

McVANN HALVES TERMINAL VALUES

Omaha Manager of Traffic Bureau Shows Assessed Value of Lands Less Than Estimated.

PUTS ACTUAL WORTH AT MILLION

Witness Says Roads Paid Fifty Per Cent Too Much.

VALUABLE PROPERTY LEFT OUT

Says on Cross-Examination Figures Do Not Include All.

OMAHA PROPERTY CONSIDERED

South Omaha and Gibson Yards Were Also Included in Ward's Estimate and Omitted by McVann.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—The shippers who oppose prospective freight rate advances attacked certain valuations placed on their property by railroad witnesses.

Witnesses reduced the valuation of \$2,000,000 placed on the Burlington road's terminal property by General Manager Ward of the railroad at Omaha.

"This," continued Mr. McVann, "is about 50 per cent less than the actual value, which makes the latter about \$1,000,000."

The witness declared that similar conditions obtain at St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth. The roads at those points, he said, have paid more than the actual value for their terminal lands.

Before he was excused from the witness stand, Mr. McVann on cross-examination said his figures of \$2,000,000 as the assessed valuation of the Burlington terminal in Omaha did not include the South Omaha nor the Gibson yards of the railroad nor the right of way through the city, all of which Attorney Dawson asserted were included in the \$2,000,000 estimate of reproduction value given by E. E. Ward, general manager of the Burlington, with which Mr. McVann had compared his estimate.

Operating Expenses Jump

Mr. McVann centered his testimony on the Burlington, the Santa Fe, the Chicago & Northwestern, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads, which, he said, were the governing factors in western railway affairs.

"In examining the operating expenses of these four roads," said the Omaha traffic expert, "I found there has been an unprecedented jump in operating expenses in 1910. I say 'unprecedented' because none of the railroad witnesses would say that the increase was normal."

From examination of railroad reports to the Interstate Commerce commission, witness found that the Santa Fe maintenance account increased 5 per cent in 1910 over 1909, and its transportation account advanced 23 per cent during the same period.

The maintenance account of the Northwestern road increased 25 per cent and the transportation account 21.5 per cent in 1910, as compared with the preceding year. The Burlington's maintenance account increased 16.5 per cent and the transportation account 17 per cent.

Mr. McVann said that the increased business normally would show an increase in operating expenses before an advance in maintenance expenditures. He made this statement in contrast to the fact that the Santa Fe's maintenance account increased more than its transportation account in 1909-1910. That might be explained, he said, by the purchase of construction material for future use.

After discussing the items of gross profit, the percentage of empty cars hauled by the roads and the increase in the minimum railroad weight, Mr. McVann gave his opinion of the proposed increased freight rates.

"It is my honest opinion," he said, "that the increases will not add to the revenue of the railroads, but will decrease their revenue by its effect on business in a stoppage of the movement of goods."

Much time was spent by Attorney John H. Atwood, counsel for the shippers, in discussing the comparative increase in the maintenance of way and the cost of transportation, accounts.

Present Conditions Abnormal. "I do not think," said the witness, "that freight rates for the future should be based on the showing of a year such as this, with its abnormal conditions and increased expenses."

Blue Coats Off in Relays; Lose But Ten Days' Pay

Police Dilemma is Solved Satisfactorily at Meeting of Commissioners.

During the months of November and December Omaha will be short twenty-four policemen but none of the men will be laid off permanently and each man will lose only ten days' pay.

A recommendation was made to the men suggesting that they ask for ten days' pay without pay and if they agree, as they probably will, the chief will arrange it so that they can be gone twenty-four at a time.

The patrolmen have been anxiously awaiting the settlement of the matter and have been besieging the chief and the captains to find out how the problem would be solved.

It is thought, however, that they would refuse, twenty of them will have to be discharged outright from the force.

Union Pacific Sells and Buys Railroad Stock

Decreases Holdings in Hill Companies and Increases Interests in Northwestern and N. Y. Central.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—That the Union Pacific Railroad company has disposed of certain of its holdings in some railroads and acquired additional securities in other systems is disclosed in an annual report of the company, made public today.

With the exception of 7,200 shares of Northern Securities "stubs," the Union Pacific has sold all the stock of the Northern Securities company, the Great Northern Railroad company and the Northern Pacific Railroad company.

Wind Blows Man from Wagon Seat

Charles Sandstedt is Paralyzed by Force of Fall Head First to Street.

