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TRACTION CASE AT LINCOLN

City Railroad Makes Hard Fight to Increase Stock.

SERVICE IS BEING REDUCED

Representative Heffernan Resigns to Take Office of County Judge—Love Issues Letter to Cities.

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LINCOLN, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The traction company hearing which was started yesterday, at which time statements from the attorneys were heard, will be resumed Thursday, at which time testimony will be taken. This morning County Attorney Tyrrell asked for the continuance so that his witness, Mr. E. P. Bemis of Cleveland, would have more time in which to look into the reports and valuation of the company.

Mr. Tyrrell contends that the people are interested in the amount of stock and bonds the company issues, notwithstanding Mr. Allen argued that the people were interested merely in adequate service at a reasonable rate.

Stocks and bonds issued in excess of the value of the property, Mr. Tyrrell insisted, meant that some time and some how the people would have to pay. If the abnormal issue is permitted now posterity will have to pay the bill, and he quoted at some length the statement of Commissioner Clarke along these lines in his findings in the case of the Citizens' company, which is now a part of the traction company.

Mr. Clarke argued then as does Mr. Tyrrell now.

In discussing the question as to whether the merger had profited anyone save those who sold stock Mr. Tyrrell insisted that the two lines covered practically the same territory and the citizens' line was now a burden to the traction company, inasmuch as the franchise forced the company to run cars on it which doubled the expenses, and not having sufficient power had resulted in poor service. It was his opinion that possibly the traction company was worth less now than before the merger.

KNOW COUNTY EDITORS MEET

Decision Reached Not to Put in Bids for Printing.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Know County Publishers' association was held here Saturday, but owing to the extreme cold weather only a few of the editors appeared. Those present were W. L. Kirk of the Creighton News, W. H. Needham of the Bloomfield Monitor, M. Robert of the Journal and M. L. Liewer, Frank Wiedermann and J. H. Lohmann of Die Germania.

Betty Taken to Aurora.

Funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. S. B. Harton, deceased wife of Auditor Barton, at the family residence, 2610 E street, this morning. Rev. Mr. Harmon, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating. At 11 o'clock the remains were taken to Aurora, where tomorrow afternoon funeral services will be held there.

Mayors Are Invited.

Mayor Love has sent out invitations to mayors of all Nebraska towns of over 1,000 population to appoint delegates to attend a meeting here in Lincoln Jan. 25 and 27.

State of Nebraska

It has been decided to request the cities and towns of the state of Nebraska to appoint two or three delegates each to assemble in the city of Lincoln on January 25 and 27, 1910, for the purpose of organizing a league of Nebraska municipalities.

The general objects of this organization will be the affiliation of municipal officials and the general improvement of every branch of municipal administration by the following means:

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