COAL MEN RESIST ADVANCE

Wholesalers Will Protest Increase of Rates by Railroads.

TO APPEAL TO THE COMMISSION

Object to Disturbing the Rate from St. Louis that Has Been in Effect for Nineteen Years.

Wholesale coal dealers of Omaha will file a protest before the Interstate Commerce commission through the traffic bureau of the Commercial club against the advance in coal rates from East St. Louis to Omaha, amounting to 20 cents per ton over the present rates.

The coal dealers say the contention of the railroads that the advance to Omaha amounts to only 3 cents per ton is true when compared to the rates in effect before the fight of the roads east of St. Louis over a year ago, but the proposed advance is exactly 20 cents per ton over the present rates.

"Even this would not be so bad if it were not for disturbing the rate from St. Louis to Omaha—a rate which has been the maximum rate to Omaha since 189," said E. B. Carrigan, wholesale coal dealer.

"The rate from southern Illinois fields to East St. Louis was 57 cents from the outer district and 42 cents from the inner district. The rate from St. Louis to Omaha has been $1.80 for twenty years, except for one or two years when it was $1.55. The rate to Omaha is made up of the rate on the eastern roads plus the rate from St. Louis to Omaha, which was $2.22 from the inner and $2.37 from the outer fields of Illinois. When the eastern roads got into a fight they reduced these rates from the fields to St. Louis to 25 and 40 cents respectively, making the present rates to Omaha from the fields $2.05 and $2.20.

Now West Roads Advance.

"Now the western roads, the Burlington, Missouri Pacific and Illinois Central propose to make an advance of 20 cents in the western rate from $1.80 to $2, which will make the rates $2.25 and $2.50, or just 3 cents higher than they were before the eastern roads cut their rates, but it means a distinct and absolute advance of 20 cents per ton on the western rate, the rate we do not want disturbed.

"If this advance is permitted, we have no assurance that the eastern roads will not restore their old rates, which would add 17 cents more per ton to the rate from Illinois to Omaha."

The coal dealers say they object not only because the roads want to advance an established tariff rate which has been in effect twenty years, but because the advance is made by the Missouri Pacific and Burlington to Omaha and not to Kansas City. The Missouri Pacific even gives Nebraska City the $1.80 rate from St. Louis, but hands Omaha the $2 rate. The dealers say the $1.80 rate is sufficiently high, as it is the tariff rate and as everyone knows has not always been collected. The protest also because it is proposed to permit Indiana and Ohio coal to move to Omaha for $1.80 per ton from St. Louis, but collect the $2 on coal originating in Illinois. This, say the coal dealers, is a violation of a principal which the railroads have advanced in the Missouri river and other cases, and should not be tolerated by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Police Think They Have Clever Set of Impostors

They Have Them to Get, but Are Keeping a Sharp Lookout for Them.

A familiar looking baby buggy, a sickly infant, a forlorn appearing girl of 14 and an apparently care-worn woman of 40, may be the elements of a decidedly "touching" charity play that has perhaps been produced time and again.

An employe of one of the express companies, whose name the police did not learn, telephoned the police station that Wednesday he contributed $1 toward helping buy medicine for the sick baby and railroad fare for the family to meet their husband and father at Denver. Thursday he learned that the supposedly destitute mother and two children had a husband and father in Omaha, and that the quartet enjoyed a handsomely appointed and expensive dinner at one of the city's best cafes.

With the telephone message to Police Captain Mostyn, came a mind telegram to him that recalled the fact that he had passed on the street just such a mother, baby buggy and two children as the express employe had described, and that with them a sleek, well groomed man had been. However, they were not hungry, sick or forlorn looking, perhaps because no one but Captain Mostyn, in plain clothes, was around.

"We haven't been up this street yet," Captain Mostyn says he overheard the man remark to the woman. Thinking no more about the matter at that time, he last saw them going south on Fifteenth street from Dodge.

