FORT SAYS BILL IS NOT FAIR

Union Pacific Official Pronounces Two-Cent Maximum Unjust.

THINKS BETTER SERVICE MORE IMPORTANT

Cites Decision of Wisconsin Railroad Commission Decreeing Passenger Rates There of Two and Half Cents.

"I see that our statesmen at Lincoln" have decided the railroads of Nebraska must handle their entire passenger traffic at 2 cents per mile per capita," said Gerrit Fort, assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific. "In my opinion a 2-cent maximum passenger rate law in this state s not based on equity or common sense and is not a good thing for the citizens of Nebraska. But perhaps I am prejudiced and the senators and representatives may know more about the question than the passenger agents. However, we may lay the flattering unction to our souls that the Wisconsin Railroad commission, which I believe has given fully as much study to the question as any of our logislators, seems to agree in the main with the views expressed by the passenger officials of the

"According to the press reports that body has just handed down a decision that the Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul, Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroads shall reduce their passenger fares from 3 to 21/2 cents per mile. In support of the decision as against what seems to have been a more or less strenuous demand for a 2-cent flat rate, the commission says it believes itself right in concluding that the passenger business should stand on its own bottom, and we cannot pervert our judgment at behests of popular clamor. the importance of cheap fares should not be minimized, the demand for adequate service cannot be ignored. There are persistent requests for more trains, faster trains and better trains. Perhaps those who travel most attach more importance to good service at a higher rate of charge than to poor service at a lower rate. * * * It is safe to say that many more complaints have been received by the commission about the alleged inadequacy of service than have come about the alleged

excessiveness of rates.' "The foregoing statement speaks for itself. I would simply call attention to the fact that the population of the state of Wisconsin is approximately 2,250,000. The population of Wisconsin to the square mile is approximately forty-one. The population of Nebraska is approximately 1,250,000; the population of Nebraska to the square mile is approximately fifteen; whereas, the passenger train service in the state of Nebraska compares most favorably as to frequency, equipment, speed, and in all of the qualities which conduce to the safety, con venience and comfort of passengers, with the passenger train service in the state of Wisconsin, although the density of population in the state of Wisconsin is easily two and one-half times as great as the density of population in the state of Nebraska."

Other Troubles Than Laws.

Railroads of the west are having other troubles than those with the state legislatures. At the Presbyterian convention Tuesday night W. E. Geil said it had taken him fourteen days to get from Portland to St. Paul. The rampage of the Platte had caused more trouble than the simple delay of trains and the washing out of the roadbed in several places and the washing away of a few bridges.

The Union Pacific is the worst sufferer from the ice gorges in the Platte, although ione of its bridges were washed away. The traffic of the main line was blocked practically four days, and although the passenger trains were detoured to the Burlington, that road was unable to care for the freight trains, and, as a consequence, the main stem of the largest railroad in the entire west was blocked for four days. During that time thousands of freight cars have congregated on the line west of Grand Island and between Grand Island and Fremont, and every road running into Omaha from the east has its side tracks for a hundred miles into Iowa blocked with cars which should have moved west over the Union Pacific.

With the road doing all the business it could possibly handle without any hindrance, the action of the Platte has caused a great congestion, which it will take days to clear away. One Iowa line has over 500 cars waiting for delivery to the Union Pacific. Wednesday morning there were thirty-five freight trains doing business bctween Omaha and Grand Island, with nine passenger trains trying to work their way through this mass of cars. When it is considered that the road has a single track a considerable part of the way, the enormity of the task may be conceived. "The road may have plenty of engines and plenty of crews, but there is a limit to the possibilities of a one-track road," said one prominent official.

Fatal Fire in Indiana. REDKEY, Ind., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Thomas Bagot of Anderson was burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed the home of Mrs. E. B. Connelly, her sister, whom she was visiting. Mrs. Connelly escaped with difficulty. Mrs. Bagot was prominent socially.

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THE NEW SKIRTS-THE NEW WAISTS



We received a new assortment of the prettiest, up-to-date suits for early spring wear-new and clever designs in ponys, etons and Prince Chaps-materials are striped and checked worsteds, panamas and novelties. The suits were made with the purpose of sell-\$20—we offer them for Thursday only, at.

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Spring Skirts that

Thursday Specials in Waist Dept.

