

STATEMENT OF STATE DEBT

Treasurer's Report Shows a Reduction of Over a Quarter Million.

STILL ABOVE THE TWO MILLION MARK

Some Figures on Valuation of the Union and Missouri Pacific Roads and Their Earnings in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 7.—(Special.)—State Treasurer Mortenson, in reply to a request for a statement of the state debt for several years past, has compiled the following, showing the amount of indebtedness on the first day of December, which is the beginning of the fiscal year:

Table with columns for year and amount. Rows include 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906.

Total amount of the state debt is \$2,000,000. At least 90 per cent of these warrants are held as an investment by the educational trust funds. All trust funds in depository banks draw interest at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on daily balances, which is credited to the general fund. The amount of interest earned from December 1, 1905, to December 1, 1904, was \$1,554,700 and from December 1, 1904, to date is \$1,692,882. The treasurer says this indicates that the average balance of all funds in the state treasury is about \$400,000. He believes by January next the total reduction in the state debt will be \$600,000. The non-payment of taxes by the railroads has prevented a greater reduction of the state debt. It is contemplated the Sheldon bill will reduce the debt about \$300,000 annually.

Earnings of Union Pacific.

In a report to the state auditor, the Union Pacific Railroad company has a statement showing in detail the money it lines earned in Nebraska during the last year as well as the amount of money spent in operating the road. In this latter sum is included the amount of taxes paid in the state, though no mention is made of the amount of taxes not paid, but which has been levied. The average amount of money earned above expenses on all the Union Pacific lines in the state during the year was \$714,300.

Table showing earnings and expenses for Union Pacific. Columns include Freight earnings, Passenger earnings, Other earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings, Expenses per mile, net.

The table shows that every mile of railroad owned by the Union Pacific in the state made money for the corporation, the main line being in the lead as a revenue producer, bringing in the enormous sum of \$15,000 per mile, after paying all expenses incidental to running this part of the system. The gross earnings of the main line in this state totaled the enormous figure of \$1,000,000.

The detailed report shows the road values its depot grounds, stock yards and other buildings on its right-of-way as follows: Main line, \$4,251,375; Omaha & Republican Valley branch, \$314,842; Kearney branch, \$54,808. Distributed according to the mileage the main line right-of-way is worth \$5.06 a mile, the Omaha & Republican Valley branch at \$1,202 a mile and the Kearney branch at \$65.74 a mile. In Douglas county the right-of-way of the main line is valued at \$2,907,900, which, of course, includes all the buildings and ground in the right-of-way. Lancaster county, the division of the value of this particular property, will get an assessment of \$102,002 from the Omaha & Republican Valley branch.

All the locomotives of the system are valued at \$1,000,000, which 25 per cent is apportioned to Nebraska, making the share of this state \$250,000. Passenger coaches are valued for the system at \$1,466,975, of which 35.6 per cent is apportioned to Nebraska, making \$524,312. Freight and equipment is valued for the system at \$6,400,000, of which Nebraska gets 35.6 per cent, or \$2,268,400. This per cent given to Nebraska is based upon the miles traveled by the rolling stock in this state.

The shops in Omaha are returned at a valuation of \$75,510. The bridges of the main line are returned at a valuation of \$1,192,210 on the Omaha & Republican Valley branch at \$38,758 and on the Kearney branch at \$23,861, making a total valuation of \$1,254,829.

The net earnings of the line in Nebraska last year amounted to \$4,616,643.96, as against a total net earnings in Nebraska this year of \$7,022,702.95.

The State Board of Assessment will insist upon all the roads showing the receipts and earnings of the roads in Nebraska. Heretofore it has been impossible to secure this information. The Union Pacific claims in its statements of net earnings in Nebraska that included therein all the interstate traffic going through the state and that Nebraska's share should be 17.2 per cent of the entire earnings of its system. The board will meet May 2 to begin its session.

Missouri Pacific Report.