Blown from his seat on a Cady Lumber company wagon, Charles Sandstedt, a driver, struck upon his head at Third and Douglas streets and was seriously injured about 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The injured man was taken to the police station and found to be suffering from paralysis from the waist down as the result of his fall.

OIL STRIKE AT SHELTON

First Traces Found and Driller Says Large Quantity is Few Feet Below.

KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Shelton is in a fever of excitement over the finding of oil in the well that has been drilled there during the summer.

The promoters have sunk a well to a depth of 600 feet and today the earth thrown out was moist with crude oil and when placed in the river nearby caused a coat of oil to form on the surface of the water.

The man in charge of the well is 70 years old and has seen service on many oil fields and he states that oil in large quantities will be found a few feet further down.

Forgetful Porter Blocks Federal Railway Commission

A Hessian colonel took an extra drink and the battle of Trenton was won by Washington and the cause of freedom saved.

The battle of the shippers against the railroads trembled by the balance in Chicago because Joe Lewis, porter at the Commercial club of Omaha, forgot to deliver a telegram, being concerned with getting a telephone message to his wife and babies before he went on the trade trip.

E. J. McVann, manager of the traffic bureau of the club, was to give most important testimony in Chicago before the Interstate Commerce commission. He needed some figures which he had tabulated and collected in his office here and sent an agent wire to the club. This he had done.

FAVOR BURKETT, SAYS CUMMINS

Iowa Senator, in Speech at Lincoln, Urges Voters to Return Him to Congress.

SETS P. HITCHCOCK ON STOCK WATERING

In House Voted Down Proposition Introduced by Dolliver.

DEMOCRATS OF SENATE OPPOSE

Iowa's Says Republican Railroad Bill One of Greatest Pieces of Legislation in Years—Word for Hayward.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa to a Lincoln audience this afternoon endorsed the record of Senator Burkett in congress and appealed to the voters to see to it that he is re-elected.

The meeting was held in the Oliver theater and every seat on the lower floor and many in the balcony were occupied. Candidates for state and county offices occupied seats on the stage, which was decorated with flags and pictures of prominent republicans.

The Union Veteran Republican club acted as escort for Senator Cummins from the Lincoln hotel to the theater and Senator Burkett presided at the meeting.

The endorsement the Iowa senator gave to Senator Burkett was unqualified and unequivocal. After addressing himself to the old soldiers Senator Cummins said he had come to Lincoln for the purpose of helping elect "my associate and my friend, Elmer J. Burkett."

"I have known him long and well," continued the senator, "it is in view of the happenings of the last congress, for he and I have been in absolute agreement and have voted the same on all questions."

A Faithful Servant. "I believe after witnessing his work in one of the most severe struggles of the United States that Elmer J. Burkett voted as his conscience dictated. He has served you not only with great fidelity, but with conspicuous ability and we who have some definite idea of what is to be done in the future want Elmer J. Burkett."

"I have been accustomed to learn upon arrival here that some people were of the opinion that Senator Burkett voted against free lumber. I ought to know how he voted on that question. I watched that struggle. He voted as he believed."

Senator Cummins had only one hour in which to speak and through the dinner hour prepared to speak at 10 o'clock. He held the great audience almost to a man. He gave only a short time to the tariff bill, saying he had voted against it and would vote the same thing again because he believed it did not carry out the promises of the party platform.

No Revenue Tariff for Him. The application that which was given the speaker when he said through the dinner hour that he would vote for a tariff bill which provides a tariff for revenue only. A tariff bill by a democratic congressman, he said, was an impotent thing. The democratic party does not take into consideration the cost of the manufacture of goods at home and abroad, while a republican party stood for a tariff which made the import duty the difference in cost at home and abroad, including the cost of labor.

Hitchcock's Record. This amendment was introduced by Senator Dolliver, he said, Gilbert Hitchcock voted against it in the house and senator Burkett voted for it. All but six democrats voted against it in the house.

In addition to this subject, Senator Cummins discussed the regulation and adjustment of import duties, the tariff and the conservation of the natural resources. Any

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From the Washington Evening Star.

LUXURY CERM IS PREVALENT Rumor that Revolution is On in Greece

Dr. Mary Noble Discusses American Extravagance.

DOLLARS GO AS SWIFTLY AS DIMES

Forerunner of Missionary Jubilee Delivers Interesting Address—Night Meeting at M. E. Church.

"An appalling sense of luxury" was the way Dr. Mary Noble, the missionary from India, who was the chief speaker at the conference held Thursday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian association, in the opening of the National Woman's Foreign Missionary Jubilee, characterized her first impression of this country when she returned to it from a several years' residence in the orient.

