

### Nebraska RATES UNDER STATE RIGHTS

Northwestern Road May Find Itself in Pretty Predicament.

### CEMENT TARIFF CAUSES TROUBLE

Road Lowers Rate Pursuant to Order from Interstate Commission and Nebraska Authorities.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, July 8.—(Special.)—For following the instructions of the Interstate Commerce commission and reducing intrastate freight rates in Nebraska without first consulting the Nebraska commission, the Northwestern railroad may get itself into trouble and the case may lead to a conflict over state rights.

The Northwestern has filed a new rate schedule with the railway commission showing a reduction in rates on cement from Norfolk to other towns in Nebraska, and with the schedule was filed an order or decision of the Interstate Commerce commission, authorizing it to charge these rates. In the printed decision Commission officials are reported as holding the question is one purely affecting the state and, therefore, the Interstate Commerce commission has no jurisdiction over the matter. The majority of the commission hold that the rates charged between Norfolk and the other Nebraska points were unreasonable and ordered a reduction, and the railroad complied with the order without consulting the local commission.

The case was brought by the Acme Plaster company of Wyoming against the Northwestern. This company ships its cement from Wyoming to Norfolk to Nebraska points on the Northwestern. It was the rates on the Northwestern that were reduced.

### No Roosevelt for the Fair.

Secretary Mellor of the State Board of Agriculture has decided not to try to get ex-President Roosevelt to the Nebraska state fair. He will do nothing that might lessen the chances of Omaha securing the colonel.

"Colonel Roosevelt is going through Omaha September 2 for Cheyenne," said Mr. Mellor, "and that would be a week before the fair, so it would do us no good to secure him for the fair crowd. If he stops over in Omaha more people would get to see him and it would not interfere with the crowds which are coming to the state fair."

### Not Up to Legal Department.

Being in Omaha today, Governor Shallenberger did not get to ask the opinion of the attorney general on the legality of an exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight pictures. Mr. Thompson said he had not looked up the law in the matter, but if he had to pass on the question it might be probable he would have to see the pictures first. In fact the defeat of Jeffries by the first prize fight disappointment the attorney general has had since the defeat of John L. Sullivan by Corbett.

### Consolidation of Rural Schools.

Superintendent Bishop has just issued a forty-page bulletin on the "Consolidation of Rural Schools." Consolidation is explained as meaning the uniting of two, three or more small and weak schools into one that shall be large enough in point of members to be interesting, and strong enough in the way of money to afford a comfortable building, two or more good teachers, and reasonable facilities for work. It also means that outlying territory with but few children shall be combined with a nearby school that is strong, rather than remain unorganized into a separate but weak district. In its fullest sense it means the uniting of all the schools of a township into one or two so located as to be most accessible.

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possible, though not necessarily at the geographic center. Among the advantages claimed for consolidation are: 1. It is much cheaper for the same grade of school. 2. At the same expense much better schools can be secured, because fewer teachers being needed a better grade can be secured, a division of labor established and at least some sort of supervision suggested. 3. It is possible a country school equal in every sense to the best city schools, yet within reach of farm houses. 4. The health of children is better when conveyed in wagons and landed warm and dry than when sitting all day with wet feet and draggled clothing after tramping through all kinds of roads in all kinds of weather. 5. The inspiration that comes with numbers puts life into the school that is impossible in classes of one or two each. 6. It makes possible the employment of at least one experienced, well-educated, broad-minded teacher under whose supervision even young and inexperienced teachers covering fewer things will do far better work than when working alone trying to teach everything. 7. It increases property values as a whole for those who care to sell and broadens life for those who stay. 8. It makes unnecessary the sending of young boys and girls away from home for high school privileges on the one hand, or the breaking up of homes on the other in "going to town to educate the children." 9. It makes unnecessary the present costly system of sending the young men and women at private expense to village schools, thus supporting a double system of education for country children.

No Statement Yet. Governor Shallenberger returned from Omaha this afternoon, but he was too busy to give out a statement for publication on the charges against the city officials that the liquor laws are being violated in the big city. The governor said he probably would issue a signed statement tomorrow.

### Madison Men Declare Against an Option Plank

Norfolk Republican Convention Heartily Endorses Taft and Nebraska Senators.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The Madison county republican convention today heartily endorsed President Taft, Senators Burkett and Brown, and instructed its delegates to the state convention to use every effort against a county option plank. The following were chosen delegates: Burt Mapee, Howard Miller, E. H. Gearhart, C. A. Smith, C. E. Harland, T. E. Alderson, W. L. Dowling, Morris Gross, Henry Massman, C. E. Burnham, W. N. Huse, M. D. Fryer, George Gutra, H. Marshall, W. B. Fuert. These resolutions were adopted:

We, the republicans of Madison county, in convention assembled, hereby unanimously endorse and endorse the wise and vigilant administration of the president of the United States, William H. Taft, and we reassert our confidence in his statesmanship and his fidelity to the interests of the people of the United States. We endorse and commend the laws enacted by the congress of the United States during the last session and we recommend the records of the senators from Nebraska, Elmer J. Burkett and Norris Brown, both in their field of general legislation and in their faithful and efficient representation of the interests of the state of Nebraska. Resolved That the delegates from Madison county to the state convention in Lincoln, July 25, be instructed to use their best efforts to prevent the incorporation of a county option plank in the republican state platform.

### Inquest Blames Etue for Death

Man Who Shot Roy Hodges at Kearsaw Named by Coroner's Jury.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict holding Frank Etue responsible for the death of Roy Hodges of Kearsaw, Hodges was shot three times by Etue during a fight in Kearsaw last Sunday. He was brought to a sanitarium here Wednesday evening and early this morning he succumbed. The dispute which led to the shooting started when Etue asked to be trusted for a meal in the boarding house conducted by Hodges' aunt. The proprietress agreed, but Hodges commanded the man to pay and threatened to "take it out of his hide" if he didn't. A complaint charging murder in the first degree was filed against Etue this afternoon.

