

Nebraska RAIL BOARD MEMBERS SPLIT

Commissioners Clarke and Taylor Join in Letter Opposing Hall's Activities.

ALL OVER UTILITIES MEASURE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Goaded to desperation by the antics of railway commissioner, Thomas Hall, the other two members of the state legislature, Chairman Henry T. Clarke, and H. G. Taylor, have prepared letters to all members of the legislature, which they will find on their desks tomorrow morning, explaining their position regarding the activity of Mr. Hall in trying to have the legislature pass his pet measure, H. R. 27, which embodies the particular ideas of Mr. Hall as to public utilities, stocks and bonds and other things.

Messrs. Clarke and Taylor inform the members that they tried to persuade Mr. Hall not to bother the legislature with any bill before them, but to no avail. They have become convinced within the last week that the persistence of Mr. Hall in talking to the members and otherwise making his presence known has left the impression that by their silence they approved of his bill.

They desire the members to know that they neither approve of his bill or his persistent nagging of the members and for the purpose of giving the members of the legislature a chance to understand that they are against any such methods they send out the letters.

They assure the members that any information they may need not found in the annual report will be cheerfully given, but they do not propose to try to force upon the legislature any legislation. They close the letters by saying that they deeply deplore that it has become necessary to make the explanation and are earnestly desirous of making the commission as valuable an instrument for the public service as is possible and ask hearty co-operation and assistance.

BLOOMFIELD SNOWBOUND, NO MAIL FOR MANY DAYS

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Bloomfield is under the sign of snow. In ten days the people of Bloomfield received their mail only once. There was a slight relief Wednesday evening when among other papers The Omaha Bee came and told the latest story of the war.

For twenty years the snow has not been so deep in Bloomfield and its vicinity as during the last few weeks. The trains stopped running for a number of days. On February 17 a train arrived at Bloomfield with about twenty persons. The train stuck in the snow between Waussa and Bloomfield and was compelled to stay there about four days. Dr. Mulren of Omaha stood the involuntary imprisonment a day and a half. He decided to fight his way through the snow to Bloomfield. It was a march of about eight miles. A day later William Kuehl followed his example. On the 17th the rest of the passengers arrived.

ICE IS BREAKING UP IN EAST NEBRASKA STREAMS

With the exception of in the extreme western portion, rain continues general over Nebraska. In the east half of the state, according to the reports to the railroads, rain fell Thursday night. The heaviest precipitation reported was around Schuyler and Crete, where it was an inch or more. The snow is disappearing so gradually and the water is soaking into the partially thawed ground so quickly, that each day lessens the prospect of flood damages. In the southern part of the state numerous streams are breaking up and the ice running out before reaching the flood stage. All through the north and west the ice is holding fast, with still considerable snow covering the ground.

NORTH PLATTE WOMAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY SON

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The accidental discharge of a shotgun late yesterday caused severe injury to Mrs. N. Kelso, residing four miles west of this city. A young son of Mrs. Kelso was playing with the gun, near the Kelso home, and as Mrs. Kelso stepped near him, he had pointed the gun at her and pulled the trigger. The entire charge struck Mrs. Kelso in the right hip, but fortunately none of the shot struck the bone. A wound was made which required many stitches to close.

CLARKS MAN SUES UNION PACIFIC FOR \$20,100

MADISON, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Chris J. Sorenson of Clark, Neb., has filed suit in the district court of Madison county against the Union Pacific Railroad company to recover damages in the sum of \$20,100, which he alleges in his petition he sustained by being struck by a fast moving locomotive in the east yard limit at Clark January 6, 1915. The plaintiff owns and operates a hotel in Clark. M. F. Harrington & Son and R. M. Johnson are attorneys for the plaintiff.

MRS. ETHEL SAWYER SUES SALOON KEEPERS

AVOCA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ethel Sawyer has entered suit for \$50,000 damages from the saloon keepers of Syracuse, Gabriel Braun, Hayes & Halbsch, claiming that they caused her husband to become a habitual drunkard by selling him intoxicants.

Attempt to Assault Woman.

ORD, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Frank Norman was attacked by an unidentified man Tuesday evening while on her way home from a lodge meeting. She was dragged beneath a bridge across a gully near the Capron residence and an attempt was made to gag her with a rope drawn under her chin. Her screams aroused a bulldog belonging to Charles Daggert and the coming of the dog frightened the man away. The sheriff was an once notified and an arrest is probable.

