

KIDWELL IS TURNED DOWN

Railway Postal Clerks Refuse to Hear Speech from Their President.

OMAHA MAN HEAD OF THIS DIVISION

Tax Commissioner Makes Footing Showing Valuation of Lincoln to Be Little Over Six Million.

(From Our Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The sixth division of the Railway Mail Clerks association, which held its annual meeting here today refused to listen to a speech from their president, H. C. Kidwell, but instead when it came his time to talk carried a motion, after a stormy session, to proceed with the election of officers.

Even though some of the speakers pleaded with the delegates to listen to the president and not be discourteous to him, the convention would not stand for it. It was stated the reason for the action of the convention was that it would be impossible to conclude the business of the day if the president delivered his address. The real reason for the action of the convention was a rebuke to the president for the part he is alleged to have taken in behalf of National Secretary Wood and the convention feared that the president would attempt to interfere in district politics. After the storm had subsided, G. H. Worely of Omaha was elected president, defeating W. H. Bishop, the present incumbent, by a vote of 43 to 3. F. K. Miller received 11 votes for the office. These other officers were chosen with little trouble:

Fred M. Miller, Cheyenne, vice president; C. R. Long, Hartz, secretary; George Perry, Cedar Rapids, F. L. Senniman, Chicago, J. L. Piper, Burlington, D. K. Walker, Chicago, R. E. Irwin, Lincoln, delegates to the national meeting to be held in Cincinnati.

The executive committee will name the place and time for holding the next district meeting. The meeting closed tonight with a smoker at the Lindell at which speeches were delivered by the following: National President Kidwell, Chief Clerk Butler of Lincoln, Chief Clerk Shaker of Omaha, ex-President Riddell of DeKalb, Ill., and President Worely. At the morning session speeches were delivered by President Riddell, Councilman Bishop, Chief Clerk Mayor Brown, and Edward Siler, postmaster at Lincoln.

Declining to listen to their national president, A. A. Kidwell of Columbus, O., the postal clerks tonight passed resolutions of censure upon Secretary Wood of the national body for the submission at the last meeting at Boston of unexplained expense items aggregating several thousand dollars. Following the adoption of the resolutions, President Kidwell was heard. He said the money had been used in furthering the interests of the association, but that he could not furnish details of the expenditures and retain his position as head of the order.

Democrats Are Economical.

The democratic state committee will waste no time, money, paper or mileage in coming to a meeting to select a time and place for a state convention. The democratic state committee will hold no meeting. Instead Chairman Allen has written a letter to the members of the committee asking them to state their preference of a place and a time for the convention, and when these answers arrive the chairman will cast them up and name the place and time for the convention. This will not only save expense, but will prevent any kind of a jar between the Bryan and anti-Bryan factions of the party, or rather what remains of the party. It is very probable that the convention will be located some time between the 15th and 26th of September, as it will come after the republican convention, which will be held the 14th of September. It is almost the unanimous opinion among democrats here that Chief Justice Holcomb will be tendered the nomination for supreme judge if his health will permit of his accepting it.

Raise Land Valuations.

Owing to the absence of Governor Mickey and Treasurer Mortenson at Omaha, where they were called to testify in the railroad tax suit, the State Board of Equalization met no meeting today. Yesterday was spent by the board in going over land valuations in Lincoln, about 6:30 tonight. Only the engine was damaged and no one was injured. The train was endeavoring to make up fifteen minutes' lost time and was headed into town at a high rate of speed. It was a heavy rain storm, and the eccentric, followed by the breaking off of another wheel on the opposite side of the engine. The middle wheel on each side of the engine remained intact. Engineer McQuade threw on the emergency brake and the train stopped almost instantly, shaking up the passengers considerably. A new engine was sent out. The accident is said to be the most peculiar in railroad history.

Valuation of Lincoln.

The fact that Lancaster real estate got a boost will likely start a revolution, as the people of this county claimed to have the only real genuine assessment of any county in the state. It is not unlikely also that Lancaster merchandise will be increased along with the Omaha merchandise when the hearing is over next Monday.

LOCAL CORPORATIONS.

Table listing local corporations and their valuations, including Burlington railroad, Rock Island railroad, Missouri Pacific railroad, etc.

LOCAL FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS.

Table listing local firms and individuals and their valuations, including Tractor company, Gas company, Nebraska Telephone company, etc.

