

RAILROADS MAY GET BOOST

Increased Earnings Should Bring Increase in Assessed Valuation.

MICHIGAN CASE FORMS BASIS FOR WORK

Board Meets First of May and Members Have Already Been Studying the Reports Which Have Been Filed to Date.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 12.—(Special.)—The attention of members of the State Board of Assessment has been attracted to the great increase in the net earnings of the Union Pacific railroad, as shown in its report filed with the secretary of the state board, and it is going to take some tall argument on the part of the railroad representatives to convince the members of the board that the road is not worth more than it was a year ago.

So far only the Union Pacific, the Missouri Pacific and the Santa Fe have filed reports, but it is presumed the other roads will show an increase in revenue, as have those which have filed. This will likely mean that all the roads will get a material boost at the hands of the board.

The report of the Union Pacific shows that road has made an earning of some \$1,000,000 for every mile of track it has in the state over what it earned in 1905. Its earnings, as shown by the reports, increased in 1904 over 1903 some \$1,000,000 a mile, while this year over 1904 shows an increase of some \$700,000 a mile.

The board will meet the first of May and some members of the board at least have already become familiar with what is contained in the report and will be able to set promptly and intelligently.

In discussing the assessment of railroads this morning Governor Mickey gave out the impression that he would stand for a material increase in the valuation of railroad property over the assessment of last year.

"The decision in the Michigan case," said Governor Mickey, "shows State Boards of Assessment have greater discretion than the Nebraska board has ever used. It will be of material benefit to state boards in considering how to get at the value of a railroad corporation. I have written for a copy of the opinion and will get one just as soon as it is printed."

"There is no use of the railroads complaining about their taxes being too high when their net earnings show how much money they are making. The time has come when the railroads of Nebraska will have to pay their just share of taxes, and there is no use of their fighting that proposition. They might just as well come in and pay up like the rest of us. Other property in this state has been assessed at its full value and the railroads never have. I think the time has come when they should be put on the same plane as other property."

In his talk the governor indicated he would be in favor of an increase in the assessment of railroad property this year if the reports of the other roads showed any increase in their net earnings in the state as did the Union Pacific.

Mitchell Appeals to Governor.

Constable Mitchell, the only colored man elected in Lancaster county on the republican ticket, has appealed to Governor Mickey to get him to stop Constable Hunger from acting as constable, or resign as deputy game warden. Mitchell said he could not get any work in the constabulary because the justices of the peace turned all of it over to the white constables. Hunger is one of these, and Mitchell hopes to have him lose one or the other of his jobs. As Hunger is the oldest constable in the county and only does work in that line when he is solicited by the attorneys, the governor likely will not interfere. Hunger is out of the city most of the time.

Dr. Spalding Represents State.

Dr. S. K. Spalding of Omaha, state health inspector, has been appointed by Governor Mickey to represent the medical fraternity of the state at the council of medicine at Chicago, May 12.

Superintendent McEwen went out to Crete this morning where tonight he will create to a number of teachers. Deputy Bishop is attending the district meetings and talking agriculture in the public schools.

Officers Must Pay Messengers.

State officers who have in the past been in the habit of calling a messenger boy when wanting to get a message or a package delivered, will in the future do the little stunt themselves, or pay the boy. This is the hunch sent out by the secretary

of state and the state auditor to the other office, and as these two officers have to sign the vouchers and approve them they have the power to enforce the hunch. Some of the officers use messenger boys to the extent of several dollars a year, while others have never called one.

Sunday School Workers Busy.

COZAD, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Dawson County Sunday School association closed its tenth annual session here tonight. The convention opened last evening, with President William Findley in the chair. The address of the evening was delivered by Miss Mamie Haines, state superintendent of primary Sunday school work. The convention opened again at 9 o'clock this morning. There were many delegates present from all parts of the county. During the forenoon Miss Haines delivered a very interesting address on "Teaching and Training." At 4 o'clock this afternoon Miss Haines addressed the school children, who came in a body from the public school to the church, and shortly afterwards were elected for the coming year: President, William Findley; vice president, Mrs. S. W. Schooley of Cozad; superintendent home department, Mrs. Rosenburg of Lexington; superintendent of normal work, J. O'Hara of Lexington; superintendent of primary work, Mrs. E. H. Hughes of Cozad. The convention closed with an address by Rev. Mr. Stevens of the Christian church.