HYMENEAL

Webber-Kastens.
AVOCA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—William Webber and Miss Nora Kastens were united in marriage on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kastens. They will make their home on a farm near Talmage.

POSSE BRINGS DOWN MEXICAN WHO SHOT RING

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Dusen says he fears that it was not, but the other officers were eager to give the credit to him.

When Van Deusen quit firing and dropped his rifle to examine the body of the fallen murderer, his eyes were wet with tears, and he was almost hysterical.

"Poor Tom! Poor Tom!" he cried, looking towards heaven. "We've avenged you, old partner."

All of the Omaha police officers, who went out on the man hunt will return tonight on the Northwestern train that arrives there at 11 o'clock.

Sanchez Proves an Alibi.
Nearly a score of Omaha policemen went out along the Northwestern railroad line last Tuesday morning, when they learned that Gonzales had been sighted. Previous to this time, the hunt for Tom Ring's slayers was of necessity confined to watching friends and relatives of the suspect. It was in this way that Thomas Sanchez, known also as Contast and Trivino, was captured at Kansas City. This man has proven an alibi in the Ring case, but is suspected of having acted as a "fence" for Gonzales and Parat, disposing of their stolen booty. Parat, after his capture, succeeded in making the authorities believe that Ring's murderer was indeed Gonzales, and during the last few days Ring's comrades have worked continuously without sleep, to take the only remaining Mexican.

Northeastern Detective Ely was looking over a stock train at Scribner this morning, when he again found Gonzales. He wasted no time getting his revolver into action, but the Mexican escaped and a trespasser named Hunter, living near Tilden was shot instead.

All the officers in the country were at once called to Scribner and from them on, the finding of Ring's slayer was only a matter of a few hours.

BUSINESS COLLEGE REAL ESTATE REMAINS EXEMPT

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—H. R. 9, by Negley, and other Douglas county members, intended to make real estate used by business and commercial colleges subject to taxation, has been postponed by the house in committee of the whole.

When the bill was indefinitely postponed two or three days ago, Negley had it re-reintroduced. When it came up again it was vigorously assailed by Messrs. Brant, Dau and Conley. Mr. Dau said it would hurt the Fremont normal school in his district.

Mr. Conley declared that correspondence schools take out of Nebraska many thousands of dollars every year without paying a cent of taxes in this state, and that the business schools, which compete with non-resident institutions ought not be handicapped any more than they are at present.

Brant's motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was adopted by a considerable majority.

H. R. 890, carrying itemized deficiencies for state institutions to the total amount of \$77,654, was sent to third reading.

H. R. 3, by Tibbets, to submit the county highway commissioner system to a popular vote in each county, was disposed of in the same manner.

PARLIAMENTARY FIGHT IN ORDER TO SAVE BILL

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The rules committee of the senate this morning overruled the protest made by Mallory of Box Butte to the reconsideration of Senator Howell's anti-discrimination insurance bill, senate file No. 46, which had been killed the day before on third reading.

Majority was allowed his request that the report be put over for a day for consideration. Mallory proposes to fight the adoption of the report. He maintains that it must take a two-thirds majority to reconsider. The rules committee of which Senator Howell is chairman, reports that under parliamentary procedure, a two-thirds majority is not necessary, a majority is all that is necessary.

DOUGLAS REDISTRICTING BILL IS TO BE AMENDED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—The proposition to redistrict the senatorial and legislative districts of Douglas county, as proposed in senate file No. 57 by Dodge of Douglas, came up in the committee of the whole this afternoon, but was referred back to the Douglas county delegation as a special committee to specifically amend.

The bill proposes that the election commissioner do the work of redistricting. The object of the bill is to give South Omaha and the rural portion of the county, representation that is now practically impossible for it to obtain. It was the opinion of the author that this object be more clearly specified.

STUDENTS UNDER MAJORITY MAY BUY NO MORE LIQUOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The "dry" came in for their first crumb of comfort of the whole session in the state senate this afternoon, where the committee of the whole recommended for passage S. F. No. 190, by Beal of Custer, which prohibits the sale of liquor to any student under 21 years of age.

