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LOW RATES ON COAL GRANTED

Burlington Road Reduces Charges from Western States.

FOLLOWS RAILWAY COMMISSION

Northwestern Alleges It is Unable to Sustain Any Further Freight Reduction on Its Nebraska Lines.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The Burlington railroad, at the suggestion of the railway commission, has reduced coal rates from Wyoming to Colorado to meet the rates secured by the commission before the Interstate Commerce commission on the Union Pacific road. In some instances the Burlington rates are lower than the Union Pacific. They are effective June 1, and it is estimated will make a saving of \$5,000 a year on the coal shipped annually into Nebraska over the Burlington.

The commission today gave official permission for the new rates to be enforced. The \$1.35 rate from Sidney to Grand Island is to be its maximum to intermediate points from Colorado and Sheridan, Wyo.

From the northern fields in Colorado to Grand Island, the rate will be \$1.40 applicable to Grand Island, Kearney and all intermediate points, via Aurora, Hastings, Holdrege and Oxford, including the Holdrege and Sterling lines, this to be the maximum in the territory described.

From the Walsenburg district in southern Colorado, the rate will be a reduction of 25 cents a ton to this territory, applying the Walsenburg basis on coal from Canon City district to all Burlington territory in Nebraska.

Objection to Cut in Rates. C. C. Wright for the Northwestern, today spoke before the railway commission, and asserted that his road could not stand a reduction of class rates; that it is now making only 2.2 per cent on its valuation, and during the nine months of the enforcement of the Akridge bill made only 4.4 per cent on all business in Nebraska, and for the banner year ending June, 1907, made 4.67 per cent on state and interstate business.

Ben T. White followed Mr. Wright, and General Manager A. W. Trenchholm of the Omaha road spoke for his company, declaring that its gross and net earnings had decreased in Nebraska and operating expenses had increased. He gave figures in support of his statements, and said the operating expenses in Nebraska were about double the expense per train mile the expenses in other states where his road has lines.

J. E. Utt for the Rock Island said he did

not believe his road made expense in Nebraska, though another representative had said it earned over 2 per cent.

A. B. Talbot for the Missouri Pacific road referred the commission to the answer on file which showed that his company had lost over \$200,000 in Nebraska last year.

"It might be a good thing for you people to have Nebraska wiped off the map," said Talbot, "but you are losing money in this state."

Superior Asks Jobbing Rates. E. Rosemeyer of Superior asked the board to give his town jobbing rates, such rates as are now enjoyed by eleven other towns in the state. He said the town had no big wholesale houses, but it could obtain some industries of that kind if it could get the jobbing rates.

The commission adjourned to meet at 1:30 tomorrow to hear Attorney J. E. Kelby of the Burlington.

Advising Local Rates.

General Freight Traffic Manager Munroe of the Union Pacific road met J. N. Campbell and Ed Penney of Fullerton, C. H. Smith of Belgrade and George E. Johnson of North Loup to discuss complaints in regard to alleged discriminations against Fullerton and Belgrade. It was admitted by the railroad manager that some inequalities existed and he proposed changes and agreed to meet the complainants in Omaha to agree on alterations in rates from Omaha west. Fullerton people allege that a jump of 12 cents a hundred on first class freight from Genoa to Fullerton is unjust, the distance being fourteen miles, while the increase for that distance on other parts of the Union Pacific is about 3 cents. The difference between Genoa and Fullerton on second and third class freight is 30 cents and on fourth class 8 cents. Belgrade has similar complaint. Mr. Johnson complains of the rates on popcorn to the Missouri river.

State Board of Assessment.

The State Board of Assessment did not attempt to elect a secretary today in the absence of State Auditor Beale. He will return Wednesday. The board has decided to hear all of the railroads on taxation before next Wednesday so it can get to work. The Northwestern and the Burlington will be heard next Thursday. Earl Mathews of Omaha, applicant for secretary, called on members of the board.

Stock Yards Asks Rehearing.

Attorney Frank Hanson, acting for the Union Stock Yards company, today filed a brief in the supreme court asking for a rehearing in the suit instituted by the state which resulted in a decision holding that the stock yards is a common carrier, subject to the control of the railway commission. Mr. Hanson charges that the railroads instigated the litigation and the result will be that the railroads will charge the shipper for unloading live stock at the stock yards. He says the court cannot declare

the stock yards to be a common carrier and avoid these results to the shipper, to the benefit of the railroad companies and to the disadvantage of the shipper. At present the unloading is performed for the shipper and he is supposed to pay for the service when he pays freight, but this charge must be adjusted between the shipper and the railroad. The stock yards company alleges that it does not carry freight, but merely shunts and lifts cars for the railroads, and that it unloads live stock for the railroads.

That the matter is taken seriously by the Live Stock exchange is shown by the fact that that organization has applied for and received permission from the supreme court to file briefs in the case.