According to the report of the valuation of its property filed with the state auditor today, the Missouri Pacific railroad, during the last year earned \$5,638,371.29 above all its expenses, while the Pacific railway in Nebraska, a branch of the Missouri Pacific system, lost its owners the sum of \$138,800. The Missouri Pacific shows an increase in its earnings from the year before when it earned net \$2,494,912. In 1904 the Pacific railway lost its owners \$200,935, showing this road has picked up considerably. Following is a table showing the financial statement of the Missouri Pacific exclusively of the Pacific railway in Nebraska.

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THE report says the officials do not know what the true value of the stock is and cites the market reports to the board for the market value of the stock. The funded debt for 1904 was \$9,012,000 and in 1905 the funded debt was \$8,112,000. The mileage of the road in Nebraska is 256.58 miles, while the Pacific railway in Nebraska, not included in the mileage of the Missouri Pacific system, is 71.22 miles. The following table shows the financial statement of this road:

Table showing financial statement for Missouri Pacific. Columns include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings per mile.

Protest on Light Bonds.

W. J. Hawkins of Red Cloud has filed a protest with the state auditor against registering the Red Cloud electric light bonds. When the bonds were first filed with the auditor, the protest was registered because he ruled they had been voted under the provisions of the 1905 law, which provides a village can vote bonds to an amount equal to 2 1/2 per cent of the assessed valuation. The bonds were for \$5,000, which was 5 per cent of the valuation of the town. A mandamus suit was filed and the supreme court at its last session ordered the auditor to register the bonds. Before he could act Hawkins filed his protest. He alleged that Red Cloud voted bonds to the amount of \$6,000 fifteen years ago and that they were turned over to a local banker to sell. After the deal was made the bank failed and the city lost the money and got no light plant. Of this issue \$4,000 is still outstanding. This, together with the \$2,000 just voted, makes a larger amount of indebtedness than 5 per cent of city property. Others from Red Cloud claim the city has largest teacher's meetings ever held in Nebraska.

ARAPAHO VETERANS CELEBRATE

Fortieth Anniversary of Post Organized by Grand Army. ARAPAHO, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—Garrett post No. 120 today celebrated and commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the post in the public schools at dinner to all the old veterans, wives and friends. There are only thirty-four of the old veterans who are members of the post, but additions from Edison, Holbrook and other towns swelled the number to over a hundred. The usual dinner of the veterans was served and speeches and music presented by local talent. Holbrook, as is usual, was in attendance in numbers and furnished many of the speakers and entertainers. D. W. Lewis as commander had charge of the program and stated that there were but thirty-four of the members of the post in good standing according to regulations and that the number is growing less year by year. Garrett post, which is in hall, is out of debt and whenever it needs money applies to the Woman's Relief corps.

BURLINGTON IS TOLD TO ACT

Peremptory Order to Widen Culverts is Issued at Grand Island. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—County Judge Mullin has granted an order on the petition and affidavit of the city, compelling the Burlington company to open wider culverts through its belt line at a point where the belt line acts as a dam to a natural water course. The embankment has caused waters to be held and to be backed up in recent years on adjacent property, greatly damaging to the latter. For three years there have been constantly recurrent floods in this section of the city. The city authorities have in vain sought an amicable adjustment of the matter, but received nothing but promises. The order makes the opening necessary within three days or permits the city and its agents to enter the property of the company and remove the obstruction.

FREMONT TO BLAIR AND OMAHA

Arlington Hears Talk of an Interstate Project and is Interested. There is much talk of the interurban line of some kind between Fremont and Blair via Arlington and Kennard. Some think a line would branch off at Arlington and run to Omaha via Elk City. A franchise could easily be obtained from this county and local capitalists would purchase lots of the stock.

Carmichael Wins on a Draw.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—The village board met last night in regular session and canvassed the recent vote. C. H. Carmichael, license, and A. E. Heywood, anti-license, who had a tie, drew and the former won, so that the board stands two license and three anti-license. Had Heywood won out the anti would have had control for two years, as it is, for only one.

New Contracts for Sugar Beets.

FREMONT, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—The Standard Sugar company is making contracts for the 1906 beet supply. As last year, the largest acreage comes from the vicinity of North Platte, where it is expected 5,000 acres will be raised. Indications are that the acreage in this vicinity will exceed that of last year. A. S. Grigert, the heaviest beet raiser in this vicinity, expects to employ 140 Japs in his fields this year. Last season he had contracted for 100.

