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RIVER TO RIVER ROUTE

Meeting to Determine Location of Road is Held.

ALTERNATE COURSE IS CHOSEN

Hundred Persons of Pottawattamie County in Session and Deep Interest is Taken in Project.

The meeting held yesterday to decide the route of the "river to river" road through Pottawattamie county settled upon the following:

Primary Route—From Council Bluffs along the Rock Island to Minden, thence east to Axtell, thence to Atlantic.

Alternate Route—Council Bluffs to Pottawattamie, thence to the Underwood farm; thence east to a point three miles south of Treynor; thence north to Treynor; thence east to Carson; from Carson two routes: (1) Carson to Pottawattamie; (2) Carson to Atlantic; from Carson to Grinnell; north to Lewis and thence to Atlantic.

The meeting was attended by about 100 representatives from the different towns in the county, and the keenest rivalry was manifested between the advocates of the different routes suggested at the previous meeting.

When the meeting failed to reach any decision at the morning session the matter was referred to a committee consisting of C. E. Bradley, Carson; O. O. Buck, Treynor; H. K. Forsyth, Grinnell; Henry Freeman, Oakland; J. A. McWald, Walnut; J. P. Harris, Lewis; Ed Burke, Walnut; T. D. Metcalf, H. A. Seale and C. R. Hannan, Jr., Council Bluffs, to report at the afternoon session.

Chairman Weeks of Guthrie Center said he expected to start with a party of automobilists from Davenport, the eastern terminus of the road and come through Council Bluffs, picking up enthusiasts all along the road. He said that by the time he reached Council Bluffs, after laying out the route, he expected to be accompanied by nearly 100 automobiles, and that the gathering of the Golden tour automobilists would be nothing to the sensation that he would create when he struck Council Bluffs with his party.

PIGEON CREEK DITCH ORDERED

County Supervisors Pass Resolution on Honey Creek Matter.

The Board of County Supervisors yesterday afternoon, after listening to arguments for and against the proposition, decided to establish the Pigeon Creek drainage district and appointed County Surveyor J. Harley Mayne constructing engineer at a compensation of \$5 a day.

The district is to be divided into seven sections. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, are to be 10,000 feet in length, while section 6 is to be 5,000 feet long. Section 7, which is known as the Honey creek lateral, will be 5,000 feet in length.

The contract for the construction of the ditch is to be awarded June 5, on the morning of which day all bids must be in the hands of the county auditor. The work of construction will have to be begun by July 1 and the contract or contracts completed by January 1 of next year.

In view of the many protests against the construction of the Honey creek ditch along the route proposed the board decided to refer the matter back to Engineer E. E. Spelman to make another survey and report.

Engineer Spelman, it is understood, will report in favor of a route for the lower part of the ditch westward across the bottoms to the Missouri river instead of turning the ditch into the Pigeon creek ditch.

The resolution adopted by the board was as follows:

In the matter of the Honey creek ditch the board, having that project under consideration, after the filing of claims for damages, is of the opinion that the cost of establishing and constructing the ditch is so high as to be a greater burden than the benefits to be derived therefrom, and that the lands benefited, but there is so great a possibility of future litigation, that the lands in the proposed district that the matter is referred to E. E. Spelman, as an engineer, for a further survey and report for drainage and levee improvements along some line or lines that will be less expensive and more practical and practical route can be found.

CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION

City Auditor Makes Report for End of Fiscal Year.

The report of City Auditor McAneney for March—the closing month of the fiscal year—shows that while \$450 of the total amount appropriated out of the general fund for the maintenance of the several municipal departments remained unexpended, there was an aggregate overdraft of \$1,241. The city, however, had funds with which to meet these overdrafts in the three departments for which the appropriation for the fiscal proved insufficient. As it happened the revenue of the city for the fiscal year exceeded the amount anticipated and the city had a small balance with which to start the new year on April 1. The following shows the amount expended for each department, the amount appropriated and the amount either unexpended or overdrawn:

Purpose.	Appropriation.	Unexpended.
Salaries, executive dept., \$11,000		
Police and marshal's dept., 23,250	\$ 2,300	
Streets and alleys, 10,000		
Fire department, 38,000		
Electrical department, 5,000	4,000	
City hall department, 1,500	17,725	
Engineering department, 5,000		
Printing and supplies, 1,200	257.70	
City pound, 250	32.75	
Electricity, 1,500	6,063.71	
Emergency, 1,500	1,125.00	
City hall, 1,500	1,125.00	
Total general fund, \$57,000	\$ 450.00	
Overdrawn, 1,241		
Actual overdraft, 7,641.21		