"I felt it," she said, "when I first stepped on an American steamer in Bombay and I increased as I neared America. Why? because we spent a dollar without thinking of it twice, while ten years ago we would not have spent a quarter without turning it over several times. And it is contagious, this spirit of considering the luxury the gods have bestowed is the sense of luxury."

The missionary, who is connected with the North India School of Medicine, was speaking of the interest in missions and declared that though the churches today do give more money than ever before to missions, they have not interested themselves with the people's way of giving to themselves and their luxury-loving sense. She furthermore stated that while there is a more general interest in missions and their work, there is not such a deep interest as in former years. "It might be better," she declared, "to have one interest, something like a mile wide and more than an inch deep."

The talk of Dr. Noble, who said she was a forerunner of the "jubilee troupe" scheduled to arrive later in the afternoon and not a "star-just-a satellite," was a clear, humor-lighted expose of some of the current ways and erroneous ideas of mission work.

"This opening session was largely attended and enthusiastic. Mrs. George Tilley, president of the local committee, presided. Mrs. Franklin Kirtley, of Chicago, led the devotional exercises. Miss Lily M. Strong, general secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, spoke of the association's interest in missions through its student workers. Mrs. E. L. Mattox, missionary to China, told how the women's league can best serve the women in the east. Mrs. C. E. Dickinson of Omaha and Mrs. Rose B. Wilkinson of Elmwood spoke from the member of the home society standpoint of mission possibilities."

The speaker at the luncheon at the Home Hotel this noon will include Mrs. W. A. Montgomery of Rochester, N. Y., a ministerial worker; Dr. Noble, Mrs. W. T. Elmore and Miss Florence Miller of Louisville, Ky.

Notes from the Cigar Box. The World-Herald has been publishing from day to day, an editorial headed, "Leaves from the Record." For a variation it might now change to "Notes from the Cigar Box," and reports from Edgar Howard would indicate that that story could be continued from day to day, also.

Ethiopian in the Woodpile. Heavy City Times-Tribune. The fact remains which Hitchcock does not deny, that he borrowed money from a republican state office holder. An this was to keep a democratic newspaper from going to the wall. This was certainly an Ethiopian conceited in the load of cobblestones. For a democratic editor to be supplied with funds from the republican who has been the most denigrated of his misdoings of any public official in the state looks bad.

What's He Afraid Of? Alliance Times. Hitchcock of the World-Herald called Bartley, the state treasurer, who served a penitentiary term for lusting the people's money, a blackmailer. Mr. Bartley offered

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From the Washington Evening Star.

Booster's Brave Weather

Snow Falls to Dampen Enthusiasm of Travelers and Hosts.

CHILDREN FORM RECEIVING LINE

Wayne Business Men Want Closer Business Relations with Omaha and Seek to Further Proposed Road.

EMERSON, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The fact that the one and a half miles of the valley of northern Nebraska practically all day has taken none of the enthusiasm from the boosters nor the people who have been planning for several weeks to meet the party.

The assembly was especially elected for the purpose of undertaking a revision of the constitution. At the request of King George M. Venzelos, the Croatian leader, formed a cabinet on October 15. The ministry was not received in a friendly spirit by the chamber, the members of which repeatedly absented themselves when Premier Venzelos attempted to secure a vote of confidence.

Opposed to the recent assembly was the ministry cordially supported by the king and the populace. The latter have recently made friendly manifestations toward the king and the government and criticized the assembly.

Children Greet Visitors. Omaha children gave one example of determined spirit. Public and parading were dismissed and the children lined up with their teachers to form a receiving line for the visitors. Almost blown over by the wind, the little ones fell into good hands and every booster carried or led a little child from the depot to the little city school house, which is very proud, and this was shown to the boosters.

Leaving the lines of the Burlington to again make a trip on the Omaha road, the excursionists found themselves with almost two hours of time on their hands and proposed to make the best of it. A. B. Smith, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington lines, entertained the party by singing a number of songs and the O. M. A. organized. This is the boosters' organization which was born to take rank with the famous Amovias, the Bell Ringers and the Comet club, boosters organizations resulting from former trips. More than an ordinary crowd intention was prepared and during the day all took the obligations of the order. George West being author of the ritual.

The towns of Antelope county had an

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NINE YEARS AGO FOR HITCHCOCK

Time When His Paper Was Ringing Changes Anent Borrowing from Bartley.

