LEAVITT ON THE SUGAR DUTY

Nebraska Man Tells Why Tariff to Islands Should Not Be Cut.

FAVORS NOW IN FORCE SUFFICIENT

Existing Conditions, He Says, Work More to Interests of American Trust Than to the Islanders.

Heywood G. Leavitt, president of the Tri-State Land company, head of the Ames beet sugar industry, and also interested in several irrigation schemes in the west, who has taken up the matter of the Payne bill's proposed reduction in the tariff on sugar from Cuba and the Philippines with Senator Millard, said Saturday morning:

"The ways and means committee is now holding hearings on the proposed Philippine tariff measures which, among other things, seeks to reduce the duty on sugar produced in the Philippines from the present rate, which is 25 per cent below the regular tariff, to 75 per cent of the regular tariff.

"The benefit of the reduced duty, now in force for Cuba and the Philippines of 20 and 25 per cent of the tariff, has proved not to be of benefit to the producers in those islands, but almost entirely to the benefit of the sugar trust. This must necessarily be so as the lower tariff into this country does not enable the Cuban and Philippine grower to realize a farthing more for his sugar in any other market of the world. There being practically no competition between buyers of raw sugar in this country, the Sugar trust would be foolish to pay more for sugar to the Cuban and Philippine growers than they can realize for their sugar in other markets.

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"Furthermore, were this not true, and, in fact, if competition existed in this country between refiners for the purchase of its raw sugar, which comes almost entirely from abroad, and the Cuban and Philippine producers were actually receiving the benefit of the present tariff reductions, this advantage, without further reduction, would be more than ample for the development of their home production.

"As a matter of fact there is no reason why either Cuba or the Philippines should receive any advantage over the German, South American and other producers who sell sugar to the United States, as they have not only a climatic advantage over competitors in this market, but can secure the cheapest kind of coolie labor suitable to the work required on sugar plantations. Not until labor conditions are identical in Cuba and the Philippines with those existing in this country should any reduction be made or even considered in the matter. We have to pay enormous wages to beet sugar workers and a big price to farmers who raise sugar beets.

"Beet sugar raising is the only thing which is at present instrumental in reclaiming the arid and semi-arid regions of western Nebraska and Colorado and Wyoming. The government is spending vast sums on these irrigation schemes in the west and no other crop except sugar beets will enable the farmers to pay the good prices demanded for these water rights, some of which are worth $35 an acre."

EAGLES AFTER GRAND AERIE

Boosters' Club is Formed and at Work to Raise the Needed Funds.

Omaha's delegation to the grand aerie meeting of Eagles at Denver last August put in a bid for the 1906 convention, but Milwaukee dragged off the prize. The Omaha boosters were given so much encouragement that they have determined to bring to this city the grand aerie meeting for 1907. To this end a boosting club has been formed which will attend the Milwaukee convention next summer, and the club is now preparing an entertainment by which to raise funds to go to Milwaukee loaded for victory. The boosters intend to have at least $1,500 to $2,000 for expenses in the effort to capture the grand aerie meeting, which always brings with it thousands of the freest money spenders in the country.

The entertainment to be given under the auspices of Omaha aerie No. 38 will take the form of an opera, "The Chimes of Normandy." It will be given at Boyd's opera house on the nights of January 27 and 28, by the Omaha Operatic association, under the direction of W. H. Kinross, who last year directed the production of "Pinafore" for the Omaha Guards. Five thousand tickets have been distributed in the hands of the members of the local aerie and a very fine souvenir program is also being gotten up. Rehearsals of the opera are being held in the parlors of the Murray hotel almost every night and Director Kinross asserts that the production will be well worthy of the attendance of all music lovers.

CHURCH ORGANIST ARRESTED

John Prower Symons is Taken Up on Charge of Wife Abandonment.

John Prower Symons, organist at Trinity cathedral, was arrested and taken to the city jail Saturday afternoon for wife abandonment. His wife, Mary Symons, swore out the warrant.

Immediately after the arrest Symons was released on bond of $500, signed by W. F. Ormsby, at whose home Symons has been living since he came to this city fourteen months ago.