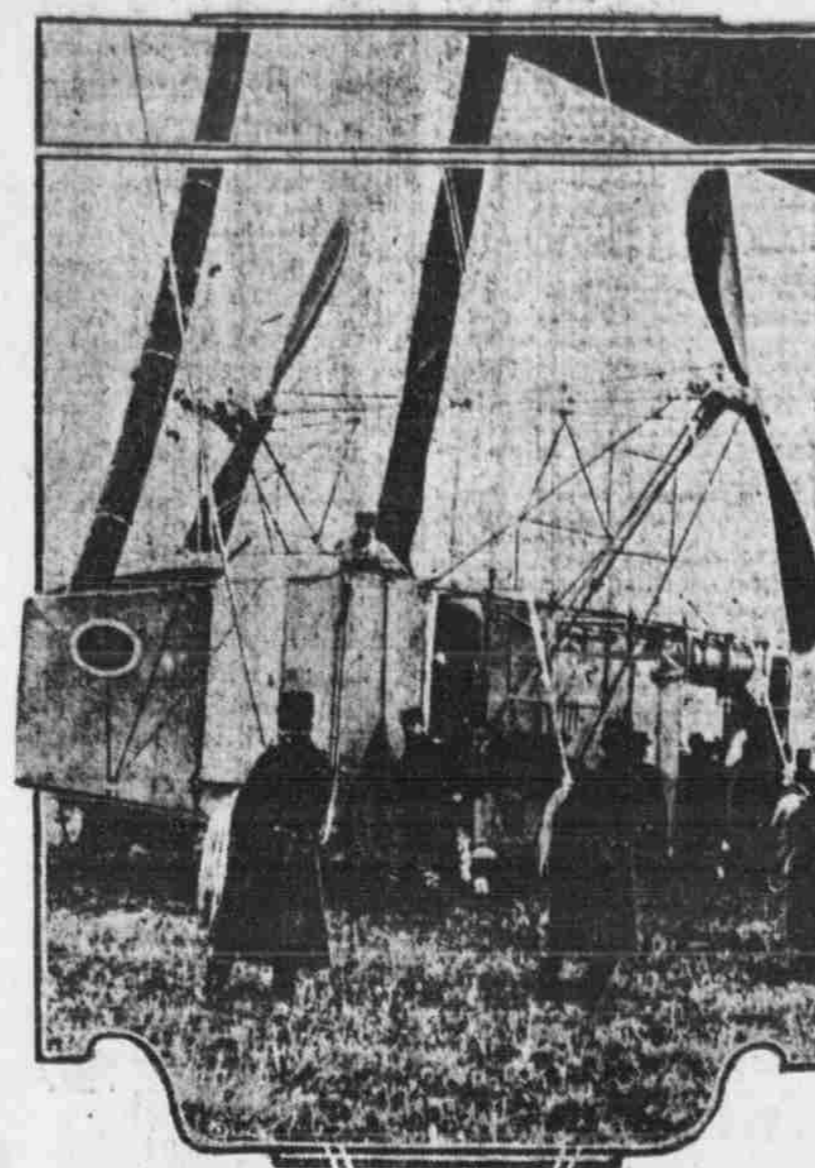
The effect of the bill is merely to give an additional count upon which the prosecutor may proceed, as the same penalty—a fine of \$100 to \$200—is provided for by the Stump law in its inhibition against the sale of liquor to any minor. The measure had no opposition.

The Whole Body Needs Pure Blood

The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood.

Hoods Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. It is positively unequalled in the treatment of scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling. There is no other medicine like it. Be sure to get Hood's and get it today. It is sold by all druggists.

ARMORED SHIPS OF THE AIR—French military dirigible, encased in armor plate, about to make an ascent.



British War Office Tells of Fighting in Vicinity of Ypres

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A report on the progress of the fighting on the continent was given out officially in London today. It is the second bi-weekly communication on the operations of the British army in France promised by the authorities, and it reads as follows:

"The enemy has displayed considerable activity during the last few days south-east of Ypres. The fighting on this part of the line has at times been severe. At one or two points the enemy succeeded in occupying some of our trenches, but they were driven out by counter attacks. One of the enemy's trenches was blown up and a number of prisoners was taken. Our troops delivered their counter attacks with great gallantry in spite of the difficulties entailed by the water-logged condition of the ground around the trenches and the bad weather.

"On the night of February 15-16 an attack was made on our line north of the Ypres canal and the following night a similar attack was made near Neuve Chapelle. Both were easily driven off with loss to the enemy. All the ground recently gained by us has been strengthened and held without difficulty.