On the grounds that the people about whom the report was made, may be professional beggars and charity swindlers, or, at least, common street begging vagrants, Captain Mostyn has directed that the matter be looked into and that the quartet be held by any patrolman who sees them, until it can be determined whethers or not the story is genuine.

RALWAY COMMISSION LOOKS FOR MANY AT RATE HEARING

Cowgill Says it Expects Large Number of Shippers on Classification Matter.

"The State Railway commission expects a large number of shippers at the hearing on the application of the western traffic bureau to install the latest rate classification in Nebraska," said W. H. Cowgill, member of the railway commission, while in Omaha Friday.

"The commission has sent out notices to a large number of persons who should be interested in the rates and before taking action on the request all the information secured will be gone over thoroughly."

The railway commission has just bought a 3,000-pound motor cycle to be run on railroad tracks, and, as Mr. Cowgill is the heftiest man on the commission, it will be his job to lift it from the rails when a train comes in sight from the opposite direction.

Refuses to File in Tripp County

J. C. Holt Says Good Land is Taken, but Frank Planck Will File.

Roses do not bloom in the Rosebud country, according to J. C. Holt, and he returned from Tripp county, S. D., without filing on a piece of land which the number he secured in the recent land drawing entitled him to.

Mr. Holt had a number in the 1,500 class and there are 1,700 supposedly good claims, but he says the Indians got most of the good land first, then town sites were taken out, and what good land that was left was set aside for the state's school fund. Nothing was left but sand hills and he did not care to sacrifice his right to file on government land by taking one of those claims.

Frank Planck, bookkeeper in the office of the city comptroller, accompanied Mr. Holt to the Rosebud country, having a number 200 higher. Mr. Holt was to have filed Friday at 2:46 and Mr. Planck's time to file is at 3:10 Saturday afternoon. When Mr. Holt left, Mr. Planck declared he would file on a homestead and live in peace and plenty ever after. Mr. Planck intends to lose no time in improving his property and took with him from Omaha large bundles of elder berry and red haw bushes. His companion brought back the report that Mr. Planck attracted considerable attention on the streets of Dallas with his bundles of bushes ever with him, but the latter did not seem to mind the "guying" he received.

A Remarkable Lace Curtain Deal.

Miller, Stewart & Beaton have purchased the entire surplus stock of one of the largest eastern importers of lace curtains at a great sacrifice. The entire stock will go on sale Monday, April 26.

ENOUGH OF VACANT LOTS

Also Sufficient Amount of Seed Received by the Associated Charities.

Several vacant lots and all the seed that can be used already have been donated to the Associated Charities for the use of poor people in making gardens this year. The donor of the seeds did not wish his name made public, but Miss Jontz, secretary, has been advised that all calls for seed will be filled in any amount. Vacant lots have been turned over to the organization by three real estate companies and two private parties, several of the plats containing an acre or more of ground each. Some of these larger plats probably will be subdivided. Enough applications are now on file to use all the ground listed to date and the secretary of the charitable organization, hopes that the use of many more vacant lots can be had. Garden tools are also needed.

WHERE TO REGISTER SATURDAY

Polls open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

First Ward.

1st Dist.—1203 South Sixth St.
2d Dist.—801 Pacific St.
3d Dist.—1703 South Tenth St.
4th Dist.—919 Bancroft St.

Second Ward.

1st Dist.—2365 South Twenty-ninth St.
2d Dist.—2023 Vinton St.
3d Dist.—1523 Vinton St.
4th Dist.—1704 Vinton St.
5th Dist.—2504 South Sixteenth St.

Third Ward.

1st Dist.—1519 Webster St.
2d Dist.—318 South Tenth St.
3d Dist.—313 North Fifteenth St.
4th Dist.—410 South Thirteenth St.
5th Dist.—508 South Thirteenth St.

Fourth Ward.

