

OVERLAND KEEPS CONTRACT

Omaha to Continue as the Gateway for Transcontinental Mail.

USE BURLINGTON TO THIS CITY

Union Pacific to Handle Mail from Omaha to Ogden—Santa Fe Loses in Its Fight to Lead the Business.

In its attempt to secure the government contract for carrying the ocean-going mail to San Francisco, central and northern California, the Santa Fe has lost and from Chicago to the coast it will continue to be routed through Omaha and handled by the Burlington, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

This westbound mail averages around ten tons per day and is considered valuable to the companies handling it, as it moves every day in the year and the transportation brings in a good revenue.

Several months ago the Santa Fe began laying its plans for handling the mail from Kansas City, the Missouri Pacific proposing to bring it from St. Louis to that point. Eastern lines were in on the scheme and were to handle it from New York to St. Louis. A running schedule was worked out and after being tried for weeks, the best time that could be made between New York and San Francisco was ninety-six hours. The Santa Fe boasted that this would be record time and filled the papers along its line with tales of what it was going to do in the way of fast running and quick transportation of all mail matter.

Officials of the road told stories of how sacks and cars of mail would be rushed from one depot to another at terminal points, but they were unable to reduce the time below ninety-six hours between starting and finishing points.

The Union Pacific and Burlington, in conjunction with the Southern Pacific, kept out of the papers, but all the time their operating officials were figuring out a new and fast schedule. They had the best of the Santa Fe with a line 300 miles shorter between Chicago and San Francisco and then they had a double track line practically all the way from coast to coast.

Thirty-Day Trial Successful.

When the schedule was worked out, it was given a trial and from the start was satisfactory. It was continued more than thirty days and trip after trip the distance between New York and San Francisco was covered in eight-five hours, the longest time consumed between terminal points being eighty-five hours and five minutes, more than ten hours better than the Santa Fe had been able to make.

The facts were called to the attention of the government, with the result that the contract has been awarded and that in the future, as in the past, the coast mail will continue to pass through the Omaha gateway.

The excellent roadbed, equipment and shorter distance had much to do with the elimination of time, but there was another thing that counted and that was the quick change made from one road to another.

Between New York and Chicago the California fast mail will come over the New York Central and the Pennsylvania. From Chicago to the Missouri river it will come over the Burlington, a larger portion of it on the company's No. 7 train. From Omaha to Ogden it will go over the Union Pacific, limited, going to Ogden, where it will be taken over by

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC THAT CARRIES THE CAR TO SAN FRANCISCO.

From Omaha the balance of the New York and eastern mail will go out on a regular fast mail train that will run as a second section of Union Pacific No. 9. The new schedule will be put in effect about Christmas and after that date California and Pacific coast mail will be hurried through at a speed never before attempted.

TAXI DRIVER AND FIRE REPORTER BOUND OVER

At the suggestion of their attorney, T. A. Hollister, James Svojtka, the taxicab driver who ran into and seriously hurt Miss Mollie Saltzman, Peter Boland, J. J. Mahoney and Albert Hadman on the night of November 21, when his machine became unmanageable and he crashed into the building which is occupied by the Burlington ticket office, and Israel Stiel, the fire reporter, who was in the machine at the time, waived preliminary examination in police court. Svojtka's bond was given at \$2,500 and Stiel's at \$2,000.

Institute at Page. PAGE, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Institute completed its work Tuesday night. Mr. Coupe spoke on "Hog Cholera" and the "Demonstration Idea." Mr. Shirley spoke on "Poultry" in the evening on "A Profession or a Job." Miss Stor instructed the women on "Home Nursing" and co-operation. The institute was well attended.

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URE ANSWERS RAILROADS

Tells Tax Commission that They Are Treated Like All Others.

RECOMMENDS SOME CHANGES

City and County Treasurer Would Make Delinquent Levies Collectable by Foreclosure on Properties.