Trouble over Water Pipe

E. B. Sears, living at 311 Avenue B, and his neighbors are at one over a water service pipe, which ran through Sears' property. Sears, according to a complaint filed in the court of Justice Cooper said, fit to turn off the water and cut the pipe, which served four other residents of that vicinity besides himself. The neighbors objected to being thus deprived of their water supply and had Sears arrested on a charge

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of malicious injury to fixtures attached to a building. He gave bond for his appearance before Justice Cooper tomorrow. The complaint was filed by Plato Robb, one of Sears' neighbors, deprived of his water supply.

WALK ORDINANCE LAID OVER

Committee of Whole Defers Action on Matter.

The city council, meeting as a committee of the whole yesterday afternoon, deferred action on the amendment to the ordinance regulating the use of public sidewalks for the display and sale of merchandise. In view of the fact that some of the councilmen favor repealing the original ordinance granting the use of the sidewalks for this purpose, it was decided best to lay the matter over until it can be taken from the committee of the whole and disposed of at the next regular meeting.

The applications of J. J. Brown, D. A. Metcalf, Charles E. Taylor, Frank Zuercher and James Coyle to be appointed deputy city inspectors were referred to the city engineer, who was given authority to appoint such of the applicants as he deemed competent to fill the position and then report back to the council.

Following the meeting in the council chamber the councilmen "boarded" the police service Saturday. The total cost of the city to investigate a number of matters which had been referred to them and which demanded personal inspection.

Library Building Accepted.

LAKE CITY, Ia., April 22.—(Special.)—The board of trustees of the new Lake City Carnegie library building yesterday, after a thorough inspection, formally accepted the new library building. The work of removing the books and equipment from the old building to the new was begun at once and the building will be ready for service Saturday. The total cost of it was \$18,525, besides the architect's fees. It has been reported before that the building had been accepted, but this did not take place until yesterday.

New Grandstand at Grinnell.

GRINNELL, Ia., April 22.—(Special.)—Grinnell's old grandstand, built in 1885 by the graduating class in the summer following commencement, has been torn down to make way for a new and modern structure. The fence which surrounds Ward field was erected by the class of 1893 as a class memorial. This will probably give way to a new fence as it is planned to thoroughly overhaul the equipment on the athletic field despite the traditional associations.

Lake Cityans Married.

LAKE CITY, Ia., April 22.—(Special.)—At Norfolk, Mo., yesterday occurred the marriage of Miss Nora McKibbin of this city to Deane Simpson, who has been employed here for several months. Miss McKibbin has been bookkeeper and stenographer for the Lake City Electrical Cement Machinery company for some time. After their wedding journey they will be at home in Boise, Ida.

Minister Heads College.

ESTHERVILLE, Ia., April 22.—(Special.)—Rev. Edward Campbell, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian church here for the last four years, this week handed his resignation to the officials of the church. Rev. Mr. Campbell will leave for Storm Lake, Ia., where he has accepted the presidency of Buena Vista college, which is located at that place.

Iowa News Notes.

MASON CITY—C. E. Atkinson of Webster City was awarded the contract for building the six-story First National bank building for \$75,000 on Wednesday. Work is to begin next Monday.

ESTHERVILLE—Nearly \$50,000 worth of buildings for which contracts have already been let will not doubt at least \$100,000 worth will have been erected. Estherville is not dead yet.

MARSHALLTOWN—On Friday, June 10, the Marshalltown high school will graduate a class of forty-eight young people. The number of those who will graduate is the same as last year. Thirty-three are girls and fifteen are boys.

MARSHALLTOWN—Fred S. Williams, a very well known young man and a prominent family, died at his home late Wednesday afternoon of acute dilation of the heart. He had been sick for a week.

TOLEDO—Judge and Mrs. George R. Scruby today celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. Judge Scruby is one of the pioneer lawyers of the state and the dean of the Tama county bar. He was judge of the seventh judicial district court for two years.

MASON CITY—At a joint meeting of the Mitchell and Webster City association of Congregational churches, held here Wednesday, the plan to merge the two associations was unanimously rejected by the Webster City association. The Mitchell association favored the plan.

LOGAN—The court house officials are now moving from the old court house building to the temporary structure erected on the court house block. Though the improvised structure does not present an ideal architectural appearance, yet it is properly protected by the records it will answer fully the purpose for which it is intended.