Mrs. Symons registered Friday at the Dellone hotel and gave her address as Greenville, Pa. When seen regarding the charge she has preferred against her husband she refused to commit herself. She said it would all come out in court and intimated there would be plenty to come out.

Organist Symons declared his wife's charge to be without foundation. He said he has been sending her money and has the receipts to show for the remittances sent. Questioned further, Symons said he had not seen fit during his residence here to make it known he had a wife, except to tell Mr. Ormsby, with whom he lives. He said he did not even know his wife was in the city.

With Mrs. Symons is her 4-year-old son. She registered as "Mrs. J. Prower Symons."

It is a coincidence that F. Hatson Wright, predecessor of Symons as organist, suddenly disappeared from Omaha about two years ago, leaving his wife and two children. Wright was later reunited with his family, but died in Michigan a few months ago. It transpired Wright's reason was affected at the time he left Omaha.

JAPANESE VIEW OF JAPAN

Native Lectures at Y. M. C. A. on "Successes and Failures" of His Country.

About all the members who could well be accommodated in the large parlor of the Young Men's Christian association listened to the address given by Mr. Kinya Okajima of South Omaha, a Japanese. He delivered the first of a series of practical talks which will be conducted before the organization during the winter. His subject was "Japan, Its Successes and Failures." He was inclined to be modest as to the successes of his native land, believing that these had been before the eyes of the world in a much stronger light than he could shed upon them. He had something to say as to the failures. He said:

"The great failure of Japan today is that it has not yet adopted Christianity." He declared the Japanese would never be a great colonizing nation until they adopt the humanitarian principles of the United States. The lack of respect for women is another great cause of failure. Purity is not exalted there as it is here. Until recently there was no name for home. There was a name which meant the family and the ancestors, but there was nothing that means what the people of America mean when they speak of home. Recently a name has been created which is coming into general use.

Mr. Okajima is making a special study of prison government and life in the United States. He is a graduate of Denver university.

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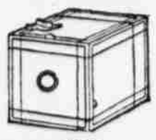

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TROUP RESTRAINS TRACKMEN

Union Pacific Employes Stopped in Work of Track Laying.

TAKING POSSESSION OF CAPITOL AVENUE

Leopold A. Goldsmith and William Krug Present Petition on Which the Temporary Restraining Order is Granted.

Judge Troup on Saturday afternoon issued a temporary restraining order against the Union Pacific to prevent tracklaying on Ninth street or Capitol avenue where these two streets join. Hearing on the application for an injunction will be before Judge Troup next Tuesday morning.

The temporary restraining order was secured on a showing made by Attorneys Ziegler and Pennock, acting for Leopold A. Goldsmith and William Krug. Its terms provide that the railroad must not tear up the streets in the vicinity of Capitol and Ninth, and must not attempt to lay a track or tracks in front of or adjacent to the property of the petitioners, and they must not do anything to obstruct the street to pedestrians or vehicles until further order of the court. A copy of the court's order was served by the sheriff late Saturday afternoon on General Manager Mohler and on the man in charge of the construction gang that was attempting to tear up the street and lay tracks in front of Goldsmith's saloon.

The railroad men claim to be operating under an ordinance which gives them the right to lay tracks on Capitol avenue as far west as Thirteenth street. At the corner of Ninth the sidewalk is over twenty feet in width, and Goldsmith claims the men were going to lay the track between the curb and his building. He stopped them with a shotgun Saturday morning, and officers had to be sent to prevent a breach of the peace. The track builders went away from Goldsmith's corner for the time being and he, with Mr. Krug, at once got busy to prevent any track building during Saturday night or Sunday.

JEROME K. JEROME IS COMING

English Humorist Will Lecture in Omaha at Lyric Theater Next Week.

Jerome K. Jerome, the English humorist, who will appear in Omaha on Tuesday, December 26, at the Lyric theater, has seen life from all sides and has had his struggles as well as many another self-made man who has climbed from the depth to receive the suffrage of the world. He learned to use his head as well as his hands, and he proudly confesses that at one time during his career as an actor he played six or seven parts a week. Three years of provincial touring supplied the material for his first book, "On The Stage And Off," and once having succeeded as author he determined to drop the role of actor. Not that his interest in the stage has ceased—far from it! He has written many plays which have achieved success in other languages than his own. His entertainment is said to be delightful, a sort of a confidential chat with the successful author in which he takes his audience into his confidence and tells them the things he so amusingly has written. This is his first glimpse of America, though Americans have always shown such partiality for his books and plays that in England one less successful has called him a Yankee.