Answering the complaints of the railroads regarding increases in their taxation in the state, William G. Ure, city and county treasurer, appeared before the state tax commission, in session in the juvenile court room yesterday afternoon, and produced figures to show that the taxes of the railroads have increased faster than the average than have the taxes of other property in the state.

He showed that the city taxes in Omaha had increased 50 per cent in the past ten years; of Douglas county, 57 per cent; the state taxes paid by Douglas county, 64 per cent. He then gave the per cent of increase of taxes of the Union Pacific road as 32 per cent and that of the Burlington as 37 per cent.

Treasurer Ure made some recommendations for more efficient tax gathering. He favored a provision requiring the treasurer to bring foreclosure suits against real estate where taxes are delinquent for five years. "The treasurer should be made responsible for the collection of these taxes," he said.

He also advocated exemption of small taxpayers, for he said the treasurer had so many little bills of a few cents to col-

lect that cost so much to collect that they were an actual loss to the county instead of a gain.

He said he did not believe in the election of precinct assessors. This he held takes them to an extent out of the control of the county assessor, and he believed that the county assessor should be made responsible for the whole group of precinct assessors, so that he might direct their work. He further recommended that the state board of equalization should be given help, equipment and more power.

Hear Two Complaints.

Complaints of the inequality of taxation and of the cumbersome methods of tax gathering, are the principal objections the state tax commission has heard since it has been in Omaha, according to C. W. Sears, vice chairman of the commission. After holding a one-day session at the Commercial club rooms, where a dozen men appeared to lay their troubles before them, the commission decided to hold a private session to talk over the petitions they heard Wednesday.

This private session was held in the office of C. W. Sears. The commission had long announced that it would be in session to receive the public for three days, December 10, 11 and 12, in Omaha; that it would hold its session on December 10 at the Commercial club rooms; December 11, in the juvenile court room at the court house; December 12, in the convention hall at the Hotel Rome with the Farmers' congress.

No one was sent to the court house at 10 o'clock yesterday to inform the people that the commission had decided to go into a star chamber session in Sears' office. A quarter of an hour before 10 o'clock people began to arrive at the juvenile court room to inquire for the

commission. The inquiry kept up until nearly noon. Not even the attaches of the juvenile court were informed as to what had become of the tax commission.

When Mr. Sears was seen after 11 o'clock he explained that a private session had been held, and that the commission would be in session during the afternoon at the juvenile court room.

The members of the commission now in Omaha for the sessions are C. W. Sears, Omaha; J. H. Grosvenor, Aurora; C. A. Schappell, Pawnee City, and George O. Virtus, Lincoln.

REV. AND MRS. TURNQUIST LEAVE FOR THEIR NEW HOME

Rounds of farewell, which have been in order for Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Turnquist, were brought to a close Wednesday night when the couple left for Chicago, where Mr. Turnquist has accepted a call to fill a pulpit. Rev. C. F. Pamp of Chicago will succeed him as pastor of the Swedish Mission church, and he will take charge the first Sunday in January. Between now and that time various preachers from-out in the state will officiate at the regular services at the church.

ASKS DAMAGES FOR SEIZURE OF GREEN RUG AND SCREEN

Machinery of the district court has been set in motion by Carl A. Newell, dentist, to determine whether seizure of "one green wardrobe screen and one rug of mixed tan and green" by David Finger, constable, was legally accomplished.

Dr. Newell's property was taken by authority of Justice Altstadt, in whose court Mary E. Clark won a suit against him. He asks the district court to award

him \$25, the value of articles, and \$25 damages.

DISCHARGED AT BROWNVILLE AFFAIR HE NOW RE-ENLISTS

Samuel Scott, a member of one of the three companies of colored soldiers which participated in the memorable disturbance at Brownsville, Tex., in 1906, has been re-enlisted at the Omaha army recruiting station. Scott, who with all the rest of the colored rioters was dishonorably discharged by Theodore Roosevelt, was re-enlisted in 1910. He has served one enlistment since then, and has entered upon another.

Sick Headache.

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies, but nothing helped me until, during one of those sick spells, a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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