, due in 1902, bearing 4 per cent, amounting to \$2,400,000. The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, due 1903 at 5 per cent, \$4,000,000; Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, due in 1921, at 5 per cent, \$3,500,000; Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern and the Minneapolis & St. Louis, due in 1922 at 7 per cent, \$10,000,000; Rock Island & Pacific, due 1925 at 6 per cent, \$40,000,000, making a total of \$116,000,000. The debt of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern was executed June 15, 1903, the Rock Island having leased the road before that time.

Condition of State Funds. The semi-annual report of State Treasurer Mortensen, filed with the auditor today, shows that in all the funds of the state there is a total balance of \$586,926.50. During the six months there was received into all the funds \$7,705,949.33 and there was paid out during the six months \$12,472,103.58. The balance in all the funds December 1 was \$535,737.30. The trust funds of the state are invested as follows: United States, state, county and school district bonds, \$4,247,314.48; general fund, state warrants, \$1,582,714.85, making a total investment of \$5,830,029.33.

The permanent school fund has been well looked after by Mr. Mortensen, though at this time he has on hand \$236,235.35. This amount will find ready investment in state warrants to be issued for the erection of new state buildings and general repair of state buildings. The treasurer has invested of this fund \$110,000 in bonds bought and \$7,833.31 in warrants bought. He has received into this fund from principal, school land, \$38,661.00; bonds paid, \$71,500.

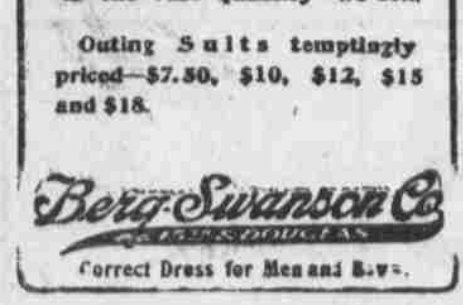


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WARRANTS PAID, \$264,708.07; 5 per cent of United States land sales, \$110,900; Massachusetts coupons paid, \$15,300, making a total of \$390,900.77.

The temporary school fund contains a balance of \$170,000.35, and the detailed statement is as follows: Balance December 1, 1903 \$246,986.73; State taxes \$150,379.57; Interest on school land sold 115,081.47; Interest on bonds 94,017.51; Interest on warrants 48,523.15; G. and F. licenses 2,507.90; Partial payments coupon 19,114,871.00; Warrants paid 651,993.50.

Balance May 31, 1904 \$170,000.35. A condensed summary of the different funds for the six months follows:

Table with multiple columns listing various funds and their balances, including items like 'Permanent school fund', 'Temporary school fund', 'Bonds', etc.

Porter Hangs On.

Mr. Porter will not 'put it back' without another effort. He has filed with the supreme court a petition for review setting forth that the state of Nebraska secured a judgment against him for \$112 and costs of the proceedings and that the court erred in sustaining the motion of the state under the pleadings. As a grounds for asking the supreme court that the judgment be reversed and 'for such other relief as justice may require,' Mr. Porter's petition alleges that the court erred in finding and rendering judgment against him. The money was paid to Porter while he was secretary of state as fees for being a member of the marks and brands committee. Both the Lancaster court and supreme court ordered him to put it back. The petition was filed on the last day of the time given him to file it.

Honor Kansas Requisition.

Edgar Evans, formerly of Jackson county, Kansas, now under arrest at Falls City, will be taken back to the Sunflower state to answer to the charge of statutory assault filed by Nellie Seegert, who claims to be 17 years of age. Requisition was honored by Governor Mickey this morning.

Son Succeeds Father.

State Treasurer Mortensen this afternoon appointed E. C. Babcock of Lincoln to take the place made vacant by the death of H. A. Babcock, deputy state treasurer. The appointment is the son of the deceased deputy and for a number of years has been bookkeeper for the Union Fire Insurance company, and is peculiarly fitted for the place, having served as head bookkeeper under Auditors Babcock and Benton.

No Decision in Demmon Matter.