Barber Sent to Asylum.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—R. F. Walston was examined by the insanity commission, adjudged insane and ordered committed to the asylum at Lincoln for treatment. He will be taken there at once. Walston is the barber who left here some time ago and shortly afterwards became violently insane at a hotel in Council Bluffs. Since then he has been kept in confinement there, it being thought a brother would come for him from Indiana. The latter failed to put in an appearance, however, so Wednesday evening a deputy sheriff from Council Bluffs brought him to Kearney and turned him over to Sheriff Sammons. Walston has some real estate and personal property in this city and local authorities had to take charge of him.

Missionary Society Elects.

FREMONT, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The district meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church closed yesterday afternoon, after electing the following officers: President, Mrs. D. W. Morrow of Omaha; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. C. Rietter of Omaha; recording secretary, Mrs. S. E. Carme of Omaha; treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Barr of Omaha; secretary of literature department, Miss Mand Pillsbury of Fremont; secretary of Sunday school work, Mrs. A. W. Angell of Fremont; secretary of Christian Endeavor, Mrs. G. L. Crinkling of Wahoo.

Prospecting for Coal.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—The Table Rock coal tract is now seventy feet deep and is progressing at the rate of four to five feet a day. A poor quality of coal has been passed and a four-inch vein of as good coal as can be found anywhere just underneath the strata of poor coal. Quite frequently in the process of excavation little pockets of gas have been struck. All of which goes to encourage the prospectors and leads them to think they are on the verge of important discoveries.

Beatrice Guilty to Gambling.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—S. E. Nevans, proprietor of the Bee Hive restaurant at Wymore and better known as "Wenties," was arrested today at Wymore on the charge of operating a gambling room. He pleaded guilty in police court and was fined \$10 and costs, which he paid. It is said that the new administration at Wymore proposes to make it warm for the gamblers from now on.

Held for Assault on Wife.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Bland, charged with assaulting his wife, Blanch Bland, and her companion, Mona Hunter, with intent to kill, was held for trial in the district court today. He was held to the present term of the district court and gave bonds in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at that time.

Rumors of Railroad Building.

ARLINGTON, Neb., April 12.—(Special.)—Rumors of railroads coming through this section continue. It is asserted that the Burlington intends building from Oakland to Omaha by way of Bell creek, which would bring it through Arlington.

News of Nebraska.

TEKAMAH—The home talent which played "The Bachelor" at a public affair last night left for Craig this afternoon,

where they will put on the same play tonight.

SEWARD—Dr. H. R. Mouchen of Utica was married to Miss Lizzie Vanderhoef of Lincoln Thursday.

SEWARD—The Seward County Teachers' association will hold at the high school building at Seward on April 20.

TEKAMAH—At a regular meeting of the Commercial E. of O. the Nebraska National Guards of this place, E. W. Stamer was elected captain, vice John P. Cameron, resigning. Mr. Stamer has been a member of the guards for several years, two years of which was spent in Cuba.

SEWARD—County Clerk Calder shot a snow white swan measuring seven feet from tip of wings at a pond near Beaver Crossing last week.

OSCEOLA—Mr. Elsie Bivens and Miss Grace Fleming, both of the Platte valley, were married yesterday in Concordia, Mo., by Rev. G. S. Giesby officiating.

TABLE ROCK—Both local brick yards are now in full blast, each plant turning out from 30,000 to 40,000 brick a day, which find a ready market.

ARLINGTON—The farmers around here are losing many small pigs. Some think it is caused by wet weather. The litters are very small and the pigs are very acrid.