Disbarment Cases. John C. Watson of Nebraska City, disbarred for one year by order of the district court from practice in the judicial court, was represented in the supreme court today on appeal by Matt Gering of Plattsmouth, Dean Roscoe Pound, formerly of the Nebraska State university college of law, Frank Hanson of Omaha and Judge J. B. Strode of Lincoln. The case, according to the attorneys of Mr. Watson, hinges on an affidavit which it is charged contained a forged signature. The defense denies that Watson obtained any such affidavit, and if he did he did not use it to deceive the court and that intent is not sufficient, but that an attempt to use it must be proven. It is said an affidavit that contained no signature was drawn up and was destroyed before any attempt was made to use it. Judge Hayward of Nebraska City, who prosecuted the case in the district court, appeared in the supreme court in support of the judgment.

The disbarment case of Allen G. Fisher of Chadron will not be passed upon at this sitting of the court because the parties desire to file briefs.

Deputy Attorney General Will R. Rose appeared for the state in the case of Sheld, administrator, against Van Treck to ask the court to cancel a decree of foreclosure on mortgages and notes which were owned by an alien and whose estate the state alleges should escheat to the state. It is charged by the state that the administrator consented to a judgment in an amount less than the notes and mortgages were worth, so that the state was barred from any interest. It is also charged that the judgment is void because Judge Westover, who entered it, did so at a hotel instead of at the court house, as provided by law. The judgment was for \$50, while the notes and mortgages were alleged to be worth \$1,000.

MINISTER IN REAL ESTATE

Occels Pastor Severs Church Relations, but is Still Popular.

OSCEOLA, Neb., May 19.—(Special.)—The pastoral relations between the Methodist Episcopal church of this city and Rev. L. F. Parker were severed Saturday night last and Sunday the final sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Parker in the presence of a large congregation.

The minister has been engaged to speak in the same church next Sunday, delivering the memorial sermon for the Grand Army of the Republic in the morning and the baccalaureate sermon in the evening to the Osceola High school graduates.

The trouble between Rev. Mr. Parker and the board of control in the church has been the outgrowth of his absence in Lincoln, where he is engaged in the real estate business. Some of the members became aroused over what they termed the neglect of the church work. The successor of Rev. Mr. Parker is expected to arrive from Lincoln tomorrow, but as yet it is not known who is selected for the place.

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VETERANS TAKE HASTINGS

Annual Encampment of G. A. R. Meets for Two Days' Session.

THOUSAND EXPECTED TO ATTEND

Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. Also Holding Their Annual Sessions at the Same Time.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Veterans of the civil war are in command of the situation. They have advanced upon Hastings from every direction today and tomorrow, when re-enforcements arrive, they will have firmly planted an army of occupation of upwards of 1,000 persons. The invaders are here for the annual state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The sessions will continue until noon Thursday.

Every train today brought many veterans and members of the auxiliary organizations. Several hundred came tonight and with the arrivals tomorrow the total attendance is not availed to 1,000 the local committee will be greatly surprised. This afternoon the council of administration held a preliminary business session to go over the department accounts and records. The result of this canvass will be presented in reports to the encampment in open session. The registration of veterans this afternoon disclosed the attendance of soldiers representing by enlistment every state which sent any material number of men to fight on the union side. Illinois soldiers far outnumber those of any other state.

Together the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic of this city gave a reception and entertainment for the visitors at the Methodist church. Mrs. Abbie Adams presided as chairman. The program included singing by Mrs. H. S. Dinsgen, an address of welcome by Mayor Miles, reading by Mrs. W. B. Hartigan and remarks by Captain A. W. Taylor. The response to Mayor Miles' address of welcome was by Department Commander T. A. Creigh. Addresses were also made by Mary R. Morgan, state secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Kate Dutton, department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The parade of veterans and auxiliary organizations will take place tomorrow morning. Immediately following the parade a flag will be presented to the high school by the Woman's Relief Corps and a picture of Abraham Lincoln, by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The first open session will be held in the

opera house tomorrow afternoon. Probably the encampment will not end until Thursday noon.

PERU COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Last Week in May Devoted to Exercises of End of School.

PERU, Neb., May 19.—(Special.)—The senior class of the State Normal school has announced the following program for commencement week: Philo open session, May 23; Everett open session, May 23; class play, "The Foresters," May 30; baccalaureate service, sermon by Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, May 31; field day and alumni reunion, June 1; commencement address by Cyrus B. Hanley, governor of Indiana, June 2.