Looking Up Anti-Trust Law.

The fact that Deputy Attorney General Thompson was assisting Attorney Howell today going over the anti-trust laws enacted by legislatures during the last twenty years gave weight to the talk that the attorney general would soon take a hand in the grain cases now pending between the elevator men and Tom Worrall. Some time ago Governor Mickler and Norris Brown, attorney general, discussed the matter and the governor suggested that the attorney general keep his eyes on the cases, and if the evidence taken indicated that the state should take a hand, for him to do so with the knowledge that he would have the backing of the executive office. Mr. Thompson said there was nothing significant about him helping Mr. Howell, that he was merely seeing for himself about the laws, as his office frequently received requests for opinions concerning them.

R. E. Moore, a large purchaser of village and town water bonds, has raised the question of the validity of the statute under which these bonds have been issued for a number of years and the matter is now up to the attorney general for an opinion. In his statement, filed with the state auditor, which he wants passed upon, Mr. Moore says that the statute under which the bonds were issued is not germane to the act. The original act provided for the construction of water works plants without providing for the issuance of bonds.

This new act of 1898 provided that "such cities or villages may borrow money, or issue bonds for the purpose not exceeding 30 per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property within said city or village, according to the last preceding assessment thereof, for the purchase of steam engines, for the purchase of machinery, apparatus, or for the purchase, erection or construction and maintenance of such water works, or to pay for water furnished such city or village under contract; and to levy or collect a general tax in the same manner as other municipal taxes may be levied and collected to an amount sufficient to pay the interest and principal of said bonds heretofore or hereafter issued as the same may mature on all the property within such city or village as shown and valued upon the assessment rolls of the assessment of the proper precinct or township, in addition to the sum authorized to be levied under subdivision 1, and all taxes raised under this clause shall be retained in a fund known as the water fund.

Chamberlain Case to NEMAHIA

Former Banker Alleges Prejudice in Johnson County. TECUMSEH, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Jensen granted the motion for a change of venue in the case of Chamberlain, cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of this city, today. The district court was convened in adjourned session this afternoon, at which time E. M. Tracy, for Chamberlain, read the motion, as well as an affidavit signed by some twenty or more citizens, expressing the belief that Chamberlain could not get a fair trial in this county owing to the prejudice against him. It was also alleged that prejudice prevailed in Nemaha county. Attorney C. Moore had some fifty affidavits from this county and fifteen from Nemaha expressing the belief that he could be given an impartial trial in either county, respectively. The county attorney also cited some authorities on changes of venue. Chamberlain's attorney read some local newspaper articles in an endeavor to show that they were biased against the accused. Judge Jensen decided to grant the change of venue, but could not see any reason why the cases should not go to Nemaha county, and decided to send them there. The judge was of the opinion that a great deal of prejudice prevailed against the ex-banker in this locality.

Great Northern Reuses Work.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 27.—(Special.)—The contractors for building the first ten miles of Great Northern tracks out of Ashland, Omaha, Loveland, have today arranged for building a second large boarding house for workmen northeast of the city. It is understood that arrangements have been made with Great Northern officials for purchasing the completion of the grade at the utmost speed, and that an additional force of men will be put to work. The grade from the Burlington yards to the Interurban grade along Salt creek is nearly completed and the grade from the Platte west will be pushed rapidly from now on. Little credence is given here to the interview in a Lincoln paper with E. C. Hurd of the Interurban that the Great Northern had consented to put in an overhead crossing above the Interurban grade, starting its plans so as to raise the Great Northern grade several feet in order to do so. It is believed the Great Northern will grade directly across the Interurban short bank at right and fight the matter out after the Interurban completes its line from Lincoln to Omaha. There is

little feeling here that the electric line will ever be built. This summer, for which so much was promised by Interurban officials is on the verge of being abandoned, but one-half mile of grade at the point of intersection with the Great Northern, thrown up very hastily and apparently with little other purpose than the hope of gaining some temporary foothold that might be used to an advantage easily inferred.

LOOKS FOR FIGHT AND GETS IT

Halfbreed Indian Badly Used Up in Saloon Row. NORFOLK, Neb., July 27.—(Special.)—With every bottle in the barroom broken over his head until it was so cut and chopped that nearly two dozen stitches were needed to make him whole again, and beaten into an insensibility from which he failed to rally for the greater part of the night, a young Indian halfbreed came out of the fight that followed a quarrel between him and the bartender in Smith Brothers saloon at Dallas, S. D., one of the new Resub reservation towns, and his five big Indian braves, whom he had brought along for protection with their huge revolvers, stood motionless throughout the performance, scared by the display of a pair of well worn pistols in the hands of William Smith, one of the proprietors.