1st Dist.—1611 Davenport St.
2st Dist.—422 South Eighteenth St.
3d Dist.—718 South Sixteenth St.
4th Dist.—316 South Twentieth St.
5th Dist.—2301 Davenport St.

Fifth Ward.

1st Dist.—3804 Sherman Ave.
2d Dist.—2825 Sherman Ave.
3d Dist.—2601 Sherman Ave. (barn).
4th Dist.—1846 Sherman Ave.
5th Dist.—1138 North Sixteenth St.

Sixth Ward.

1st Dist.—2419 North Twenty-fourth St.
2d Dist.—1716 North Twenty-fourth St.
3d Dist.—2004 North Twenty-eighth St.
4th Dist.—2122 Military Ave.

Seventh Ward.

1st Dist.—2719 Leavenworth St.
2d Dist.—1525 Georgia Ave. (barn, rear).
3d Dist.—1328 Park Ave.
4th Dist.—2106 South Thirty-third St. (barn, rear).

Eighth Ward.

1st Dist.—1304 North Twenty-fourth St.
2d Dist.—1909 Cuming St.
3d Dist.—1606 Cass St.
4th Dist.—2415 Cuming St.

Ninth Ward.

1st Dist.—2579 Cuming St.
2d Dist. 3227 Cuming St.
3d Dist.—3304 Davenport St. (barn, rear.)
4th Dist.—211 South Thirty-sixth St. (barn, rear).
Fifth Dist.—2914 Farnam St.

Tenth Ward

1st Dist.—1618 South Tenth St.
2d Dist.—1521 Leavenworth St.
3d Dist.—2121 Leavenworth St.
4th Dist.—1430 South Sixteenth St.
5th Dist.—1448 South Thirteenth St.

Eleventh Ward.

1st Dist.—4008 Hamilton St.
2d Dist.—3926 Farnam St.
3d Dist.—3429 Leavenworth St.
4th Dist.—705 South Twenty-seventh St.

Twelfth Ward.

1st Dist.—4418 North Twenty-fourth St.
2d Dist.—3524 Ames Ave.
3d Dist.—3015 Corby St. (barn, rear).
4th Dist.—2909 North Twenty-fourth St.

SUNDAY CONCERT BY SIXTEENTH INFANTRY BAND

Program of Special Music Which Will Be Given by This Organization.

The Sixteenth United States infantry band will give a special sacred concert next Sunday at Fort Crook at 4 p. m., under the direction of Ernest G. Fischer. Following is the program:

March Religioso—Dominicale .....Chambers
Overture—Celestial .....Prendiville
Gloria from Twelfth Mass.....Robaudi
Sacred Fantasia—Gates of Heaven..DeVille
Chorus—The Heavens Are Telling....Haydn

Secular concerts of popular music will be given Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:45 to 4:45 p. m.

JIMS PLAY TO GALLERIES

Buy Street Cleaners, Then Load Down Pay Roll with Brooms.

DROP MACHINES FOR CAMPAIGN

Boss Flynn More Than Doubles His Force—Mayor Tacks His Election Banners on Street Carts.

"Yes, and three years more of dirty streets. They ought to have added that to the placards."

So spoke an Omaha business man when he noticed tacked on one of the city's street cleaning carts, engaged in cleaning a portion of a downtown street, a huge placard on which was printed:

"Three more years of Mayor Jim."

The mayor's picture and the names of other Jimocratic nominees also were placed on the card, and the campaign documents have been tacked to all the city's street cleaning machinery and hung in several windows in offices in the city hall occupied by Jimocrats.

Mayor Dahlman at a meeting of civic organizations held in the council chamber of the city hall a week or ten days ago told General Manderson, who presided, that he would have the streets clean on election day. This he is now attempting to do and has instructed his appointee, Boss Flynn, street commissioner, to put to work as large a force as possible and get the streets clean for the first time in his administration. As the mayor laughingly said:

"If the streets are clean when the boys go to the polls to vote, they will forget about the other times."