CHESAPE—Jim Jinnas, a Greek interpreter for a gang of laborers, working on the Burlington near Phelps, was arrested and brought to this place yesterday charged by federal authorities with tampering with the United States mail by forging the name of his gang to a registered letter addressed to him and containing money.

LAMONI—William Smith, manager of the elevator here shot and killed himself in the Farmers' bank Wednesday afternoon when he was informed that he had withdrawn all the money he had in the bank. Upon stepping in the bank he asked the teller about his account and when informed his deposits were all withdrawn, he picked up the bank's revolver and emptied its contents into his brain.

TABOR—Prof. H. P. Volkman for the last four years superintendent of the Tabor public schools has accepted the superintendency of the schools at Adel, Ia., with a salary of \$1,500 per year and is to leave in addition a salary of \$100 per year of the tuition money. The school board of Tabor has elected Prof. O. Hammerly, the present superintendent at Lamoni, for the coming year at a salary of \$1,000 per year.

LOGAN—Notwithstanding the storm and cold of Saturday and Sunday which seems to have so thoroughly killed the fruit crop of the season here, save the blackberries, the grapes are doing well. A number of varieties of apples, the gardens escaped in many instances without serious damage. The frost put a crimp in the corn that was up, killing it down to the surface of the ground, but not below, and the last week of warm weather is bringing the corn up in a new growth.

CRESTON—Last evening the wedding of Miss Myra Wilson to Fred Ida, both of this city, took place at the Presbyterian church in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Rev. James Linn, pastor of that church, officiated. The bride is a member, officiated, assisted by Rev. Frank Hanson of the Congregational church, the groom's pastor. The groom is the youngest son of Representative George Ide, and is one of the prominent young business men of the city. The bride is the eldest daughter of A. Latimer Wilson.

AUDUBON—The school board has elected the following for the coming year: Harry P. Smith, superintendent; F. W. Johansen, principal high school; Lee Lightfoot, assistant principal; Edith Lillie, assistant principal; Caroline Schell, assistant principal; Mabel Keith, eighth grade; Mary Davis, seventh grade; Ella Hurd, sixth grade; Pattience Elliott, fifth grade; Alma D. Earl, fourth grade; Helen M. Patterson, third grade; Harry Wolfe, second grade; Sarah Rada, first grade; Maude McAllister, kindergarten; Leola Goy, music and drawing.

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FIGHTS TRAFFIC COMBINE

Senator Cummins of Iowa Voices Disapproval of Rate Agreements.

DEFENDS THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

Says It's Had Enough to Stand Aggression of One Railroad Without Facing Ten or Twenty.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Traffic agreements consumed the entire time given by the senate today to the railroad bill and they were under consideration when the senate adjourned. Senator Cummins held the floor throughout. He spoke against the section permitting such agreements and against the Crawford substitute for it. Declaring his intention to denounce any legislation which nullified the anti-trust law as this provision did, he said the ultimate purpose of the legislation was to allow the railroads to fix their own rates without first submitting them to the Interstate Commerce commission. Without the establishment of rates any traffic agreement must be vague and shadowy and of little effect.

It was difficult enough for the common people to stand against the aggression of one railroad; to stand against those of ten or twenty or thirty would be more difficult still, he said. If the rates were not to be approved in advance by the commission, then there would be no substitute for the anti-trust act, and that, he said, was the difference between the Crawford amendment and his own.

It was not true, as had been stated, that President Roosevelt had advised the unopposed repeal of the anti-trust law, he said, nor that the Interstate Commerce commission had done so.

The question at issue, he said, "is, shall the agreed rates of the railroad companies go into effect without the approval of the commission?"

Mr. Aldrich interrupted. He asserted that under the terms of the amendment the rates might be specified if an agreement went into effect as did individual rates and did not go into effect by reason of the contract.

Approval of Agreement.

Mr. Crawford said this was not his understanding, but that his opinion was that the provision would require approval of the agreement before the rates took effect.

Mr. Aldrich said that by none of the propositions of the bill could a rate be fixed by an agreement, because all of the rates must be subject to the control which the commission has over other rates.

"You propose by indirectness to give the commission the right indefinitely to suspend rates to suspend them forever if so desired," he said.

Replying, Mr. Cummins said his complaint was against the permission to the railroads to enter into agreements that may become effective without the approval of the commission. In such agreements he argued, there was no opportunity for the individual initiative. The two classes of rates could not be placed on the same level and he urged that if the anti-trust law was to be repealed a better remedy must be found than that provided by the bill as it stood.