POLICE BREAK UP THE GAME

Hotel Employes Run in on Charge of Engaging in a Game of Craps.

Twenty-six colored men were nabbed last night by the police on the charge of enjoying a quiet crap game in the basement of the Paxton hotel. It has been rumored that this practice has been going on for some time past. They have a nice system of identification which the officers discovered too late for the development of a perfect case against all the inmates of the house of pleasure. There is a hole in the basement door and if a man wants admittance he puts his finger through the hole. Then if his finger is black as is determined by the high chief inspector or whatever the dignitary's name may be, he is admitted. If it is a white man's finger he is told to vamose. Had the officers known of the secret of the ebony finger, it is possible that the door would have opened on a beautiful piece of evidence. But as it was they had to knock and this gave time for the players to assume splendid poses of sublime innocence. Twenty-six of them were carried in state to the jail. Every waiter belonging to the hotel was taken. Most of these were bailed out on cash bond of $20 each, so the guests will not have to go hungry for want of service this morning.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY DANCE

Union Pacific Mutual Benefit Association Holds a Gladsome Reunion.

The second anniversary Union Pacific Mutual Aid association entertainment was given at Patterson hall, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, Saturday night and a splendid program was carried out. A good crowd was present and the dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Visiting delegates were present from several other cities along the line of the Union Pacific and these united in the general good time.

The report of the president showed this new organization to be in most excellent condition. A year ago the membership was 145 and at the present time is 247, a gain of 102 for the past year. Besides the death benefits the association has paid out over $2,000 to members on the sick list. The following program was carried out:

Selection by orchestra; opening remarks, president; Ray Patterson, monologist; selection by orchestra; A. G. Mercer, humorist; remarks by master mechanics, George Thompson, Omaha, and John A. Turtle, Denver.

NEWSBOYS MUST WEAR BADGES

No Badge, No Papers Will Be the Rule After the Middle of the Week.

There was a rally of the newsboys at the club rooms, 1416 Farnam street, last night. About 100 boys were present and listened to talks by Rome Miller, Mogy and W. M. Davidson, superintendent of the city schools. The boys enjoyed themselves as they always do, in a peculiar, breezy way. After the talks the new badges were distributed to the boys. The badge is a metal shield with a star in the center. In the center of the star is the number by which each boy may be identified. After next Wednesday or Thursday each boy will have to wear a badge or he cannot get his papers. There was much interest, impatience and jostling around the tables as the badges were assigned. Mogy, Tony and Joe, the leaders in the newsboys' organization, hold badges one, two and three. Mr. Rome Miller has badge No. 10. Abe Jacob has the unlucky No. 13. He doesn't seem to feel sorry for it. He is past believing in signs.

GUEST IN HOTEL IS HELD UP

Member of Company Playing at the Burwood Victim of a Bold Robbery.

Charles I. Schofield of the Burwood theater, who plays the humorous role of Count von Geugenheim this week, was held up in his room at the Midland hotel last night at 7:15 p. m. He was just in the act of leaving for the theater and as he stepped into the hall was ordered to hold up his hands. He was then backed into the room, where he was forced to light the gas and to give up his valuables and a purse containing his money. These consisted of a watch and $10 in cash. He said the man was a little fellow and talked with a German accent. He had two guns. After getting the money, as in the case of the other recent robberies in hotels of the city, he locked Mr. Schofield in his room, after disabling the bell. Mr. Schofield made a connection by using his little finger in the push button and so gave the alarm within a few minutes of the time of the robbery. As yet the man is at large.

