

Nebraska
ROCK ISLAND IN ODD FIX
Failure to Pay Corporation Tax May Affect Litigation.
HAS NOT OBEYED STATE BOARD

Number of Old Lines that Have Been Consolidated into Systems Declared Defunct by Governor's Proclamation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, June 25.—(Special.)—Owing to the absence of Attorney General Thompson from the city it was not possible today to get a statement from the legal department as to what would be done regarding the Rock Island railroad, which has failed to pay its occupation tax, and is, therefore, under the law, incapable of doing business in Nebraska legally.

The law which provides for the payment of an annual fee by corporations provides the following penalty for its violation: Section 8-11 shall be unlawful for any corporation, delinquent under this act, either domestic or foreign, which has not paid the occupation fee, together with the penalty for such delinquency, as in this act prescribed, to exercise the powers of its corporation, or to transact any business in this state, after the 30th day of November next following the expiration of such period.

The Rock Island is now in litigation with the state over the railroad legislation enacted by the legislature of 1907 and over an order issued by the State Railway Commission to compel it to construct a crossing at Hallam. What effect the cancellation of its charter will have on this litigation Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin would not say, not having looked into the question thoroughly.

The Rock Island is not in very good odor with the legal department of the state or the railway commission because of its refusal to carry out orders of the commission. In the Hallam case, where the railroad was petitioned to construct a crossing in order to save the citizens several blocks' walk in going over the tracks, the commission ordered the crossing constructed. The railroad appealed to the district court and then again to the supreme court. No decision has yet been handed down. That case has been in controversy about two years. The case involves \$24. Another case with the Rock Island that has dragged along is that wherein the commission ordered the construction of a depot at University Place. The railroad appealed to the courts and, though the supreme court held with the commission last February, that depot has not yet been constructed.

The charters of many other railroads have also been cancelled under the occupation tax law, but it is supposed that in practically all of these cases the companies had ceased to do business or had been consolidated, as in the case of the Burlington organizations.

To Help the Towns.
The city of Alliance succeeded in disposing of \$100,000 Douglas county bonds, and as a result State Treasurer Brian will take over \$80,000 of that city. Just at this time it is said to be almost impossible to dispose of municipal or school bonds in the east, while county bonds are more readily bought up by the brokers, being considered a higher class of securities than city bonds. Treasurer has several hundred thousand dollars of Douglas bonds he has decided in order to help out the cities of the state and the school districts to buy in the municipal bonds and the school bonds, providing the parties desiring to sell will dispose of Douglas county bonds.

Manual Still Printing.
Two boxes of printed matter for state officials were received today from the Kearney industrial school under the contract received by that institution for state printing. Labor Commissioner Maupin insisted that he would not receive the industrial school from filling its contract, but that it was suggested to him this would be done by having the governor order Superintendent Manual to give up the job he stopped talking.

High Thompson Seeks Pardon.
An application has been made by Governor Shallenberger for the pardon of Hugh Thompson, sent to the penitentiary for three years for highway robbery, from Auburn. It is set out in the papers filed with the governor that Thompson was under the influence of drink, having committed his crime and that he had previously borne a good reputation. Judge Raper, who sentenced the man, wrote the governor that in his opinion the man had been punished sufficiently and that he recommended executive clemency. The county attorney who prosecuted the man also recommended clemency.

Want Depot at Max.
A formal complaint has been filed with the state railway commission asking that a depot be established on the Burlington at the town of Max. It is set out in the complaint that Max is a growing little town of importance as a shipping center. On one occasion the petition said twenty-six passengers waited for the train with no shelter with the thermometer hovering around zero.

LATTA'S MEN WILL TAKE NO CHANCE ON CONVENTION

County Committee Selects Delegates to State Convention—Delegates Picked Out.

TEKAMAH, Neb., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic central committee for Burt county met here today. It was decided to dispense with the regular county convention, and the following were named delegates to the state convention: J. P. Latta, James Flanagan, M. Warner, William Miller, T. P. Plummer, Frank Cameron, M. S. Wilcox and G. P. Crannell. No proxies were to be used. M. S. Wilcox of Craig was selected as the candidate for state senator from Burt and Cumming counties, and Dr. F. Simon of Oakland as representative in the Twelfth district. The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, By the democratic county central committee of Burt county, Nebraska, that hereby endorse the able, wise and conservative administration of state affairs as conducted by the chief executive, Ashton C. Shallenberger, and expresses its desire that the democratic party of Burt county, Nebraska, will give him its unanimous support in the coming primary for re-nomination to the office of governor of this state; and be it further

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Light and Water For Broken Bow
Last Meeting of City Council Takes Action on Propositions Connected with Public Service.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—Mears Steel, a person, who has the electric light franchise, were before the electric light committee of the city council last night and asked for an extension of time. The franchise stipulates that lights shall be operated by the first of September, but the promoters request an additional two months and give as their reason a certain stringency in their financial affairs.