These are waists that were bought from an Eastern manufacturer at an extraordinary price reduction. Pretty Silk and Net Waists-Many with pleated and embroidered fronts

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White and colored spring waists, many ore or less soiled, but worth up to \$1,50—also mohair, flannel and sateen walsts—worth up to \$2.50—will 69c 69c

IN BASEMENT Nearly all are fresh, but some are soiled and mussed-white or desirable spring colors -daintily trim med-worth 50c

Every woman in Omaha knows what splendid bargains in laces and embroideries can always be found at Brandeis. These offers for Thursday are better than ever.

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All the silks in plain and fancy weaves, from 36-inch down to 20-inch, fancy voile dress gauzes, plaid silks, etc., in a fine array of colors, including new browns, blues, tans: also black and white from the recent great purchase of R. R. Laird & Co. We offer the remaining

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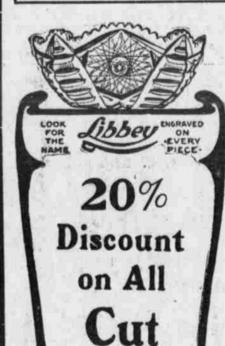
Silks at Special Prices

BLACK SILKS AT 58c-36-in. Black, Water and Perspiration-proof Silk, the kind that will wear; 27-in, and 24-in., heavy black, washable silks. These silks were secured at a low price, and we offer them Thursday in one lot-some worth \$1.00-yard, at

FANCY SILKS AT 48c-Beautiful new shirt waist silks, in elegant designs, stripe effects, in various widths, including the late spring 48c shadings. A tremendous lot, yard, at...48c

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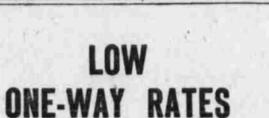
Just Arrived Great shipment of new

spring Dorothy Dodd Oxfords - twenty-four new styles-patent colt, patent kid, Amazon kid, gun metal and demi-calf-Cuban, new spike and military heelseach shoe made over new, short fore-part lasts-



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From the

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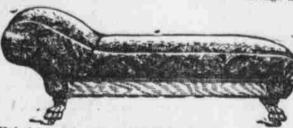
date stock shown in the west as a Thursday special-we are showing over 200 Skirts, in great assortment of plain and fancy materials, worth regularly up to \$8.00, at, choice \$4.98 Elegant French Voile Skirts-Trimmed with folds of taffets and braids-\$15.00

New Tailored Waists, in pure Irish Linen, pleated and tucked, at \$5, \$3.98.\$2.98 New Lingerie Waists at \$1.25 up to \$12.50.

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87 Couches in the lot. 30-

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with quartersawed oak

frame, steel construc-

tion spring, with spring

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4 Till 5 p. m .- 32-inch German Calico, the extra heavy grade, sells at 12 1/2 c a yard-not over 12 yards to a cus-For All Day-Mill ends of extra heavy Sheeting, regular 8 %c grade, at, per Totle du Nords, A. F. C.'s Ginghams, in remnants from 2 to 10 yards, for all day, at, per yard5¢ Remnants of American Prints, Indigo Blues, Calcuttas and Fancies, regular 7 1/2 c goods, at, per yard ... 3 % & Remnants of Table Linen, worth \$1.00 a yard, for, per yard v...... 59¢ Remnants of White Damask, regular 75c grade, at, per yard 39¢ Remnants of Turkey Red Table Linens, 60 inches wide, regular 390 grade, at, per yard19¢ 2:30 Till 3:30 p. m.-25 doz. Turkish There will be thousands of other bar-Bath Towels, a 15c grade, some of

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9:30 Till 10:30 a. m .- 100 pairs of large Lace Curtains, regular 75c grade-3 to 4 p. m.—100 pairs of fine, large Lace Curtains, regular \$100 and \$1.25

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10 Till 11 a. m.—We will sell one pattern in any of our New Spring Novelties, no matter what goods you pick out at exactly half the marked price. 2:30 Till 3:30 p. m.-We will sell 1 pattern of any of our New Spring Imported Black Goods, this including the entire line of finest Black Stock that was ever seen in Omaha, at exactly half the marked price.

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Fancy Tea Siftings, per pound. 15 clarge Francy Cal. Prunes, per pound. 15 clarge Francy Cal. Prunes, per pound. 20 clarge Organics. 20 clarge Sweet and fulcy Highland Navel Oranges, worth 45c per dozen, our price this sale, per dozen. 25 clarge Clarants, per pound. 2 clarge Sweet and fulcy Highland Navel Oranges, worth 45c per dozen. 25 clarants also per dozen. 25 clarants

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