"South of the river Lys our guns dealt effectively with the enemy's artillery, the fire of which has increased somewhat of late.

"Our aircraft have carried out valuable reconnaissances and they also have successfully engaged aeroplanes of the enemy. One of our aviators recently attacked two German machines in succession. He drove off the first and left the second to our artillery, which brought it to the ground in hostile lines.

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Our reason for selling these cretonnes at such unusual prices is the best kind of a reason why you should profit by the opportunity and buy them. They are patterns of domestic and imported cretonnes of which quantities of only 10 to 30 yards remain. We cannot re-stock them—the result—we offer them to you for less than we paid for them if you will help us make room for the other goods waiting to take their place.

The entire assortment is divided into 3 lots

LOT NO. 1	LOT NO. 2	LOT NO. 3
12½c yd.	29c yd.	50c yd.
About 300 yards of cretonnes 31 in. and 36 in. wide, in assortment of colors and patterns. These are goods that sold for 20c to 40c per yard and they all go for—	About 1,000 yards of 31-in. and 36-in. Cretonne—offering a large selection in patterns and colors; these sell regularly for 25c to 35c per yard, with a few patterns that were 35c; they all go now at—	About 400 yards of strictly imported cretonnes, linens and taffetas, beautiful goods that formerly sold for 75c to \$1.50 per yard. They are 36-in. and 50-in. wide and will go quickly at yard—
12½c	29c	50c

\$25 Dining Table, 48 Inch Quartered Golden Oak \$18.50

A strictly high grade piece of furniture, 6 ft. extension, rubbed and polished finish—regularly \$25. Special—

\$18.50

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- \$50 Chiffonier, genuine mahogany, at \$39
- \$30 Morris Chair, solid oak, leather cushions \$22.50
- \$55 Buffet, solid quartered oak, golden wax \$42.50
- \$22 Dining Table, 48-inch, solid oak \$16.75
- \$2 Dining Chairs, solid oak, each \$2.50
- \$15 Buffet, quartered golden oak \$28.00
- \$7 China Cabinet, mahogany, mirror back \$32.00
- \$5 Dresser, Circassian walnut, colonial \$60.00

"Universal" Food Choppers, 95c size No. 1—the standard of quality; the size that others sell for \$1.25 and \$1.50. Saturday only, in the basement, for... **95c**

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30 DAYS FREE TRIAL Then \$5 per month if it gives satisfaction.

This is our argument for the quality Beckwith Round Oak Ranges and Copper Clad Ranges.

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT

Berlin War Office Tells of Number of Small Successes in Belgium and France.

MORE FIGHTING IN EAST PRUSSIA

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The official statement, given out today by the German general army headquarters, says:

"In the western theater of the war, on the road to Arras and Lille the French have been thrown out of the section of the German trench which was occupied by them February 16.

"In the Champagne district, renewed attacks made by strong French forces broke down completely under German fire. One hundred additional prisoners fell into German hands. Short sections of the German trenches which were taken by the French on January 16 were partly reconquered.

"In the reported French attack on Boureuilles and Vauquois, five officers and 49 uninjured men were captured.

"To the east of Verdun, near Combray, the French, after a short lived success under heavy losses, were repulsed.

"In the Vosges the Germans stormed Hocht 200, to the south of Lusse, and took two trenches.

"In the eastern war arena: The Germans yesterday occupied Tauragren (in the Russian province of Kovno).

"The engagement of the pursuing Germans with the retreating Russians to the northeast of Grodno and to the north of Aushawola, are nearing their end. The battle to the northeast of Kolno still continues. South of Meyszyniec the Germans drove the Russians out of several villages.

"To the north of the Vistula, in Poland, minor engagements are taking place on both sides of the Wkra river to the east of Racloz.

"From the region on the south of the Vistula, in Poland, there is nothing new to report."

DEATH RECORD

One County Pioneer Dead.
AVOCA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Cora Ashton, aged 70 years, a pioneer of Gtoe county, died last Wednesday evening. In 1864 she and her husband, the late William Ashton, located on a farm near Norton, where she has ever since made her home. She is survived by three children—Mrs. John Armstrong of Omaha, Mrs. Louis Bergtholtz and Carl G. Ashton.