The following persons will receive diplomas and state professional teachers' certificates commencement day:

- J. T. Akers, Anna E. Leeper, Mary J. Anderson, May Lindsay, Nannie Ammon, Mabel Lennker, Michel A. Ballor, Otis G. Lorance, Stella N. Lull, Myrtle A. McCray, George P. McGraw, Ethel N. McIninch, Grace A. Berry, Hope McLean, Ada M. Benyon, Edna Miller, Frank Mizera, A. B. Boone, Mollie Moore, Lucy Bowen, Mattie Mumford, C. O. Gilne, Virginia Lee Byerly, Lenora Page, David L. Carlson, Mabel Peck, Effie O. Carlson, Anna C. Pedersen, Helen F. Cone, Hilma J. Peterson, Warren S. Craven, Albert Peterson, Vera Craven, Artie Porter, Pannie B. Cross, Laura Porter, Elizabeth Curtis, Esie L. Porter, Sara E. Dunn, Eva L. Pulver, Gertrude Easton, Burrell J. Raines, Aug. O. Egeberg, Bertha Reed, Ellen Erickson, Ella S. Reinhard, Emily Erickson, Lila Rewey, Raha Eversole, Ethel F. Robb, Est. F. Fager, Nellie E. Robinson, Nellie E. Rodabaugh, Lucie Saeber, Louise Schroeder, Mary Seel, May Sharp, Glen Seelye, Clara A. Shires, Grace E. Saylor, Adlene P. Sim, Elizabeth M. Skyrme, Tena M. Gunn, Clara J. Skyrme, J. G. Hessebold, Evelyn Van Winkle, Lena Hallett, Ethel D. Snell, Ruth H. Hamilton, Elizabeth Snyder, John A. Hanna, Russell E. Stafford, Pearl Hanna, Golda Standley, Stella M. Harris, Grace M. Thayer, Rose Hawkins, Fay Timmerman, Elizabeth Henderson, Margaret Van Winkle, Sarah M. Herrington, Esther A. Wallace, John R. Hill, Bessie Washburn, Edward Hodapp, Alfred Wilcox, Grace A. Huff, J. Harold Williams, Carrie Huston, Lena Wodard, O. W. James, Catherine Willis, Anabel Joseph, Nellie E. Wynne, Martha E. Kinnow, G. Mack Yocum, Mattie Kerney, Fred O. Zink, Anna M. Ketrledge, Rozie Zink, Martha King, Zola Zink.

with the Young Men's Christian association officials and arranged for the course of lectures for next year. The course will be rather an expensive one, costing from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The course will have three heavy philosophical lectures in Dr. Guy Craton Lee of Johns Hopkins university, Dr. W. M. Chandler of New York City and Hon. M. D. Alden; Bruah, the magician, will be of the course, as will Montavilla Flowers of Cincinnati. The famous "Vassar Girls" will furnish a popular musical number. This attraction is one of the greatest that has been given in college courses in years. There is one number yet to be arranged for—a classical musical number. The past season Macmillan, the violinist, was here, and was a great attraction, and the desire is to secure another number equally as good.

Nebraska News Notes.

THAYER—In the game of ball between Benedict and this place the score was 6 to 4 in favor of Benedict.

BEATRICE—The Jewel theater, which has been in operation here for the past few months has closed for lack of business.

LEIGH—Rev. F. Gensichen was elected president of the German Lutheran Evangelical conference at Stanton last week. The next annual conference will be held at Hartford, S. D.

YORK—Game Warden Stapleton had a hard time protecting several tons of fish that were caught in the York Beaver mill dam. The water suddenly left the dam and there were tons of fish in the different mud holes.

BEATRICE—Robert Heckathorn, for the last twenty-five years a resident of Beatrice, died here Sunday night. He was a native of Indiana and is survived by a widow and four children. The funeral was held today from the family home.

PLATTSMOUTH—In the district court, in the case of Henry Herold against W. W. Coates to collect \$8,000 damages for alleged defamation of character, the de-

fendant filed an answer setting forth that the court has no jurisdiction over the defendant because no legal summons was served on him.

LINDSAY—P. P. Reide, a prominent business man of Lindsay, is dead after an illness of only one day of hemorrhage from which deceased had been suffering for a number of years. His wife was sick at the same time of his death as at Columbus in a hospital, but is home now under care of a nurse. Mrs. Reide belonged to the firm of P. P. Reide an company.

YORK—The democrats of this, the Fourth congressional district, are planning to hold a Bryan rally day, love feast and a plate banquet on July 12. The large chautauque auditorium has been engaged and there are prospects of Charles A. Towne of New York attending. In the evening the democrats of this place will serve a banquet in the large new two-story building erected by Marshall & Cain.

BEATRICE—At meeting of the Board of Education last evening George Williamson and Miss Alice Burley declined reelection. Miss Burley has taken a position with the Lincoln schools, and Mr. Williamson did not want the place another year at the same salary. On account of the shortage of funds the music and drawing departments of the schools have been discontinued. Miss Vera Durling of South Omaha was elected instructor in botany in the high school.

BEATRICE—The funeral of Fred Cook was held here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family home, conducted by Rev. G. W. Crofts of West Point, Neb., and Rev. J. A. Lowe of this city. Mr. Cook was a native of Vermont, and located here twenty-three years ago. He was a member of the State Speed association, and a director of the Beatrice driving association. He also belonged to the Red Men, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Beatrice Fire department.

Miss French Will Not Play. CHICAGO, May 19.—Miss Lillian French of this city, holder of the women's western golf championship title, will not defend the honor in this year's tournament. The action of Miss French is based upon the alleged defamation of character, the de-

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