ARLINGTON—The wet weather continues and our farmers are trying to sow grain, but the water is so low and so very wet and can only be put into corn if it dries up.

BEATRICE—Dr. R. W. Laflin, at one time district clerk of Gage county and a former member of the legislature, is lying in a hospital at his home in Wymore, Mo., of a Bright's disease.

ARLINGTON—There is considerable talk here of the Northwestern putting in a double track between Fremont and Arlington. The business men are anxious for the project to be carried out, but the railroad is delayed because the track is being laid in a very hasty manner.

TABLE ROCK—The heirs of the late H. C. Smith, of the Table Rock farm, who died recently in the hospital for the insane at Lincoln, have about a settlement of the estate with the widow.

TABLE ROCK—J. H. Brenner, who has been the local agent for the Telephone company for several months, has resigned and removed to Humboldt, Mo., to take charge of the business there.

SEWARD—A little son of Ed Vining, a well known citizen of our town, was born last night. He was immediately given cream to drink, which brought the medicine out. Dr. Vining is now in charge of completing the little fellow's recovery.

HARVARD—It was thirty-three years ago today that the first settler came to this section of the state, lasting three days. It is somewhat interesting for present settlers who passed through that storm to compare present conditions with what then existed.

YORK—The York chautauqua promoters are working on the ground and will probably build good, substantial, permanent buildings, as the York chautauqua is now in the hands of an institution and will be made the best in the west.

HARVARD—A cold rain has been falling since last night, beginning with a thunder storm about 9 o'clock, accompanied by considerable wind. The rain was so heavy as to come sufficiently dry so that an occasional farmer could begin farm work, but this will hold back work for some days.

BEATRICE—Let Walter, a prominent young druggist of this city, was up before the insanity board today. He was ordered sent to Lincoln for treatment. His mental trouble is said to be due to a fall from a table a few days ago, which injured his spine.

BEATRICE—A life-size statue of William Seaward, the pioneer of this town, is being carved by Vrinders, a Seward sculptor. It is of bedford stone. Vrinders is doing all the fancy carving on the new court house and, although practically unknown as a sculptor, his work is exquisitely done.

BEATRICE—The athletic association of the high school met yesterday afternoon and voted to hold an interclass athletic meet here April 27. A committee was chosen to select the events and decide on the rules. The meet will be held at the gymnasium and state meets which come later.

MADISON—Floyd Wildberger, known as "Curly," said his wife had died yesterday suddenly here today, aged 35 years. The boy first complained yesterday, when he came up town and was taken to a doctor. The disease was acute tonsillitis, complicated by abscess formation. Death was caused by sudden rupture of a blood vessel into the lungs, causing suffocation.

COLUMBUS—Since the whole of the county on the north side is now "dry" this spring, Columbus does not propose that they should go with parched tongues when they come here to trade, and so the city council has provided for eleven saloons, four druggists' permits and two wholesale houses for the dispensing of the cup that cheers.

TEKAMAH—As a result of the efforts of State Deputy E. E. Kester and District Attorney E. E. Kester, the residents of this town who have been working in this county for the past three weeks, Beech camp No. 126 of this place and the county of Madison, are working hard for this meet and for the league and state meets which come later.

BEATRICE—The funeral of William Clark was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Central Methodist Episcopal church under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic post. The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Martin and interment was in Evergreen home cemetery. Conrads, Rev. H. Walker, G. M. Carpenter and L. T. Lovejoy acted as pall-bearers.

BEATRICE—O. K. Jones, for the past five years manager of the Blue Valley mining district here, was arrested today and secured five orders for four. His mental trouble came upon him suddenly, which he had noticed for some time. He was taken to Lincoln today by Sheriff Trade.

ARLINGTON—There is considerable interest shown by citizens here about the proposed interurban road between Fremont and Arlington. It is reported that the project and out citizens are ready to back it. The road would pass through the branch off at Arlington and run via Elk City to Omaha in several. The farmers and people of the small towns want better transportation and the proposed road would unite the city, village and the farm.