The halfbreed wanted a fight when he entered. That's why he brought along the five big Indians. His "pocket a quarrel" and got it. The bartender and Smith were prepared for the doings. The bartender attend to the halfbreed while Smith leveled his guns at the redmen and later the victim of his own plot was carried into the office of Dr. Sailer for repairs.

Fakirs Follow Carnival.

COLUMBIUS, Neb., July 27.—(Special.)—The Lone Star Carnival company opened yesterday their four days' engagement. They are strung along on both sides of Thirteenth street and are doing a big business. The town is overrun with every conceivable kind of fake. Corn doctors, high school graduates, and other impostors were standing in front of the "Battle of Fort Arthur" he was relieved of his pocketbook containing quite a sum of money. He turned quick enough to seize a colored woman under the folds of whose skirt he hid the pocketbook. The woman, but it was empty. County Attorney Latham this morning filed a complaint before County Judge Ratterman charging larceny from the person, and the woman will have an examination. She protests her innocence and has engaged counsel. The carnival people say she is not connected with them.

Gage Convention Called.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county central committee held a meeting here this afternoon, every township in the county being represented. September 5 was the date fixed for holding the county convention and September 2 for the township meetings. For Roosevelt was decided as the basis of representation of the convention. A. S. Spencer of Barneston was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of A. L. Cook. A resolution was adopted to instruct the secretary to include the office of registrar of deeds in the list of nominations to be published in the call of the convention.

Ludden Talks to Pioneers.

SIoux CITY, Ia., July 27.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. Luther P. Ludden of Lincoln, Neb., has been secured to deliver the annual address at the twenty-fourth annual reunion of the Pioneer and Old Settlers' association of Dakota county, Nebraska, at Clinton park, Dakota City, Neb., August 4. This reunion will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the settling of Dakota county by white people. Rev. Dr. Ludden is held secretary of the western district of the Board of Home Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States.

New Church Nearly Done.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 27.—(Special.)—The handsome stone and brick Congregational church now being erected here at a cost of \$11,000 is nearing completion. The main portion is completed and the roof is now going up. The church will contain a large auditorium, living room, school rooms and parlors in the basement. Beautiful stained glass windows will be placed. When completed the church will be one of the finest edifices of the kind in Nebraska.

Heavy Rain at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy rainstorm, accompanied by a heavy wind and some lightning, passed over here tonight. Sunday morning a heavy rain fell in thirty minutes. With the exception of about three-tenths of an inch of rain that fell yesterday, this is the first rain since the Fourth. Corn will now be in good condition, but a little late yet. The farmers are all feeling pretty good about crop prospects.

Beatrice Gets New Depot.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—R. L. Lewis, division engineer and passenger agent for the Burlington here received word today from Omaha to the effect that work on the new passenger depot at this place will be started next month. The announcement will be hailed with delight by Beatrice citizens.

Body Lodges Against Beidge.

ASHLAND, Neb., July 27.—(Special.)—The body of Harry Zius, who was drowned in Platte river last Sunday morning, has been found on one of the piles of the Rock Island bridge in South Bend. The coroner of Cass county has been notified and will take charge of the body.

Boy Dies of Wound.

FREMONT, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Peterson, the boy shot July 26 on the bank of the Platte, died this morning. An autopsy this afternoon showed that the bullet, after fracturing one of the vertebrae, entered the pleural cavity. Coroner Overgard will hold an inquest.

Schuyler Gets North Platte Man.

SCHUYLER, Neb., July 27.—(Special Telegram.)—A special meeting of the Board of Education was held tonight to elect a successor to Prof. Sherman. The board finally elected J. C. Orr of North Platte. There were about twenty applicants for the position.

News of Nebraska.

YORK—On August 1 the new cement business in York. BEATRICE—The leading grain buyers of Beatrice, one of the sold his grain business and elevator to Norfolk. BEATRICE—Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock occurred the marriage of Harry P. Aydelott of this city and Mrs. Harriet Aydelott of Schuyler, Neb. Judge Bourne officiating. ALBION—A light rain fell last night and this morning, with prospects of more during the day. Crops of all kinds are progressing rapidly and prospects are all that could be asked.