The Demmon requisition is still under consideration by Governor Mickey. Attorney General Proulx advised with the governor this morning and tonight the latter spent considerable time looking up decisions bearing upon the question and at 9 o'clock announced that he had quit for the night without having reached a conclusion.

Twenty-Nine Graduate at Kearney.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 2.—(Special Telegram.)—An account of the large class to graduate this year from the Kearney High school, the commencement program will take up two evenings, the first taking place tonight. The exercises were opened by Rev. W. W. Divine, followed by the salutation by Joseph Andrew Paul, after which there was an interesting program of music, orations, recitations and closing with a class play, 'A Case of Suspicion.' The concluding exercises will be given tomorrow night, when Hon. W. K. Fowler, state superintendent of public instruction, will make the class address. The class is composed of twenty-nine pupils.

News of Nebraska.

BEATRICE, June 2.—Mrs. Anna E. Warren, who was badly injured at the merry-go-round here several weeks ago, has begun to get on her feet in the amount of \$2,000 against A. Diller and others.

BEATRICE, June 2.—A new society, known as the Daughters of the King, which was organized here recently, was tendered a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Maxwell last night. The affair was quite a social event and was largely attended.

BEATRICE, June 2.—Last night a fine horse belonging to T. S. Vandall, who resides six miles northwest of Beatrice, was killed by lightning. The day before lightning struck the barn of F. H. Morris, who lives east of the city and killed a horse. The damage to the building was slight.

PAYLTON, June 2.—The following mortgages were filed and released in Sarpy county during the month of May: Farm mortgages filed, amounting to \$4,042; Town mortgages filed, amounting to \$2,600; released, five, amounting to \$4,028; Chattel mortgages filed, fourteen, amounting to \$1,353; released, six, amounting to \$1,005.

TILDEN, June 2.—An election yesterday on the proposition of bonding the Tilden school district for the purpose of building a new school house resulted in a vote of 18 in favor of issuing the bonds. This was the third similar election held since last August, the two former having failed to record the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote. The bonds are to be of the amount of \$5,000, which, with the surplus of the district treasury, will make available \$6,000 available for the new building. The new structure is to consist of four rooms, built with a view to an eventual enlargement to double that capacity. The present building is in a poor condition and will be used in conjunction with the new school house.

Reserve seats for the Innes concerts at the Auditorium go on sale Friday at 10 a. m.

Pioneers to Have Picnic. STURGIS, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—The annual picnic of the Black Hills Pioneer association will be held in Sturgis at Beatty park Saturday, June 11. Arrangements have been made by the association for special trains and also greatly reduced rates. The program for the day has been arranged and is a good one. The Sixth United States cavalry band of Fort Meade and a band from Lead City will be in attendance. The judges for the different events are Major Hunter, Captain Furlong and F. A. Willard and the starters are Lieutenant Stryker and Frank Smith. Great preparations are being made for the event, which will be largely attended from all over the hills.

STORY OF TEKAMAH'S STORM

People's Disgusted with Attempt to Make the Windstorm a Cyclone.

NO PERSON WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED

Few Buildings and a Number of Trees Were Damaged and Some Houses in the Country Were Wrecked.

TEKAMAH, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Tekamah people were very much amused and disgusted with the account of the 'terrible cyclone' in our town, published in an Omaha paper. It was misleading in almost every particular. The Bee had the principal and worst features yesterday. As for the flood, that was most all imaginary. The water of Tekamah creek came out a very little once and ran down one or two of the streets a few inches. The only damage of high water is the overflowing of the large fertile Missouri bottom east of town. We had a heavy shower in the morning and again in the afternoon—no very great amount of water falling.