BEATRICE—A cattle thief was arrested here yesterday. He was driving a cow and in some manner lost his seat, falling in between the cutters and being wedged in so tight that he could be extricated from his previous position. He was taken to the hospital and returned to his assistance. He was badly bruised and the attending physicians say it was a miraculous escape.

Traveler Staged and Robbed.

YANKTON, S. D., April 12.—(Special.)—A commercial man from Minneapolis, M. A. Stevens was sandwiched here Wednesday night, robbed of \$3 and left incensed. Stevens came to Yankton some time ago and found his way to the narrow hotel, where he started the guests by his appearance, his assailants having severed an artery near the right temple, and the wound was bleeding freely. A stranger giving the name of Jones is under arrest as one of two who participated in the crime. Jones admits having \$20 of Stevens' money, which he claims the other man gave him after knocking Stevens insensible. The affair took place at 9 o'clock in the evening as Stevens was returning to the hotel.

Make Your Easter Selections Today

Our Women's Departments Will Be in Full Blast.



Saturday Morning We Offer \$20.00 and \$25.00 Sample Suits—New Third Floor Depts. Corsets and Under-muslins. at \$14.75.

We bought a traveling salesman's samples of high class tailored suits—at one-third less than their regular price—Panama and broadcloths—all new cotton effects—with new circular skirts—suits made to retail at \$20.00 and \$25.00—

- ON SALE SATURDAY AT \$14.75. \$25.00 WOMEN'S SUITS, SATURDAY, \$19.75. In swell mixtures—Panamas and broadcloths, new eton and coat effects—well made and lined—perfect hanging skirts—regular \$25.00 value—Saturday 19.75. \$32.50 WOMEN'S SUITS, SATURDAY, \$24.75. All high class suits, new models, made of fine chifton, Panamas and mixtures, extremely well tailored and beautifully trimmed—worth \$32.50—Saturday 24.75. WOMEN'S NEW EASTER COATS. Young Ladies' Box Coats, in covers and mixtures, with patch pockets—that sell everywhere for \$7.50—Saturday 5.00. Swaggar Misses' Coats at \$7.00.—In swell new mixtures and covers, short, jaunty garments with top pockets—Saturday 7.90. Women's New English Top Coats—full loose back, in fine covers and beautiful mixtures—wear one of them and you will be "strictly in it"—regular \$15.00 values, Saturday 10.00. New Silk Eton Coats—Made of an excellent quality of taffeta silk—large assortment to select from, \$10.00 garments, Saturday 7.90. Women's Swell Eton Coats—of the very best chifton taffeta, handsomely trimmed, very nobby garments, worth \$15.00, Saturday at 10.75. Women's 80-in. Loose Silk Coats—Neatly trimmed, best taffeta silk, cut very full, cannot be duplicated for less than \$15.00, Saturday at 9.75.

New Skirt Models, Strictly Tailor Made. In checks, white, black and gray, also plain colors in voiles and Panamas—models of style that are perfection in tailoring. Every yard guaranteed. \$9.75, \$12.75, \$14.75, \$16.75, \$22.50.

WOMEN'S FIXIN'S. You will need Easter Sunday—NEW HOSE, 15C TO \$2.50. NEW BELTS, 25C TO \$3.00. NEW GARTERS, 25C TO \$3.00. NEW HAND KNOTS, 5C TO 50C. NEW BACK COMBS, 25C TO \$2.00. NEW HAND BAGS, 75C TO \$15.00. WOMEN'S EASTER GLOVES. "Centimeter" is the name of the most popular line of gloves in Omaha—We are the only store here in this city that have the very best of them. We have all the new Easter shades—at popular prices, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Waist Specials for Saturday.