Primaries in Otoe.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—The Otoe county republican county central committee met in Syracuse this afternoon to consider the matter of direct primaries for Otoe county. The same to take the place of the usual party convention. It was finally decided to leave the matter for the voters to express their opinion. At the next republican county central committee meeting a ballot will be furnished each voter on which he may express his preference for or against the direct primary idea. The result of the voting is to be fully reported on the credentials of each delegate and read at the next convention. The convention will then be called upon to decide in the face of

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- Lot 3—Bonne Femme Curtains for single windows—also Battenberg Curtains, regular size—white and Arabian—every pair worth five dollars—in this sale at pair 1.95
- Battenberg Curtains, heavy borders—Duchess Curtains, ivory or white—new Irish Point Curtains—new Brussels Curtains—at pair 4.75

- Extra heavy Cluny Curtains, wide insertion and edge—Double Net Brussels, four colors—pair 13.50
- Brussels Curtains, Madras Curtains, Cluny Curtains, Arabian Curtains—a pair 6.75

An assortment of high class curtains from our regular retail department, at special values—new Ivory Curtains and Duchess Curtains at a pair 9.50

BOBBINET

- 45-inch Bobbinet, white or Arabian color, extra heavy single thread net—per yard 17c
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- 54-inch French Net, three-thread—the best you can buy—both colors, white or Arabian—per yard 50c

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- Fine French Muslin Bed Sets, with bolster cover, a full line of colors, all ready for bed—complete 3.75
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- We sell the best Window Shade you can buy at the price—3x6 feet, each 25c
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(Like Cut.) Finished in the bright or the satin, has heavy two-inch continuous posts and heavy filling—each \$37

Other patterns, all sizes, from \$16 up.

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Made of best quality oak and best construction, large size, Spanish leather seat; special at—each 9.75

Superintendent Cox is Ill.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—Division Superintendent Cox of this Union Pacific is ill at his home in this city, his condition being regarded as most serious.

FREMONT SHOE MAN KILLS SELF

C. W. Cook is Shot in Head and Intentions Point to Suicide. FREMONT, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram)—C. W. Cook, manager of the Fremont Cash Shoe store, shot himself in the head about 7:30 tonight and is dead. Whether the shooting was accidental or intentional no one knows, but indications point strongly to suicide. A few minutes before he borrowed a double-barreled shotgun from F. Mathieson, proprietor of a store on Sixth street, saying that he and his clerk were going hunting Sunday morning. He left Mathieson's store by the back way, going through the alley to the back door of his own store. Mr. Hayward of Omaha, whose company owns the stock in the store, a customer and the clerk were in the rear of the building. A shot was heard and almost at the same instant they saw Cook fall through the partly open door to the floor. The charge, which was a heavy one, entered the head at the lower jaw, tearing off the side of his face, some of the shot passing out in front of and above the right ear. Death occurred almost instantly.

Mr. Mathieson says the gun was not loaded when he handed it to Cook and that Cook said when he left the store that he would get some shells. Whether he intentionally shot himself, pulling the trigger with his right foot, or slipped and accidentally discharged the gun as he opened the back door, of course no one knows. He had been drinking heavily recently, but was sober tonight. He owed local parties considerable amounts who were dunning him for money. He was 24 years old and leaves a wife to whom he was married last summer.

News of Nebraska.

ARLINGTON—Most of the teachers around here attended the teachers' meeting held at the home of Dr. Lande yesterday. BEATRICE—Ekins Bros. yesterday purchased the Gem case of John Matlocks and will conduct the business in the future. GIBBON—More building is being done in Gibbon this year than ever known before. GIBBON—The Gibbon hotel has changed hands. Mr. Gibbs from Palestine, Neb., is now in charge.