About 2:30 there seemed to be a thunderstorm of ordinary occurrence approaching from the southwest. Almost without warning two clouds seemed to meet directly over the southeast corner of the city and the first warning we had was a tremendous roaring and rattling of debris, broken branches, shingles and lumber. It first struck Mr. Spielman's brick residence on the hill just west of the depot and unroofed it; then zigzagged northeast catching and tearing to pieces all the fine large shade trees in front of Crozier's residence, but not injuring the house; then jumping across the railroad and striking Mrs. Parish's house, blowing down the chimneys and partially unroofing a part of the house; then directly north, striking and completely wrecking Brune's blacksmith shop. Near this, to the north, is the opera house, which it moved from the foundation a few feet west and unroofed it and crushed in the walls.

Shade Trees Are Damaged.

Directly across the street north is J. C. Shaw's residence. It struck there hard, ruining nearly all his fine shade trees and breaking out a large plate glass window and damaging the roof. It then struck the house, it seems to have raised up here and passed on north, striking John Robeson's on the hill, taking his outbuildings and mowing a narrow swath out through his orchard. The injured people were more scared than hurt and are all right this morning. A farmer living alone in a small house near Spielman's, was hurt more or less by the turning over of his house.

A little branch of the storm struck across the bottom east, not coming down to do any damage until it reached J. H. Denny's farm about seven miles southeast, where it swooped down and demolished his barn and plowed through the timber in a narrow path to W. W. Latta's place on the river. No other damage is reported from the country.

Now this is the true story of the Tekamah cyclone and we are going to turn the large amount of help we expect to see pouring in soon to the Roosevelt campaign fund. Don't all send at once, please.

CATTLEMEN MEET AT ALLIANCE

Not All of Them Pleased with the Kinkaid Homestead Bill. ALLIANCE, Neb., June 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The heavy downpour of rain that greeted the Nebraska Stock Growers' association day accelerated, the delegates and their friends from everywhere. Before and during the opening session of the convention the bright prospects for them and the people of the northwest because of this same rain was a live topic of discussion. The decorations in honor of the event and the reception given by the citizens of Alliance were marked and highly appreciated and far from what was expected of this young city of the plains.

By far the feature of today's session was the address of S. P. DeLatorre of Lewellen, Neb., in which he not only gave response to the welcome extended by Captain W. B. Akers, acting for Mayor J. W. Bowman, but he likewise gave expression to the undercurrent of dissatisfaction existing among the stockmen in general in connection with the 60-acre amendment to the homestead laws fathered by Congressman M. P. Kinkaid of O'Neill. The fact of the judge being present only adds greater interest to the subject, for it gives him the opportunity of defending his position, which he will do tomorrow.

The address of President B. M. Hampton of Alliance was highly important, for it treated with the practical idea of the stock grazing business as well as to the details of ranch management.

'The Future of Cattle Industry,' by Hon. J. L. Mcintosh of Sidney, Neb., elicited the applause and attention it deserved, for he aptly pointed out a future that will be based on the most sanguine expectation and basing it only on what stockmen find around about them today.

INSURANCE COMPANIES FIGHT LAW

Defeated in 'Anti-Compact' Suit They Attack 'Valued Policy' Phase. PIERRE, S. D., June 2.—Since being defeated in the United States court in their attack on the 'anti-compact' provisions of the insurance laws of last winter, there has been no active movement on the part of the insurance companies further than to announce their intention to appeal the case.

Now they have started a new suit, the French of Brooklyn and other companies being interested, in an attack on the 'valued policy' law. The case is being carried by the companies by the law firm of Preston & Hannett of Mitchell, and will come up for hearing at Mitchell on July 4. The complaint declares that this provision of the law is unconstitutional in that it grants to the insurance commissioner legislative and judicial powers by authorizing him to provide a form of policy for use in the state to comply with the provisions of the new law, and that this form should have been fixed by the legislature itself as a part of the law. The

complaint also declares the valued policy law to be in violation of contract.

This move is only a part of the general plan of insurance companies to defeat the law passed at the last session of the legislature to govern their actions in this state.