At 8:45 Detectives Heitfeldt and Donahue arrested a man whom they suspected of committing the robbery. He gave his name as William Kehl and said he lived at Sixteenth and Clark streets. After the theater closed all the men of the Woodward Stock company paid a visit to the jail, where Kehl was presented to Mr. Schofield. Mr. Schofield said he was not the party who robbed him. He then gave a graphic account of the matter to the officers. He said:

"I had just stepped out of my room and was in the act of locking the door when someone accosted me and said, 'Put up your hands.' I said, 'What are you giving us? You trying to kid me?' I straightened up and instinctively raised my hands. I touched a gun which I could not see, for the hall was dark. Then I lost no time in getting my hands up. He then told me to keep still and get back into my room. There he told me to light the gas. 'Now,' he said, 'pull down the shades of the windows.' Then he told me to hand over my money. I pulled out 50 cents and passed it over, saying: 'That's all I've got.' This did not satisfy the man. He felt of my pockets himself. Of course he found my pocketbook and took the money out, only $10.50 in all. He looked very determined and I was afraid of his shooting. Physically I could have overpowered him easily for he was a small man. I am sure if I see him again I will know him. After he got the money he ordered me to stand on the other side of the room. Then he disabled the call bell and went out, locking me in. In about two minutes I succeeded in rousing the house."

STICKNEY AND UNION PACIFIC

President of Chicago Great Western Disclaims Any Local Hostility or Unfriendly Animus.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 15.—To the Editor of The Bee: A clipping from your paper of December 13, saying that the Chicago Great Western Railway company and myself had opposed the passage of certain Union Pacific trackage ordinances, has been sent me.

I desire to say that this is not true. I did not even know that any ordinances of the kind were pending before the city council, and I do not now know what privileges were granted by the ordinances. Presumably, they are ordinances which will add to the prosperity of the city of Omaha, and I am the last man who would oppose anything which would be a benefit to your city. Besides, when I oppose a thing people generally know it—they haven't got to guess about it.

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DIAMONDS—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

Joe Redman's Birthday Honored.

Friends and relatives of Uncle Joe Redman to the number of two score or more gathered Thursday evening at the old home, 1624 Corby street, bringing with them armfuls of presents. The occasion was the 76th birthday of the head of the Redman clan and he was made to feel as young as he used to be when Omaha was a mere hamlet. Reminiscence, music and dancing were indulged in by the party until far into the next day.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

M. May, Sutton; H. B. Robinson, Columbus; M. L. Munger, Lincoln, are guests at the Henshaw.

W. A. Cahill, Lincoln; W. E. McFaden, Hastings; E. H. Chambers, Columbus; J. P. Porter, Fremont, are at the Iler Grand.

Sidney Singer, who has been attending the Armour institute, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Singer.

Paul Kreteck, Kearney; H. H. Bellwood, Alliance; E. R. Button, Schuyler; W. T. Buchanan, Albion, are registered at the Paxton.

At the Millard: T. E. Bell and wife, Lincoln; Mrs. T. P. Sheldon, Mrs. Bainning, Isadore Sheldon, Nehawka; W. T. Kicks, Fairbury.

Nebraskans at the Murray: Hans Peters, Gretna; A. O. Thomas, Kearney; Thomas Donahue, Fremont; Ed Carr, Tecumseh; R. A. Adams and wife, McCook.

At the Merchants: D. H. Richards, Spalding; W. E. White, O. J. Winn, Grand Island; W. L. Kirston, C. W. Kelby, Lincoln; Thomas Mortimer, Madison.

J. J. V. O'Connor of Chicago has been laid up at the Iler Grand the past week with an attack of la grippe and other ailments. By the advice of his physician, he will return home till after the holidays.

Mr. Robert C. Fisher, who has been in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for the last year, will return to Omaha next Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mrs. and Mr. George L. Fisher, 1622 Lothrop.

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Men's French Kid Walking Gloves, "Adler"	$1
Men's Fancy Striped and Plain Colored Golf Gloves	45c
Men's Soft and Stiff Bosom Shirts at	$1
Men's Heavy Worsted Sweaters, at, $5.00 to	$2
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Ladies' Fine Emb. and Lace Trimmed Handk'fs, 48c and	25c
Ladies' Beautiful Plain Black and Fancy Col'd Silk Hose, $3 to	$1
Ladies' Fancy Silk Garters and Supporters, $1, 45c and	25c
Ladies' New Gilt Mesh Purses	50c
Fancy Brocaded Silk and Velvet Opera Bags, $3.50 to	50c
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