- WOMEN'S WHITE LAWN WAISTS—Made of a fine quality of white sheer lawn, nicely trimmed with lace and embroidery, regular \$1.50 values, Saturday 95c. WOMEN'S \$2.00 WAISTS SATURDAY \$1.45. A very handsome assortment of the very finest quality of white sheer lawn, full embroidered front, short sleeves, trimmed with lace and would be cheap at \$2.00, Saturday 1.45. Dainty Lingerie Waists at \$1.00. We are showing a most extensive line at this price, made of the best mercerized batiste, embroidered panel front and nicely trimmed, short sleeves, waists in this lot worth \$3.50, Saturday 1.90. Splendid new Style in Nemo Self-Reducing Corset—Guaranteed unbreakable, heavy horse supporters attached—sizes 20 to 36—our price 1.45. Corset Covers at 45c—We are showing a splendid line at this price—in cambric and long cloth, full dip fronts—trimmed with lace, ribbon or embroidery—special price 45c. Long Cloth Gowns at 95c—High or V-neck, handsomely trimmed with lace and embroidery—also pretty styles of "slip overs"—extra long—would be cheap at \$1.50—special price 95c. Handsome, White Skirts at \$1.45—Pretty hemstitched—double flounce, made of fine cambric—very full, also skirts with four rows of fine lace insertion, positively worth \$2.50—special price 1.45.

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WARREN TRIAL NEARS END

O'Hearn's Pal Will Not Have to Wait Long for His Fate.

STATE MAY PUT ON NO MORE WITNESSES. If This Plan is Carried Out the Case May Go to the Jury Late This Afternoon. County Attorney Slabaugh announced at the adjournment of district court last night he probably would put no more witnesses on the stand in the Warren murder case, but would rest at the opening of court Saturday. The case has been rushed through rapidly and it is believed will go to the jury late this afternoon. The evidence of the state has followed along the same lines as the evidence in the O'Hearn trial. The state introduced considerable testimony to rebut Warren's assertion that he did not know his companions were going to hold up the Lausten saloon and did not take his station at the rear door of the saloon, but ran away. One of the witnesses was Ben Persinger, the man who was within a few feet of the saloon when the shot was fired. He said he saw two men, presumably Warren and Angas, running away from the saloon. One of the men, supposed to be Warren, he said, had apparently just come from the rear door.

Former Confession to Police.

Detectives Drummy and Maloney of the police force related the substance of a damaging admission made to them by Warren. The Monday after the murder they said Warren told them he was looking in at the door of the saloon when the shot was fired. He could not see O'Hearn, but just as the shot was fired Angas came running toward him and said, "Itun, you ———; he's shot him." He said they both ran as fast as they could. The statements of Angas, Nelson and Warren made in writing at the police station shortly after their arrest were admitted. These statements are the same as were used in the O'Hearn trial. In his statement Warren said while they were near the saloon no one suggested what they were going to do, but he thought they were going to do something. Then some one

MILK DIET

Not So Good as a Better. A merchant in a thriving interurban town writes: "I can recommend Grape-Nuts food to all, whether well or sick, as a preventive of constipation, as well as a cure." "For about six weeks I was unable to be in the store much of the time. I was suffering from gastritis and constipation, which confined me to the house part of a time and at last put me to bed and kept me there for almost a year. I ran down on weight from 150 to 85 pounds, trying to live on a milk diet. But I could seldom retain that, nor anything else of any account, on my stomach. "The doctors finally gave me up; then a friend advised me to change my food and use Grape-Nuts food and Postum Food Coffee. I followed his advice and watched results. "I commenced to get well at once, and in the first 8 months I gained 50 pounds. The gastritis and constipation left me in a very short time, and in the 6 years that I have followed I have enjoyed the best of health and attend regular to my business. I eat Grape-Nuts every day, and usually make my entire breakfast off a few teaspoonfuls of it and a cup or two of Postum Food Coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in page.

Warren in Bad Company.