BEATRICE—J. H. Dotts arrived home last night with a fine colt and a chested a fine race horse with a mark of 2:35. WEST POINT—The bureau of vital statistics for Cuming county during the month of March registered sixteen births and six deaths. ARLINGTON—Farming has begun in earnest. Some farmers have commenced to plow for corn. Low land is too wet for working. GIBBON—The firm of Richison & Rogers of the Farmers restaurant has dissolved partnership and closed out the business. The building is vacant. WEST POINT—M. M. Bontman has sold his photograph gallery and Cabinet at No. 7, J. Taylor of Fullerton, Cal. Mr. Taylor has taken possession of the stock and business.

ARLINGTON—It has been announced that a block system will be installed in the railway yards here. The people are

pleased with the new train service which will be started April 15. Arlington will then have ten passenger trains daily. ARLINGTON—The young son of Chris Begard, living east of town, ran away from home and was lost several hours. He was found by his father sleeping in a cornfield near home.

TABLE ROCK—News arrived here this morning of the death of Mrs. Ruth A. Nesbitt at the advanced age of 87 years at the home of her son, Charles A. Nesbitt, at Arlington, Kan.

PLATTSMOUTH—A son of George Reynolds, living southwest of Plattsmouth, was killed Friday, as he was in the alley communicating fire to the structure. There was no insurance loss about \$60. The cause of the fire was a factory.

GRAND ISLAND—The barn of H. H. Grant, recently built, was destroyed by fire Friday, as he was in the alley communicating fire to the structure. There was no insurance loss about \$60. The cause of the fire was a factory.

BEATRICE—Henry Austin, foreman for John Sparks, the brigadier, will begin work Monday for the county under the direction of Supervisor Werner. Mr. Austin will overhaul and repair a number of cars from F. Mathieson, proprietor of a store on Sixth street, saying that he and his clerk were going hunting Sunday morning. He left Mathieson's store by the back way, going through the alley to the back door of his own store. Mr. Hayward of Omaha, whose company owns the stock in the store, a customer and the clerk were in the rear of the building. A shot was heard and almost at the same instant they saw Cook fall through the partly open door to the floor. The charge, which was a heavy one, entered the head at the lower jaw, tearing off the side of his face, some of the shot passing out in front of and above the right ear. Death occurred almost instantly.

PLATTSMOUTH—The supreme court has just handed down a decision affirming the judgment of \$1,000 which was rendered by the district court against the Maryland Casualty company for money stolen from the bank of Plattsmouth. The judgment was rendered by Judge Murdock on the night of January 23, 1904.

BEATRICE—William Overstreet, one of the best known residents of Lincoln, is talked of as a candidate on the republican ticket for the legislature. The many friends of Mr. Overstreet hope to induce him to make the race for the nomination. GIBBON—Saturday was the anniversary of the old settlers colony. They settled at Gibbon April 7, 1872, and every year they come here for their anniversary from far and near to celebrate with each other and talk over old times. Saturday's rain did not succeed in marrying the success of the occasion.

NEBRASKA CITY—The annual meeting of the Otoe County Medical society was held at the home of Dr. Lande yesterday. Dr. S. P. Wilson was elected secretary and Treasurer. Dr. S. P. Wilson was chosen delegate to represent the association at the publication of the Missouri Valley Times. FREMONT—Isaac N. Dickinson was bound over to the district court on the charge of forging a check on Frankman & Morris for \$100. He was held in default of bail was committed to the county jail. He is a skilled structural steel worker in Beatrice for some years. Mr. Dickinson was arrested by the police at the time the offense was alleged to have been committed and was held in the city jail. BEATRICE—Word was received here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Caroline Swart, mother of A. F. Swart, until recently proprietor of the home at No. 12 and Mrs. J. B. Swart. She was 82 years of age and had lived in Beatrice for many years. Her husband and her friends were surprised to learn of her death. She was a native of New York and was 32 years of age.

WEST POINT—The regular session of the Woman's club of West Point was held this week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Swart. The first part of the program was devoted to the subject of agriculture and soil and responded to by quotations on this subject. An instructive, interesting and accurate paper was read by Mrs. J. A. Stahl, entitled "State Aids

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Canniff Refuses to Talk.

ARBORVILLE, April 7.—President W. H. Claffey of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis (Nickel Plate) road declined today to discuss the report that the road had passed into the hands of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company.

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