Mr. Elkins declared Mr. Cummins' contention for approval of rates in advance to be impracticable absurd.

He said that from 8,000 to 10,000 people were now employed by the railroad companies in establishing rates and securing the approval of the commission. The Interstate Commerce Commission must have a great force of experts in order to carry out Mr. Cummins' idea.

"I am not ready to stand here and destroy the entire freight traffic structure of the railroads," he said, "and I do not believe that the people demand that we should do so."

He said he did not want the anti-trust law repealed, but he did desire to assist in relieving the executive officials of the embarrassment they find themselves under in enforcing the law.

IMPORT BEEF TO COMPETE WITH HIGH MEAT PRICES

Senator Johnston of Alabama Informs Senate of Movement at New York.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Senator Johnston of Alabama today informed the senate that a movement for the importation of Australian beef had been inaugurated in New York as a means of meeting rising prices on fresh meats. He said it had been found that the foreign beef could be sold at a rate of 5 cents a pound less than the domestic product.

The statement was made in connection with a speech in opposition to the Lodge resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the extension of the coast of living inquiry to the gathering retail figures. Speaking of the political situation, Mr. Johnston said the republican senators should feel greater concern as to whether they could live at all than as to how much it would cost to live.

POSTMASTERS AND CARRIERS

Names of Those Selected to Take Up Postal Work in Varying Capacities.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Rural carriers were appointed today as follows:

Nebraska—Bloomington, route 1, Louis E. Marsh, carrier; Etta Marsh, substitute; Deahler, route 2, Charles F. Logsdon, carrier; no substitute; Hubbard, route 3, Genevieve E. Wiley, carrier; no substitute; Stanton, route 4, John S. Hancock, carrier; no substitute.

South Dakota—Huron, route 2, William T. Sprague, carrier; no substitute.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Charleston, York county, Lou Hagemeister, vice F. Hagemeister, resigned.

Iowa—Hagerman, Ida county, George M. Crenshaw, vice N. M. Boyer, resigned; Augusta, Des Moines county, Charles Freuburg, vice W. Fischer, deceased; Harvard, Wayne county, Maggie McKee, vice H. A. Waugh, married.

JURY OUT IN GRAFT SCANDAL

Men Fail to Return Verdict After Twenty-Four Hours' Deliberation.

PITTSBURGH, April 22.—After deliberating over the case of Councilman A. V. Simon for twenty-four hours, the jury had failed to reach a verdict when court adjourned for the day and they were locked up for the night. Simon is the second of the indicted councilmen to be put on trial for bribery.

There were many reports of a disagreement when court convened this morning and early in the day a note was sent to Judge Fraser and Cohen. The note it was learned asked for dismissal as the jury was unable to agree, but the request was denied.

City Physician Tubbs says many children in school are backward with their studies because of unassisted eye trouble. Is your child in this situation? Find out. We examine eyes free. Leffert's.

No Punishment For Person Who Loots Treasury

Law Prescribes No Penalty for Men in Federal Offices, Declares Assistant Secretary.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The astonishing statement was made by Charles Norton, assistant secretary of the treasury, before the house committee on expenditures in the Treasury department today that there was at present no law on the statute books by which a subordinate in any of the various sub-treasuries of the United States could be punished for making away with public funds. A man might loot the treasury of as much as he liked, or could get away with it and no law exists by which he could be punished, Mr. Norton said. If two or more employees engaged in an embezzlement they might be punished for conspiracy, but that was all.

The further information was elicited that the bonding system of treasurers and assistant treasurers in the United States and their various subordinates was obsolete and inadequate.

Subordinates in the Treasury department handling millions in money daily, were required to furnish no bond, excepting in some cases where assistant treasurers were required regardless of the law in the case.

This and much other similar information was elicited from Mr. Norton during the hearing today on the question of whether the committee on expenditures in the Treasury department should undertake an investigation of the \$5,000 shortage in the sub-treasury at St. Louis and other places, and incidentally inquire into the accounting system of the United States treasury.

After listening to statements by Mr. Norton and Representatives Shackelford and Bartholdt of Missouri the committee adjourned without deciding whether an investigation would be held or not. Both of the Missouri congressmen urged the committee to undertake a speedy inquiry into the St. Louis shortage in order that justice might be done.

Many Filings in South Dakota

Last Week Brings Rush to Get Places on State Primary Ticket.