### Wymore to Have Water.

WYMORE, Neb., July 8.—(Special.)—The city council has taken steps immediately to put the city pumping plant on a safe working basis. At present there is but one boiler and one pump working. The boiler is in good condition, but trouble is frequent with the pump. It was reported that State Springs council has taken favorable action on the contract drawn with this city whereby Wymore is to pump the water for her neighbor, and the local council will start work at the Blue Springs at once. An ordinance condemning block 14 for park purposes was read for the first time. This block fronts the Burlington depot and the street adjacent to it will be vacated for use by the Burlington in building a new depot. Several miles of cement walks were ordered built and bids for construction of same asked for.

### Nebraska News Notes.

DEATRICE—Rev. Benjamin Bear, for eight years pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church at Wymore, has resigned and will locate in Colorado.  
DEATRICE—M. J. Johnson of Cortland yesterday filed with the county clerk as a candidate for representative from Usgo county on the republican ticket.  
HUNTERLEY—Mrs. Minnie Payne's horse became frightened yesterday at an automobile, throwing her out of the buggy, she received a number of bruises.  
WYMORE—Rev. Benjamin Bear has resigned as pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church for a service of four years to accept a rectory in southern Colorado.  
DEATRICE—The City National bank of Wymore, which was recently damaged by fire at that place, has purchased the First National bank, an old institution of that place.  
SUTTON—There is such a demand for harvest hands in this vicinity that farmers are offering from \$2.50 to \$4 per day. Seventy-five men found employment here at once to help care for the harvest.  
DEATRICE—Frank McMaster yesterday resigned his position as manager of the electric light plant here and will go to Wyoming to live, where he and E. J. Sullivan of Omaha are interested in an irrigation project.  
PLATTSBURGH—Dana Sleeth and Miss Eugenia Marshall, both formerly residents of this city, were married in Lincoln. Sleeth is a son of Rev. Asa Sleeth, a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here.  
SUTTON—A heavy storm of wind, rain and hail passed over this locality at noon Thursday. No particular damage was done to crops by the hail, but the wind caused the uncut wheat to fall in sections north and east of town.  
DEATRICE—Blaine Staker, who recently brought suit for \$500 damages for the loss of three horses while passing a bridge near the plant at the Union State

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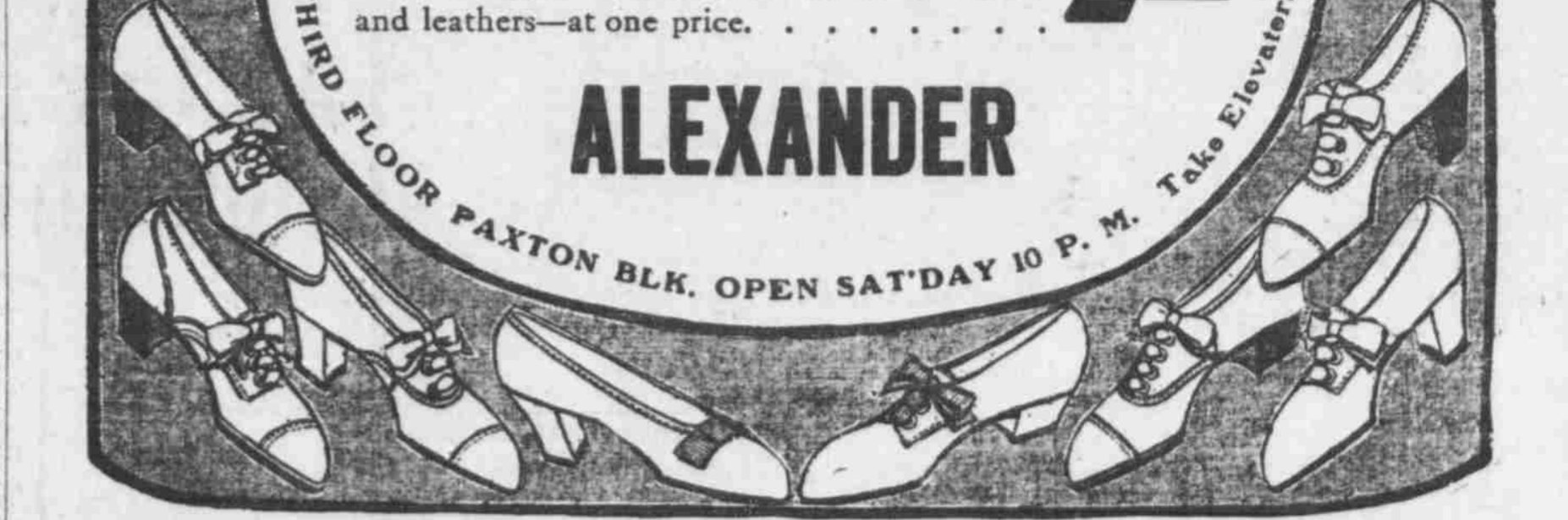
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### RODNEY WILL GO TO NOME

New Mexico Man is Appointed United States District Attorney for Alaska.  
WASHINGTON, July 8.—President Taft has appointed B. S. Rodney of Albuquerque, N. M., to be United States district attorney at Nome, Alaska, vice George B. Grigsby, retired. Mr. Rodney was until recently judge of the United States court of Porto Rico.  
It was said at the Department of Justice that certain charges were preferred against Mr. Grigsby which he did not explain satisfactorily to the attorney general.  
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