Despite the purchase of three $1,000 flushing machines, the street commissioner clings to the old hand brooms, because more men may be employed that way and consequently more votes can be secured.

"We have used the new machines only a few hours on a few days, and, therefore, have no idea whatever of the amount of work they can do," said George E. Jewett, timekeeper in the street commissioner's office. The machines were bought three weeks ago.

"We are employing about fifty men on the streets, I guess," said Mr. Jewett, "while a month ago the street commissioner's payroll contained the names of but twenty men. But a month ago the election was farther off. Now it is but a little more than a week before election and the Jimocrats want 'Three more years of Mayor Jim.'"

Jim Connolly Becomes Dentist

Legislator Forsakes Political Pulls for Tooth Pulling in a Month.

Within another month and a little more "Hon." James Connolly, who represented the democratic party in the late legislature from Douglas county and who aspires to be a representative of the same party on the Board of Fire and Police commissioners, will have little use for political pulls.

The legislator will by that time be graduated from the Creighton Medical college and his pulls will be limited to molars and eye teeth and such the like. During the session of the legislature the member from Douglas was given the title of doctor without waiting for the aid or consent of the Creighton Medical college or any other college.

ALL IS WELL OUT IN PLATTE

Crops Good in Prospect and People Happy, Says Senator Byrnes.

"Everything is all right out in Platte county, and so far as I have heard the whole state is in good shape for crops and the people are all happy," said former State Senator Byrnes of Platte county, who was in Omaha Friday on business.

WHO MUST REGISTER.

There are three classes of voters who must register Saturday in order to vote at the spring election, May 4.

Those who have moved into another precinct since the last election, those who have become of age since the last election and those who have moved to the city since the last election. Those belonging to the last two classes, even if they voted in the recent primary by swearing in their votes, must register Saturday to be able to vote in the election.

Voters who have moved to another precinct must go to their former polling places and secure removal blanks, take them to the new polling place and register.

Registration booths will be open in all precincts from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening.

Omaha Firemen Go to Panama

George Tanner Last One to Get Good Position on the Isthmus.

George Tanner, driver for Assistant Fire Chief Simpson, leaves this evening for Panama, where he has secured a position on one of the government fire departments, a civil service appointment.

He will be accompanied to the zone by Mrs. Olson, wife of Captain Ole Olson, formerly with hook and ladder company No. 1, and Mrs. Livingston, wife of Albert G. Livingston, formerly driver for Chief Salter. They will join their husbands, who resigned February 1 to take positions with fire companies in Panama.

Mrs. Tanner does not know as yet in what district he will be assigned.

JUDGE DODGES QUESTION. "DID YOU THROW ROCKS?"

Lawyer Admits He Did as a Boy, but Sears Makes an Evasive Reply.

"I used to throw rocks myself, and probably the court did, too, when a boy," urged Attorney John M. Macfarland to Judge Sears.

"I am glad you have grown up to be more law-abiding," answered the court, deftly side-stepping the question as to whether he himself ever shied a pebble at a delivery wagon driver or "old clo" man.

Macfarland was urging leniency for William Clawson, a youth of 20 years, who during Ak-Sar-Ben week caromed a piece of brick off the head of Officer William Coffee. Coffee had playfully beaten up a companion of Clawson just previously.

A charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury was preferred, but this was modified to assault and battery Friday morning, when Clawson pleaded guilty. Macfarland tried hard to get the young man, whose previous record is good, off with a fine, but Judge Sears decided on a jail penalty.

John Keck, a clothing dealer caught with immoral post cards in his possession and charged with having them for sale, pleaded guilty and was fined $50.

Bud and George Weatherford, the brothers who escaped some days ago because John Vrooman was still fighting the battles of the civil war and the boys are the sons of a veteran, will come up for trial again Monday. Vrooman hung the first jury.