The committee at first refused to grant an extension, but upon being assured that everything would be set right in a few days, they gave an under condition that a sufficient amount of capital to continue regular operations should be placed in a bank within ten days and that work should be pushed as rapidly as possible. The committee intimated that the \$300,000 bond would look particularly good to them just now and they were shown that an application for the bond had been filed.

The city council has called a special election to be held in Broken Bow on Tuesday, July 12, for the purpose of voting on the proposition of issuing bonds in the amount of \$800,000 to be used in improving the water works. The council thinks there will be no difficulty in securing bonds as there is urgent need of extending the water mains throughout the city.

Attempt to Die Falls.
EDGAR, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—John Jones, a liverman, attempted suicide yesterday morning. He procured three grains of morphine, which he took, then phoned to his wife from the livery stable, informing her of his death. Mrs. Jones secured a doctor, who succeeded in restoring him to his normal condition.

Nebraska News Notes.
MINDEN—Miss Edna Zschobersch and Mr. Fred H. Walker were married June 19 at this place. At home, August 1, at 3239 Clendenen street, Omaha.

BEATRICE—Blaine Staker, an employe of the United States Equipment company, lost three fingers yesterday by getting his hand caught in a press drill.

BEATRICE—Henry Rogers was called to Kansas City last evening by a telegram announcing the death of his father, J. C. Rogers, who was 75 years of age.

REPUBLICAN CITY—This afternoon Franklin, who played the Red Turners a very lively game of ball on the city diamond. The score was 8 to 1 in favor of Franklin.

BEATRICE—E. F. Lowery of the Laurens-Mica company was in this city yesterday and decided to locate a branch plant here that will employ from fifty to 100 men.

TECUMSEH—Mr. Frank Nail of Tecumseh and Miss Hettie Cook of Cedar Falls, Wis., were married at the home of a brother of the bride, near Cedar Falls, Wednesday.

NEBRASKA CITY—Al B. Deming and Miss Zula Arnold, both of Syracuse, came to this city Thursday and were united in marriage. They were given a reception at their home on their return.

WEST POINT—Deputy State Game Warden Donovan filed complaint in county court against Fred Schirmer of Winier, for illegally fishing in the Elkhorn river, and upon a hearing, Schirmer was fined by the court.

BRADSHAW—When Bert Eberly went out to the pasture to get his driving horse, he found that someone had taken it. Sheriff West found the horse at Central City where it had been driven and left at a private residence.

WEST POINT—A blue rock about the size of a baseball was found yesterday at the home of Lawrence Schirmer, a high school teacher, near West Point, by H. H. Bense, William Raduchel and Gustave Krueger, each having twenty-three points to their credit.

YORK—Mr. G. A. Bullock has purchased the interest of A. B. Hartman in the hardware firm of York's enterprising business men, and takes over a business that has been in operation for over twenty years.

HOLDREGE—The annual city grade exercises of the rural schools of the county will be held next Thursday afternoon in the city of Holdrege. At that time, H. F. Carson of Hastings will be the speaker of the occasion.

BEATRICE—George Hinkle, an old Beatrice boy, who was taken to the hospital by a heart ailment at Lincoln last Tuesday, died yesterday morning. The body was brought here last evening for interment. He was the son of G. W. Hinkle, a pioneer resident of Beatrice.

BEATRICE—The Beatrice fire department held a meeting last night and changed the date of holding the Fourth of July celebration from the driving park to the chauntauque grounds. The principal speaker will be the Rev. J. M. Givens, pastor of the Methodist church of Geneva and Mayor Dahman of Omaha.

TECUMSEH—Sterling's second newspaper, "The Sterling News," will materialize some time during July. The Citizen Publishing company is being organized, which will promote the paper and do a general printing business. The paper will be weekly and independent in politics.

BROKEN BOW—W. J. Taylor, who is out for congressional honors in the sixth, has purchased an automobile and declares his intention of visiting every town, village and farm in the county, and to see every democrat and pop in the sixth will know his name before he has finished his tour.

MINDEN—Mrs. P. G. Solterberg died here Friday after a long illness. She and her husband, who is still living, were among the pioneer settlers of this county. She leaves no children, but many relatives. Only a few weeks ago she was in Omaha at the municipal hospital, and treatment.

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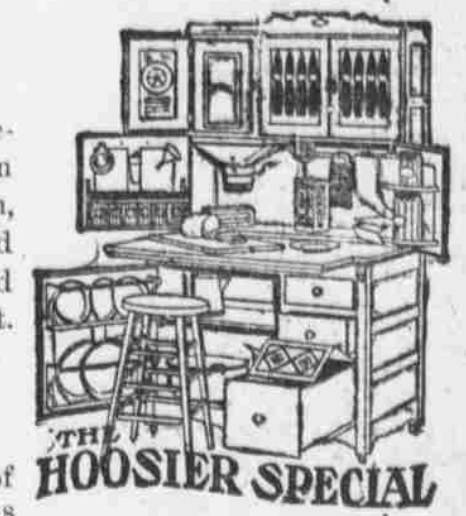
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