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Congress to Be Urged to Make Liberal Provision for Waterways

HENRY T. CLARKE ON THE SITUATION

President of the Missouri River Improvement Association Tells What Might Be Done for that Stream.

Henry T. Clarke, president of the Missouri River Improvement Association and a member of the executive committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, is quite enthusiastic over the prospects for the meeting of the congress at Washington next month. He wants all who can make the trip to go and take part in its proceedings. Speaking of the congress and its purposes, Mr. Clarke says:

"Some weeks ago I called attention to the first call for a national rivers and harbors congress, which meets in Washington December 6 and 7. I wish to call this matter to further attention, as the time is near at hand for the gathering of this great body of representative men from the Atlantic to the Pacific and the lakes to the gulf, who come of one accord in the interest of the rivers, harbors and waterways of our country for the purpose of emphasizing the action of this congress which was held January 18 and 19 last in Washington making unanimous request of our senators and representatives in congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 annually for the rivers and harbors of our country. This money is to be used under the direction of the engineers of the War Department and congress, many of which undertakings have already been asked for and approved amounting to several hundred millions of dollars. These resolutions were passed unanimously by the congress, which was composed of the representative people of more than half of the states in the union. It was my privilege to be a representative from Nebraska, with others from many points on the Missouri river, including Sioux City, Decatur, St. Joseph and many other cities. The congress honored me with fourteen others, as an executive committee, to do all that was in our power to encourage people who were interested in this great undertaking to push forward the situation of our people in the interest of these great harbors and waterways."

Transmississippi Congress Interested

"I have just returned from four days at the Transmississippi congress at Kansas City, which was one of the largest and most successful congresses that was ever held in this transmississippi country, and was addressed by Secretary of State Root, Secretary of the Treasury Shaw and several governors and senators, members of congress, W. J. Bryan of our own state, Mr. Hearst, the United States minister to Colombia, and many other distinguished men. The rivers, harbors and waterways of our country was the most prominent thing before the convention. All were unanimous in pushing forward this great work and emphasizing the action of the national rivers and harbors congress held in Washington last January in asking \$50,000,000 a year for putting our rivers, harbors and waterways in condition, and asking for a large attendance at the rivers and harbors congress, which meets in Washington December 6 and 7."

"I wish, as a member of the executive committee, to ask the representative men and commercial bodies and cities throughout our states along this great river to join in making this the grandest congress ever held in the city of Washington. I anticipate having the pleasure of meeting the people there from all sections of the United States in asking congress to make it possible to put the harbors of Baltimore, Philadelphia and other cities in shape that the largest vessels drawing thirty-five feet of water may enter same, and to put the Missouri river and all others in condition to carry the commerce of the country. No state is more interested in this than Nebraska and those bordering on the Missouri, the greatest of all rivers. For 2,300 miles it is the greatest waterway in the world, and fifty years ago was navigated by the largest steamers from St. Louis to Fort Benton; then many portions of the river were full of snags, which are now eliminated, some being used for lumber and wood. There is no reason why this great river should not be utilized, and modified, and barges, also built of steel in compartments, carrying the freights for one-half of what we are paying today; the hay, wheat and oats from the upper part; the hay, wheat, oats, corn and other products from Nebraska and the lower river. Few, if any rivers in the world, have so much productive land adjoining, little or no marshes, but a productive soil."

"I want to urge the people throughout this great valley to join us in this congress at Washington. Let all progressive citizens go, either as individuals or representatives of organizations, so indicating to our members in congress the desire of the people of this great valley to improve the waterways of our great country from the east to the west, and the north to the south, and reducing the rates of transportation, as it can be done in no other way."

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FAMILY TAKEN FROM HOVEL

Mother and Four Little Children Removed from Rascally Condemned by Officials. Four small children, scantily dressed and evidently poorly fed, were taken, together with their mother, Mrs. Ethel Hyde, from a hovel at 567 South Thirtieth street. The children were taken to the Detention home by Special Officer Mosey Bernstein and the mother was arrested by Officer Woodbridge and sent to the matron's department in the city jail for a thorough cleaning and fumigating. The mother said she was an artist and had evidently seen better days. The house was poorly heated and the children were dressed in a variety of costumes. One of the little girls was wearing a large pair of men's trousers and presented a grotesque but pitiful appearance. The children will be kept at the Detention home unless the mother shows a disposition to mend her ways.

Building Permits. Building permits issued: Henry Truex, Twenty-ninth and Martha, \$1,000 dwelling; Reed Bros., 2714 Maple, \$1,000 dwelling.

BLAME FOR COAL FAMINE

Fault Seems to be Lie Between Railroad and Thoughtless Shippers.

LATTER FAIL TO ORDER SOON ENOUGH

Transportation Companies Do Not Provide Cars and General Consideration Causes When Grain Moves.