That the defense in the case against Joe Warren, charged with being an accomplice in the murder of John O'Hearn in the Lausten saloon, will endeavor to secure a verdict of "not guilty," was indicated in the opening statement of H. B. Fleharty, one of Warren's attorneys, to the jury Friday morning. Mr. Fleharty declared the plans for the holdups were made by Raymond Nelson and Leo Angas, while they were prisoners at the county jail. After they got out they committed several holdups in accordance with their plans and on January 20, arranged to meet Joe O'Hearn at Twenty-fourth and B streets in South Omaha for another raid on "whatever looked good." Warren, he declared, was not in on these plans, but had met O'Hearn at the theater Saturday afternoon and had gone with him to South Omaha. They planned to meet at the evening when they came together at Twenty-fourth and F streets, Mr. Fleharty declared Warren had no idea that they were going out to commit crimes. He said Warren had no knowledge of what the other boys were intending to do until the party reached Cuming street. When the plan to hold up the Lausten saloon was broached to him he protested, declared Mr. Fleharty, and said, "Not any of it for me." When he was stationed at the door and Angas and Nelson had gone into the saloon he ran away. The defense and state both agree that Warren had no gun at the time of the hold up. These facts, which Mr. Fleharty said the defense expected to prove will be the basis upon which they will ask for a verdict of "not guilty."

Wife and Widow Present.

The opening of the case was before a small crowd, a marked contrast to the opening of the O'Hearn case. Mrs. Lausten and two of her daughters were present as was Mrs. Warren and two or three other women. County Attorney Slabaugh outlined the case in his opening statement and declared he would show Warren had knowledge of the intent to commit the crime and was one of the conspirators. He was followed by Mr. Fleharty. Raymond Nelson, one of the quartet who held up the saloon, was the first witness for the state. He told practically the same story he related in the O'Hearn case. He declared Warren was present when the four started out and at the drug store at Twenty-fourth and A, which they held up, was stationed outside. When Nelson and O'Hearn came out of the drug store, how ever, he had disappeared and Nelson did not see him until the four met again in the saloon at Fifteenth and Harney. The witness said that Warren was in the crowd when he, Nelson, proposed they hold up a saloon at Nineteenth and Cuming streets and walk into the saloon with them. They decided not to try this place, as it was too crowded, Warren, he said, acquiesced when it was decided to hold up the Lausten place and was stationed at the rear door.

Warren is Contradicted.

"After we got into the saloon I saw Warren look in at the rear door," declared the witness. He told practically the same story of Warren's written statement that he did not stop at the door at all, but "got cold feet" and started to run away. When Nelson and O'Hearn left the saloon after the shooting Warren and Angas had both gone. Before the holdup Warren and O'Hearn had exchanged hats and after the four met at Washington hall after the murder they changed back. At Sixteenth and Leavenworth streets Warren asked Nelson how much money he got and Nelson answered about \$5. Warren and Nelson afterward went to the Dewey hotel, said Nelson, and there

the money was divided, and Nelson gave Warren his 38-caliber revolver. Warren registered as Morris De Lors, and both of them occupied room 57. Nelson said he gave Warren \$20, with the understanding he was to give half of it to Angas as his share. They went to South Omaha together and separated there.

On the cross-examination Nelson admitted he could not remember how many times he had been arrested or how much time he had spent in jail. The rest of the examination related to the details of his testimony on direct examination.

TWO YOUNG CONVICTS CAUGHT

Omaha and Lincoln Men Who Escape from Penitentiary Out but Short Time.

Warden Beemer of the state penitentiary Friday brought Leo Angas to Omaha to testify in the trial of his confederate, Joe Warren, in the Lausten murder case. O'Hearn and Raymond Nelson were brought up from the penitentiary by Sheriff McDonald. Warden Beemer said Alfred Liebocher, who was sent up for five years and Ray Carr of Lincoln, who got two years, escaped recently, but were caught and returned to the prison Thursday night. The young men had traveled over considerable of Nebraska, making a number of towns, trying to get clothes to exchange for their penitentiary stripes. The Omaha youth succeeded, but Carver failed and they landed back in Lincoln in a box car where officers who had been tracking them made the captures and returned them to the prison. Both were employed as cooks and waiters in the penitentiary.

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