PIERRE, S. D., April 22.—(Special.)—As this is the last week for the filing of petitions for nomination to the different state offices, the list has been filing fast the last two days. Last evening the names of Judges E. G. Smith and J. H. McCoy were filed as candidates to succeed themselves on the supreme bench, and that of Judge L. T. Boucher to succeed himself as judge of the sixth circuit.

Today several petitions filed were those of J. W. Parnley, lieutenant governor; H. B. Anderson, auditor; A. H. Seymour, superintendent of instruction; T. E. Price, attorney general; W. G. Smith, railroad commissioner; K. G. Foster, state land commissioner.

Progressive petitions filed were those of Frank M. Byrne, lieutenant governor; W. E. Benedict, railroad commissioner; C. Q. Lawrence, superintendent of instruction; F. F. Brinker, state land commissioner.

DAKOTA SUPREME COURT

TAKES PROGRESSIVE CASE

Bench Will Hasten Decision on Legality of Petitions by Congressional Applicants.

PIERRE, S. D., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The arguments in the congressional district case were completed late this evening and summed up in the contention on the part of the attorneys for Schrader that the term "legislature" when used in the national constitution means only the members of the houses whose actions are not subject to veto by the governor, review by the courts or submission to the people. The opposition position is that the word means legislative power in any manner as provided by the state constitution and as such is the proper procedure to invoke the referendum of the congressional district bill. The court will hasten the decision and may announce its decision tomorrow.

DYING HUSBAND TRIES

TO CLEAR WIFE'S NAME

Leader of Deadwood Colored Residents Shot by Woman Began Her Release.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—In an anonymous statement, Jerry Todd, long recognized as the leader of the colored residents of this city, accused his wife, Jeannie, of shooting him because he threatened to turn her out of the house. Todd died at the hospital today after making an effort to clear the woman by begging the state's attorney not to prosecute her. He had been married only four months, his first wife dying less than a year ago. The woman will be charged with murder.

UNION SAYS FIGHT TO GO ON

Leaders at Homestake Mine Say They Have Not Given Up Struggle.

LEAD, S. D., April 22.—(Special.)—What effect will the election just past have on the struggle between the Homestake and the Western Federation of Miners? This question is interesting people all around the Black Hills and statements have been freely made that the victory of the citizens' elect, toward which the Homestake men ever, en masse, will discourage the federation that it will cease to carry on an aggressive fight and the opposition to the company will gradually fall off. This is denied by the union leaders, who declare that the fight will be continued and that the federation has no intention of ceasing to continue feeding the food of the locked out former employees of the Homestake who care to remain here. Of the single men there is no question but what the most of them will leave now, union leaders themselves admitting that they endeavored to hold the federation together for the election when they believed that the union ticket would be victorious. The Homestake's majority was approximately 212 all the way down the ticket and this will be sufficient to prevent contests.

Of the married men and men with families those who can be expected by both sides to leave town now, as there is no longer an incentive to remain and the federation by maintaining a smaller number of men here will not be under so heavy a financial strain. The vote showed a heavy majority for the union voters and of this number fully half are expected to leave here now and possibly more. Their going will leave more rooms and houses for the new-comers, who have been hard pressed for accommodation in the crowded city, where the population just previous to election was figured at around 12,000.



When a McKibbin hat you look out from under You tell other Hatters to go straight to thunder!

Young Farmer in Charivari Party Killed

Henry Swanson, Living Near Bertrand, Falls Dead from Shot Fired by One of Party.

HOLDREGE, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Late last night, shortly after the marriage of B. C. Lindstrom to the daughter of Victor Nordenstam at the bride's home, several miles north of Bertrand, Henry Swanson, who, in company with about forty other young men of the neighborhood, was charivariing the newly married couple, was shot in the abdomen with a gun discharged by one of his party. The young man fell immediately, dying in less than fifteen minutes without regaining consciousness. There were only two guns in the crowd, both shotguns, but in whose hands they were at the time of the accident no one seems to know. The members of the charivari party seem to be unanimous in the opinion that the shooting was partly accidental, but no one has so far ventured to tell who were the owners of the gun nor any of the details preceding the shooting.

The victim was a young farmer, close to 30 years old, who has been working on a farm near Lindenstam's on which he has been living alone for some time. A father and sister living at Cortland, Kan., are his only surviving relatives.

Nebraska School of Forestry Next

Senator Burkett Said to Have Measure to Create One at Home of Morton.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Burkett, it is rumored, will introduce a bill tomorrow creating a school of forestry in Nebraska and locating it on the Morton estate near Nebraska City and naming the institution in honor of J. Sterling Morton, former secretary of agriculture.