PYTHIANS SELECT OFFICERS

Grand Lodge Completes Session and Adjourns. MITCHELL, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—At the morning session of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias the time was occupied in the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Grand chancellor, W. H. Disney of Terry; vice grand chancellor, Sylvan Winter of Chamberlain; grand prelate, John Wade of Aberdeen; grand keeper of records and seal, W. A. Roberts of Huron; grand master of exchequer, C. A. Fountain of Clark; grand master-at-arms, W. H. Schellinger of Geddes; grand inner guard, J. Jurhart of Valley Springs; grand outer guard, Thomas McKennett of Webster; grand tiler, C. P. W. Stane of Spearfish and F. D. Preckham of Alexandria.

On selecting the location for the next meeting of the grand lodge, Sioux Falls was the only town that was considered, and by unanimous consent the knights will meet there in 1905.

The afternoon session was spent in cleaning up the odds and ends of business and adjournment was taken at 3:30 o'clock. Last night a banquet was tendered the visitors and delegates in the Masonic hall, at which 200 knights participated. A dozen toasts and responses were offered and the evening was a fine success.

DEATH RECORD.

John B. Lyon. LYONS, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Waldo H. Lyon received a telegram last night from San Gerotimo, Mexico, announcing the death of his brother, John B. Lyon. Mr. Lyon was the firm of Lyon Brothers of this place, was the youngest of two sons of Waldo, sr., who located the town of Lyons in 1868. The news of his death came as a sad blow to the family and community. Just as he was expected home after an absence of over two years. Mr. Lyon was the owner of the Pan-American railroad in Mexico, of which Walter Everett of this place is president.

Cyrus M. Kaufman. AUBURN, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Word has just reached here of the death of Cyrus M. Kaufman of Brownville. He died at Tippecanoe, Ind., where he had been on an extended visit. His remains will be brought to Brownville for interment. The deceased was about 75 years of age and was one of the old settlers of the county. He was a veteran of the civil war and the pioneer surveyor of this county. He had a large estate, a considerable portion of which is invested in Iowa, Kan. He owned oil and gas interests there.

Mrs. John Kolb. YUTAN, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Kolb, aged 56 years, wife of John Kolb, died last night after an illness of four weeks. She leaves a husband and five children, four sons, Henry Paulsen, Christen, John and William Kolb, and one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Sagert.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Showers for Friday in Nebraska, with Promise of Fair Skies for Saturday.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Forecast for Friday: For Nebraska—Showers Friday; Saturday, probably fair. For Iowa—Showers Friday and cooler in central portion and eastern portion; Saturday partly cloudy; showers in east portion. For Illinois—Showers Friday and warmer; Saturday, probably rain. For South Dakota—Showers Friday; warmer in extreme west portion; Saturday fair. For Kansas—Showers and warmer Friday, Saturday, probably fair. For Missouri—Showers Friday; cooler in west portion; Saturday, partly cloudy and showers in east portion. For Colorado—Partly cloudy and warmer Friday; Saturday fair. For Wyoming—Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday.

Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, June 2.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with that of corresponding day of the previous years: Maximum temperature... 71 62 86 82; Minimum temperature... 50 45 60 56; Mean temperature... 66 58 79 72; Precipitation... .50 .45 .20 .25; Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day since March 1, 1901: Normal temperature... 62; Deficiency for the day... 2; Deficiency since March 1... 10.26 inches; Excess since March 1... 1.02 inches; Excess for cor. period, 1903... 2.80 inches; Deficiency for cor. period, 1902... 4.58 inches.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Precipitation: Omaha, cloudy... .85 71 .00; Valentine, cloudy... .82 63 .00; North Platte, raining... .88 62 .01; Cheyenne, cloudy... .88 62 .01; Salt Lake City, partly cloudy... .54 64 .54; Rapid City, raining... .54 64 .54; Huron... .58 63 .01; Williston, cloudy... .58 63 .01; Chicago, cloudy... .64 58 .01; St. Louis, cloudy... .61 76 .16; Davenport, cloudy... .74 76 .16; Kansas City, raining... .70 76 .16; Havana, partly cloudy... .62 54 .01; Helena, cloudy... .61 65 .01; Galveston, cloudy... .61 65 .01.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for Temperature at, Precipitation, and other weather conditions for various locations.

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'T' indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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