Some one has slipped a cog in not providing in time of plenty for the bad years. Some railroad officials have not laid in a sufficient supply of coal during the summer months to provide against a shortage when the railroads are taxed in the grain hauling season, and when cold weather makes ratioculating hard. For this neglect the railroads are now having to send many cars of coal as they come from the mines instead of letting them go to the dealers.

While this may be given as an excuse in many towns, still the fault, it is said, is not entirely with the railroads. Many of the dealers in the state have failed to order coal when they should and the late cold snap found them with empty bins and now, with the prospects of more cold weather coming, they are again in the lurch when the railroads are unable, for various reasons, to deliver the coal as it is ordered. Merchants and dealers in the smaller towns put up the excuse to the public that the roads won't give them cars for coal, but in many instances this has been run down and it was shown that the dealers had ordered no coal.

The fact remains, however, that on some of the roads where the greatest shortage now exists some one has failed to lay in enough coal for emergency for the engines and the railroad companies are having to react to the grab law and take what coal they can get their hands on, diverting it from the jobbers and dealers to their own use.

Land Agents Must Pay Way

Upon receipt of notice of the ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission, Wednesday morning, the ruling at once set off all passes to land agents. October 12 the commission announced its ruling against the land agents, saying that transportation could be issued only to actual employees of the company or those dependent upon them. Nothing has been shown by the commission whereby it intends to recede from its stand or to modify that ruling, holding that land agents in the business of selling private lands on a commission cannot be considered as working for the railroad companies when the only direct gain the railroad companies get is to haul the buyers and to have the country settled. The companies cannot make employees of this class of men, for the relation is not that of a bona fide employee when pay is not nominal or paid in passes.

The course of the Illinois Central in immediately stopping the issuance of passes is commended by the commission. The commission also says it is its duty to prevent further disobedience of the orders and

consequently the western lines are all falling into line and calling in their outstanding passes.

The Illinois Central is again seriously considering adopting the gasoline motor for its suburban service in Chicago which runs along the lake front. Since Harriman has acquired the Illinois Central that line is becoming more interested in things Union Pacific and in two kinds of service are required on the suburban motor car is looked upon as just about the right thing to fill the bill. Four tracks are used along the lake front in Chicago for the suburban service—two for local stops and two for express trains, which do not stop very often.

L. C. Fitch, assistant to President Harriman of the Illinois Central, has made a special study of motor-cars for this line and concerning the Union Pacific cars said: "The type of motor car of which the Union Pacific is using six," he said, "has so far proved to be the most useful and practical. We sent a representative to inspect the car and he reported favorably on it. So far as I know there is a possibility of their being given a trial on our interurban service, although there has been nothing said or done up to the present about any definite action."

"If it is decided to take action in the matter a most thorough investigation will be made before anything is done. The question may come up officially at any time. I understand that the motor cars used by the Union Pacific in Kansas can accommodate one or two trailers. If such is the case it would give greater satisfaction than the type of car which can only run itself."

"During the last month records have been kept of the six cars now in use and operated between Leavenworth and Lawrence, distance thirty miles; Loup City, Neb., and St. Paul, thirty-nine miles; Beatrice and Lincoln, thirty-nine miles; Kearney and Callaway, Neb., sixty-five miles. The motor makes one round trip daily on each of these runs and has been late only 2 1/2 per cent."

"Officials who are interested in the car and have been watching it say that the gasoline motor car is better and cheaper than electricity or steam. So successful have these cars been in their tests that the management of the Harriman lines have ordered ten more cars to be built to be used in the west and southwest."

NOVELTIES—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

HIGH STANDARD FOR DRUMMERS

Traveling Men Must Be Gentlemen if Not Christians, Says One

"The traveling men of today must be a gentleman, if not a Christian," said W. C. Metlin of Rockford, Ill., who is himself one of the drummers' fraternity. Mr. Metlin, attended the Torrey meetings while in the city. "We have more than 1,000 active members in our Glendon organization," he said. "This organization is a Christian society for traveling men only. You would be surprised at the number of traveling men who really have profound convictions on these matters. They don't wear long faces,

but that is unnecessary. It is their business to be bright and sociable and witty, but under this exterior they are men of heart and mind, with a high moral standard."

TOLLET SETS—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

REAL ESTATE LEGISLATION

Measures Proposed by Exchange in Omaha for Action by the Lawmakers.

What measures the Real Estate exchange will advocate this winter before the legislature will be left to a legislative committee of five, which was appointed at the weekly meeting Wednesday, as follows: W. L. Selby, J. W. Robbins, D. C. Patterson, E. A. Benson and J. N. Frenzer. The real estate men will be interested in any amendment from any quarter which may be proposed to the landlord and tenant law, and will probably be active in the matter of terminal taxation of railways.

Secretary Tukey read a letter from the office of city building inspector showing 638 building permits for the year thus far, an increase of 25 per cent over last year, with a month yet to go.