Demand for President Taft's presence throughout the country at meetings at old soldiers' homes, state fairs, political societies and dedications of monuments of ill-lustred dead, is becoming so numerous that the president, with all his vitality and with all his desire to meet and mingle with the people, is doubtful whether he will be able to accept the many invitations extended. The president realizes that communities have a call upon him and he expects to spend a busy summer and fall traveling, but it is a physical impossibility for him to reach all sections and consequently he has commenced to figure out an itinerary which will encompass the largest number of places desiring his presence with the least travel.

Sensors Brown and Burkett who presented an invitation to the president yesterday on behalf of the Farmers National convention, to speak at Lincoln on the occasion of the annual meeting of that organization October 6 to 11 were informed today by personal letter that the president would be glad to accept the invitation if conditions were such that he could arrange his itinerary accordingly. He stated that until congress adjourns, it would be impossible to make any arrangements for the summer and fall, but that he would bear in mind the invitation of the Farmers National convention and comply with their invitation if possible.

Congressman Kinkaid today recommended the reappointment of William E. Morgan as postmaster at Greeley.

Young Farmer Has Disappeared

Neighbors Drag River Near Doniphan Until They Find He Had Mortgaged His Property.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—All day and until darkness stopped the work this evening, neighbors of young Park Woods, a farmer residing about fifteen miles southeast of this city and six miles west of Doniphan, have been dragging the Platte river to make certain whether he has been drowned. Though the river is not extraordinarily high the efforts have been in vain. Woods disappeared from his home yesterday. When he did not return as usual Mrs. Woods, who is taking the town census and returned about supper time, became alarmed and notified the neighbors. Some of his clothing, a gun and six empty shells were found on a bank. It was supposed that he had shot some game, that it had fallen into the river and that he had gone in after it and was drowned. When later it was found that yesterday morning he had mortgaged a horse and buggy for \$100 and had bought some new clothing and no trace of clothing or money could be found, doubt entered the minds of neighbors, and the belief is growing that he has taken sudden leave. He bore a good reputation and lived happily with his wife, to whom he had been married but three years.

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Rail Complaint Begets Wondrous Rhetorical Flight

Parson and Attorney Indulge in Fervid Imagery Over Theford Train Service.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, April 22.—(Special.)—The Burlington railroad has answered the complaint of Rev. Mr. R. Roberts and others of Theford for better train service. The answer was written by General Counsel James E. Kolby, who delayed until he had been reminded of his duty by the commission.

The complaint declares that the facilities for westbound traffic from Theford are worthless as it takes thirteen hours to go thirty miles. Then Rev. Mr. Roberts and the others set forth this flight of imagination:

"Imagine a young lady, unattended, being compelled to go to a point west of Seneca, Thomas county, Nebraska. She would get on the stub train at Theford, train No. 29 at 8:35 p. m., which train terminates at Seneca. There she would be compelled to sit in the little dingy station trainmen's waiting room for thirteen or more hours waiting for passenger train No. 45 at 9:35 the following morning."

"The hotel accommodations are inadequate. In every way to supply the demand, no sidewalks or street lights, and she might get lost in trying to find the hotel or be crippled for life. Possibly worse luck might befall her. Strangers have been compelled to beg accommodation at private residences many times. We characterize this condition of things as indecent, indelicate and immoral, having a tendency to degrade womanhood. It is worse, than the old-time stage coach."

In answer to that part of the complaint Mr. Kolby says:

"To close this answer without reference to the supposed Goddess of Femininity pictured in the complaint would be to refuse to make advantage of the facilities offered thereby. The conception is a picture beautiful even in imagery and illustrates the extremes to which persons seeking an excuse upon which to hang a representation are often driven. The extreme illustration of the young lady beautiful, unattended, moving with flying colors in the direction of or west of Seneca shows

how strained and hollow is the demand for additional service at Theford. There are no settlements of importance between Seneca and Alliance except Whitman, and even granting this, if the aforesaid strategy, beautiful, unattended, unaccompanied female or phantom were to go to Whitman, or Alliance or beyond, she would have (if she so desired) Seneca on No. 45 at 1:15 a. m. instead of darning into and remaining in somnolence until 9:35 a. m. the next morning."

"The fact that the phantom beautiful, the creation of imagery, would remain from 8:35 p. m. until 9:35 a. m. the following morning in a dingy