CATHERS CASE NEARLY OVER

Argument Begins with Attorney for the Plaintiff Opening. LAST OF TESTIMONY TAKEN YESTERDAY

Councilmen, City Clerk and Others Give Their Story of the Matter and the Lawyers Take Hold to Finish.

Councilmen Back and Nicholson were on the witness stand in Judge Sears' court Thursday morning to testify that they had voted for the ordinance carrying the street force payrolls for April and May, 1903. It came up in the regular course of business, they said, and was put through just as all such ordinances are. Their votes were given in good faith and without any regard to political or other considerations outside of the discharge of their official duties. The councilmen were followed by H. C. Taylor, foreman of the street force. He said the men on the roll had been regularly hired, did the work for which they were employed and did not know of any number, small or great, being hired merely for political purposes.

City Engineer Rosewater was recalled and told of the method of filing and approving claims. The payrolls in question were regular and proper on their face and were approved after examination, as the payrolls of other months and years have been.

When City Clerk Elbourn had identified certain official proceedings after the noon adjournment the evidence was announced all.

Burbank Begins Argument.

Attorney Burbank, for plaintiff, opened the argument and was still talking when the court adjourned at 5 o'clock. He said the suit is based on three separate propositions: First, that the men on the payrolls for April and May were never in the employ of the city; second, that there were no funds available from which the men could be paid and as a matter of fact they were paid out money raised by the 1904 tax levy; third, that at the time they were paid for their work there was no ordinance in force signed by the mayor authorizing their payment.

Arguing from these premises Mr. Burbank proceeded to say that the Board of Public Works had never properly approved the list of names of street workers and had not sent the same to the council and the mayor for approval. He contended that the city engineer, as chairman of the Board of Public Works, had made the appointments himself without consultation with any one else and without regard to the letter of the law. The attorney quoted numerous authorities and decisions in support of his three contentions and read some of them at length.

Attorney Connell, for the city officials, after which Judge Sears will take the case under advisement. A decision is not expected for some time.

SCORES AT TARGET RIFLE

Results of the Second Day of Army Competition Down at Fort Riley.

The divisional cavalry target competition for the Northern Military division is now on at Fort Riley. All of the crack marksmen of the army are engaged in the competition, which is a preliminary practice, to be followed by the general army competition, to take place at Fort Sheridan, Ill., August 3. Following is the order of the scores:

Table listing scores at target rifle competition, including Name, Rank and Regt., and scores for various participants.

PLATTSBURGH—The attorneys interested in the case of the bondholders of the Plattsmouth Light and Electric Light company against the City of Plattsmouth were met here tonight. The attorneys for the bondholders are engaged in the case of appeals for the Eighth district had decided the case in favor of the city, and with directions to dismiss the application of the plaintiffs for a deficiency judgment.

TECUMSEH—Mrs. Luffin, wife of County Commissioner L. H. Luffin, died at her home in Vesta, Precinct 1, at 10 o'clock this morning of a pleurisy strike, but had apparently improved up to Saturday, when she became suddenly worse. She was a native of Anderson county, Kentucky, and was aged 82 years. The husband and eight children, all of whom live in this county, survive her. Mrs. Luffin was a pioneer settler, having come to this county in 1847. She was a member of the family home tomorrow afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. D. Davis (minister) and interment will be made in Vesta cemetery.

NORFOLK—A letter received here today, inclosing a notice from the native of Anderson county, Kentucky, and was aged 82 years. The husband and eight children, all of whom live in this county, survive her. Mrs. Luffin was a pioneer settler, having come to this county in 1847. She was a member of the family home tomorrow afternoon, conducted by Rev. T. D. Davis (minister) and interment will be made in Vesta cemetery.

OKOBOJI LAKE AND RETURN

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Today and Tomorrow in Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Forecast of the weather for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Friday and Saturday.

For Iowa and Missouri—Showers and thunder storms Friday; Saturday fair in west, showers in the east.

For Wyoming and Colorado—Showers and thunder storms Friday and Saturday, warmer in east portion Friday.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, July 27.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years, as follows:

Table showing local weather record with columns for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, etc.

REPORTS FROM STATIONS

Table showing reports from stations with columns for Station and State, and weather conditions.

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Denver, raining

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