E. A. Benson volunteered the information that 120 permits had been taken out in Benson this year, and W. L. Selby promised to speak for Dundee at the next meeting.

Alex. Charlton was appointed a delegate to the Rivers and Harbors congress, which meets in Washington next month.

A 50c meal for \$2 at the Karbach restaurant.

CHARITY CONFERENCE HERE

National President and Secretary Will Meet with Others in Omaha Next Month.

Secretary Morris of the Associated Charities received word Wednesday from Rev. J. Reusing, state president of Nebraska Conference of Charities and Corrections, saying a meeting of the conference had been called for Omaha December 26. Dr. Alexander Johnson, national secretary, and Amos W. Butler of Indianapolis, national president, are expected to be in Omaha on the day of the conference. A conference of local charities will be held in a few days to arrange for the meeting. Last year the conference was held at Kearney.

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OLD GALLAGHER HOME SOLD

Residence at Twenty-sixth and Douglas Goes to W. A. Paxton, Jr., for Fifteen Thousand. Mrs. Ben Gallagher has sold the old Gallagher homestead at the southwest corner of Twenty-sixth and Douglas streets to W. A. Paxton, Jr. The price is said to have been somewhere near \$15,000. The house is an old one and one of the landmarks of the neighborhood. Mrs. Gallagher now lives in a fine new home at Thirty-ninth and Jackson streets.

POLICE OFFICER FALLS DOWN

Uncertain in His Identification of Drug Clerks Selling Whisky.

ON THIS BASIS COURT DISMISSES CASE

Two More Pharmacists Are Released by Judge Crawford, Offering Alibis to Counteract Charges Against Them.

Two more drug store men were released from custody in police court Wednesday morning on the charge of selling whisky Sunday, November 18, in violation of the Stocumb law. Albert B. Hintersong, a druggist at the Bell pharmacy, Sixteenth and Nicholas streets, was discharged after an extended hearing. Hintersong proved an alibi by the testimony of several witnesses, although Officer Waters said he bought whisky from the defendant Sunday afternoon.

The case against William Knuth, a clerk at the Schaefer pharmacy, at Sixteenth and Chicago streets, was provocative of a hard fought battle between the city prosecutor and the attorney who represented many of the drug store men. Officer Waters unequivocally identified Knuth as the clerk who sold him a bottle of whisky Sunday afternoon. The check given with the purchase, showing the initial of Knuth as the salesman, was also in evidence, but Knuth had an abundance of witnesses to prove he was not on duty when the whisky was bought by Officer Waters.

The question whether the beverage was whisky or some other concoction was raised and then settled by Officer Waters, who took a generous draught, made a wry face and testified without doubt that it was whisky of doubtful quality.

Case Is Dismissed.

The case was finally dismissed by Judge Crawford, who said: "The testimony in this case is clear and I would have no trouble in its disposition if it were not for the fact that it was shown in the other cases tried Tuesday that Officer Waters is not infallible in his identification of the persons from whom he bought whisky. There is considerable doubt in this case and it would appear the whisky had, in fact, been sold by the defendant, but on account of the preponderance of evidence against the defendant, I will resolve the case in favor of the defendant and dismiss the case."

The case which the judge had reference to was that of Mr. Lee of McGee, McConnell who was discharged in court Tuesday morning. Officer Waters identified Lee as the clerk who sold him whisky, but it was proven that Lee was not on duty at the time. Officer Waters had no corroborative evidence, as Officer Runnel, the other member of Chief Dinabue's "whisky brigade," was not with him at the time of the purchase of Sherman & McConnell.

DAHLMAN REMITS THE FINE

Mayor Removes Penalty Imposed by the Court.

Mayor Dahlman Wednesday morning remitted the fine of \$100 which the McGee drug clerk fined in the police court Tuesday morning for selling whisky in violation of the Stocumb law. The mayor explained that after he learned of the manner in which McGee was convicted in the police court and had considered Mr. Clung's good reputation, he was persuaded to remit the fine. Mr. Clung is 30 years of age and has worked twenty-five years at Farnsworth's drug store, 215 Cuming street. Mr. Clung intended to appeal the case had the mayor not remitted the fine.

Mr. Clung was one of fifteen to be caught by the police "whisky brigade." He swore he sold whisky in Other Waters' shop, which was also in evidence, but failed to ask whether the whisky was to be used for medicinal purposes or was for an ordinary Sunday thirst. Policemen Waters went about in plain clothes and bought whisky at Farnsworth's drug store. Eleven of those arrested have been discharged, the are yet to be tried, while Clung was the only one fined of those already tried.

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Longs for Higher Education.

Burdened with an insatiable desire for higher education and also to get away from the ropes of the new "Karnagie" spelling, William Hayes of Ames tried to break into a night school Tuesday evening but was fined \$5 and costs for his performance in police court Wednesday morning. Hayes had collected a number of drinks which he elaborated but did not cheer and consequently was fined \$5 and costs for the officials of the law with school.

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