MORE GHOSTS FROM HIS PAST

Record Rises to Haunt Editor of World-Herald.

CARTOONS THAT FIT HIM NOW

Lampoons and Editorials Both Come Home to Roost.

UNION VETERANS SPEAK OUT

Cite Attitude of the Paper that is Owned and Controlled by the Present Candidate for Senator.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—In the World-Herald of October 18, 1901, appeared an article on the editorial page under the caption "Where Do You Stand?" It had reference to the treasury shortage. The article is here reproduced, with the name of the "republican party" changed to "G. M. Hitchcock, democratic nominee for United States senator" and the date November 3 changed to November 8. Otherwise the article is as it appeared in Mr. Hitchcock's paper. It is as follows:

WHERE DO YOU STAND? "The public school money is precious," says Mr. Hitchcock, democratic nominee for United States senator, is afraid to tell the people what he is doing with their school funds.

"Is such a party entitled to a vote of confidence?" "The people will answer this question on November 8."

When Hitchcock Landed. From the time the republican state convention nominated H. L. Gould, charged by the World-Herald with being a beneficiary of the Bartley shortage, until election day Mr. Hitchcock's paper kept up a constant fire on the republican party for elevating such a man to a place on its ticket. Day after day the republican party was denounced and its leaders referred to as "whited naphthas," even though Mr. Gould withdrew from the race.

Mr. Hitchcock is now in exactly the same position in which Gould found himself, except that Mr. Gould issued no false statements in the behalf of the editor of the World-Herald grossly misrepresented the facts. Mr. Gould did not say he refused to pay his debt because it had been outlawed, while Mr. Hitchcock, over his own signature, said he had done so. It was not necessary for charges to be filed against Gould with the state committee to get him to withdraw, but Hitchcock declined to withdraw after the charges had been filed with the democratic state committee and he even refused to permit the democratic state committee to investigate the charges. He declined to resign the seat before the committee, who had saved his business and his reputation.

For years he kept himself in the clear by denouncing the republican party for nominating a Bartley beneficiary. For many years he has been crying "Stop the state committee" and "Stop the charges" at the time when they were a part of the treasury shortage.

Cartoons Up to Date. In the World-Herald of October 21, 1901, appeared a cartoon which applies equally well to the present situation where the figure in the picture that of Hitchcock instead of State Treasurer Stuefer. The cartoon pictures the state treasurer wildly frightened, with bulging eyes starting at the pointed land, entitled "Nebraska Tax Paper," asking the question: "Where are my school funds?"

The state treasurer answers: "I dare not tell, I dare not tell." Beneath the cartoon is this line: "And he can't get out of the corner." Another cartoon appeared in the World-Herald of October 18, 1901, which could be used at this time with the name of Gould changed to that of Hitchcock, the democratic nominee for United States senator. The cartoon shows the face of a man representing a composite picture of a large number of delegates to the republican state convention which nominated Gould.

The man is pictured as saying: " * * * Luck. I wonder if they are on to me yet?" The man is looking at a front page of the World-Herald on which is printed these "REPUBLICAN HYPOCRISY EXPOSED."

E. L. Gould Republican Candidate for Agent of the State University is a Beneficiary of the Bartley Shortage to the Extent of Over \$1000.

Over the top of the cartoon in big letters is the word "scared."

When Bartley Gave In. That was all published in 1901. It was just three years later that Gilbert M. Hitchcock forced Joseph S. Bartley, then in sore straits financially, to settle a debt of about \$400 for \$150. He made Bartley take \$100 cash and his note for \$50. This note was afterwards paid. Bartley had loaned Hitchcock the money when Hitchcock admitted he had no credit and was about to go to the wall. Then Bartley was sent to the penitentiary and while there the Hitchcock loan outlawed. Hitchcock took advantage of the fact and refused to settle except on his own terms. And all during the time those cartoons and those editorials were appearing in the World-Herald, about Gould being a Bartley beneficiary, Hitchcock had his share of the shortage.

What the Veterans Say. At a meeting this afternoon the Union Veterans' Republican club adopted the following resolutions: Whereas, On the editorial page of the World-Herald, published on November 18, 1902, appears the following editorial:

"A GREAT DEFICIENCY. The next session of congress will have to wrestle with one deficiency of \$300,000,000. This is an account of positions. The appropriations for the fiscal year next must not be less than \$300,000,000. It is therefore very arithmetic to perceive that the appropriations for this congress must make for penitential next session must aggregate not less than \$38,000,000."