Mrs. Susie Fern Houlette.
ATLANTIC, Ia., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Susie Fern Houlette, wife of John M. Houlette, died yesterday at a local hospital, death resulting from anaemia, from which she had been a sufferer for some time. She was 2 years of age. She leaves a husband, a small daughter and a infant boy. The body was taken to Norwalk for interment.

Mrs. Charles Scott.
MCCOOK, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Mrs. Charles Scott of Arapahoe died in a local hospital following an operation Wednesday night. The body was shipped to Arapahoe yesterday for burial. Deceased leaves a husband and large family; a baby of 2 years is the youngest. Mrs. Scott was 41 years old.

Read The Bee's "Business Chances" and get into your own business.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

Port	Arrival	Depart
HONG KONG	Shirato Maru	Sailed
LIVERPOOL	Adriatic	Sailed
LYONS	Adriatic	Sailed
GENOA	Adriatic	Sailed
MARSEILLE	Adriatic	Sailed
NEW YORK	Adriatic	Sailed
PANAMA	Adriatic	Sailed

Brandeis Stores

In This Great Saturday Sale of Leather Suit Cases Prices Are Reduced 1/2 or More

We bought the entire sample line and surplus stock of high grade suit cases from Nicholas Diamond & Co., 100 North Canal Street, Chicago, at 50 PER CENT LESS THEIR USUAL WHOLESALE PRICE. They will go on sale Saturday on the same price basis. You can buy them as we did—cheaper than ever before.

These handsome, well-made suit cases are of cow-hide; some leather lined, some linen lined and some silk lined.

Values up to \$10.00 Saturday in Two Lots
\$3.95 and \$4.95

About 75 high grade fiber and leather cases; also leather bags, worth up to \$6, Saturday in one lot, choice for **\$2.95**

Men's Furnishings at Great Savings

Medium and Heavy Weight Union Suits—Worsted and derby ribbed, fine Egyptian cotton. Worth to \$2.00. Saturday, a suit... **89c**

Men's Sweater Coats—With the ruff neck collar; also "V" neck styles. All staple colors. Worth to \$3.50. Special Saturday, choice for... **89c**

A Special Lot of Men's Silk Four-in-Hands—All the latest patterns. Regular 50c values. Saturday, choice for... **25c**

Up to \$3 Sample Hats Saturday 95c

600 Hats—Manufacturers' sample lines. Soft Hats for Men and Young Men—all new spring styles. These hats, if sold in the regular way, would retail for \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$3.00. All in one lot Saturday, your choice for... **95c**

The New Spring Hats for Men and Young Men

The first Spring Hats—before the hills begin to stir, we have the spring hats ready for you to try on. We will sell them for \$2.00 and \$2.50. Men's Stetson Hats... **\$2.50**

Boys' and Children's Headwear

New spring styles in Boys' and Children's Headwear are now ready. Special, for 25c, 30c and up to... **\$1.50**

1200 Men's Fine Shirts in a Rousing Sale Saturday

Sample and surplus shirts from Ely & Walker of St. Louis, consisting of band collar styles with laundered cuffs; negligee with soft collars attached; madras, solistes, mercerized and silk and linen effects—many of the new sport style shirts with middie collars included in this lot. Worth to \$1.25 each. Special Saturday, choice for... **58c**

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We put them in and became the exclusive headquarters here because they are designed by just as able fashion artists as those who design high-priced clothes. The fabrics and workmanship are also the better kind because the makers specialize on this one suit. All models. All sizes. Big selection for young men, too.

Boys' Two-Pair-Pant Suits Choice Saturday at \$3.49

A large shipment of splendid new medium weight extra-pant suits just arrived. New gray, brown and blue effects, in cassimeres and tweeds. Snappy models that are absolutely new. Every suit made with two pair of full lined pants. All taped seams and with belt loops. Mothers, \$5.00 is the real value of these suits. Plenty of every size to be had. Your choice Saturday for **\$3.49**

New Top Reefers for Boys Are Here

New styles and new fabrics. Jack Tars, Beinnacans and d Norfolk; plenty of new shepherd checks in black and white, a d brown and white effects; \$4 to \$8

Knickerbocker Special—Boys' Basement Section

700 pairs of splendid wool tweeds, cassimeres, worsteds and corduroy that are worth from \$1.00 to \$1.50. Over half of the lot are splendidly tailored suit pants and are fully lined. Special Saturday, a pair... **49c**