

Nebraska CLARKE REPLIES TO WILSON CHARGE

Chairman of State Railway Commission Issues Statement After Attack.

HE GOES INTO DETAILS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 28.—(Special.)—For a long time members of the State Railway commission have submitted in silence to attacks, simply going ahead and doing their duty as they saw it.

However, since the advent of Victor Wilson into the campaign as the democratic candidate for the place of Chairman Henry T. Clarke on the commission, the attacks of that gentleman have been so unfair that Mr. Clarke today issues a scorching answer, in part as follows:

"While two of the members of the commission and its accountant, Mr. Powell, were in Omaha last week defending the 2-cent fare law against attack by the Missouri Pacific, Victor Wilson called at the department for the alleged purpose of securing information concerning the financial condition of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company. In the inevitable newspaper statement which followed his two-hour investigation of the records he denounces the commission for 'gross maladministration.' His denunciations and statements are so sensational and so far wide of the facts that they smack strongly of a purpose to appeal directly to the prejudices of the telephone users of Lincoln. With the real facts of the public may judge of the morals of a man, even though he is a candidate for office, who will promulgate warped and perverted assertions on a matter of such vital importance.

Monthly Reports Filed.

"Monthly reports showing the details of revenues and expenses have been filed by the company since July 1, 1914. Mr. Wilson examined these reports and one of his charges is that the commission has never summarized them to determine what effect the new rates have had. A clerk, who had no information to the contrary, advised Mr. Wilson that no such summary had been made. Had Mr. Wilson called when Mr. Powell was present he would have found that such a summary had been made and that less than two months ago.

Who Proposed Law?

"Mr. Wilson appropriates every dollar of the toll revenue collected in Lincoln, amounting to \$95,000 a year, notwithstanding the legislature of 1913 passed a law providing that a telephone exchange is entitled to but 15 per cent on out-going messages and 10 per cent on in-coming messages. This law, by the way, was proposed by an independent telephone man who was a member of the House and was passed by the Democratic legislature. Under the terms of that law, the Lincoln exchange is entitled to less than \$25,000 from toll, Nor is this all. The value of the toll property is not included in the valuation used by Mr. Wilson, his statement to the contrary notwithstanding. Worse yet, the expenses reported by the company do not include the money expended for toll maintenance. So we find that Mr. Wilson's calculation claims all of the toll receipts collected in Lincoln without taking into consideration the toll property that produces the revenue, and at the same time excludes a very considerable portion of the toll expenses.

In its exhaustive analysis of the reports the Commission took these matters into consideration, as well as a number of other things which we have the space to discuss. This summary shows that the average net earnings of the company for the thirty-months' period was 5.68 per cent of the valuation used by Mr. Wilson, allowing 9 per cent for maintenance and depreciation. If an 8 per cent allowance for maintenance and depreciation is used the net earning would be 7.05 per cent, whereas, if the actual expenditures for current maintenance and realized depreciation, as shown by the records and carefully checked by Mr. Powell, amounting to 8.37 per cent, are accepted, the net earning is but 6.5 per cent. Upon such a showing the Commission decided that it was unnecessary to make a further investigation at this time. It is the purpose, however, to analyze the reports from time to time and of operating conditions change so that the net revenue increases, the company will be required to show cause why its rates should not be reduced.

Much Misunderstanding.

"There has been a deal of misunderstanding concerning the Lincoln telephone situation, and a persistent campaign by unscrupulous agitators has done much to deceive a large number of telephone users into believing that they are paying excessive and unjust rates. People in Lincoln are not paying rates higher than are paid in other American cities. That fact of itself merits emphasis and should be repeated by those who are approached by self-seeking politicians who by half-truths and ill-digested figures try to impeach the integrity and judgment of the Commission. The average revenue per subscriber's instrument is but \$1.16 per month. Mr. Wilson is challenged to compare that average with the average revenue of companies operating in other cities of Lincoln's size."

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Storm Turns Water From Ditch Into North Platte River

Lincoln, July 28.—A cloudburst near the Nebraska-Wyoming line has at least temporarily relieved irrigationists and water power patrons along the Platte river. The cloudburst damaged a government canal, which crossed into Nebraska from Wyoming, in such a way as to allow 1,500 cubic feet of water a second, that was going into the canal, to go into the North Platte river. The supply is enough for all irrigationists, it is said, and also the Kearney Water Power company, which had complained of shortage.

Soldiers Who Are Nominees Retain All Their Rights

Lincoln, July 28.—Candidates for political offices, nominated at the primary election, who are members of the National Guard on the border have in no way jeopardized their legal standings by going to the border as guardsmen, according to a ruling of Attorney General Reed of Nebraska today. Their names will remain on the ballots and they will be voted for in a regular way at the election.

Three Store Buildings At Auburn Burned

Auburn, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Three store buildings were destroyed by fire last night. The fire originated in a frame store building occupied by Thomas H. Gillipie and was discovered about 1 o'clock. This building and another occupied by Jack Van Winkle as a restaurant, both frame, were completely consumed and the building of Pat Cline was so burned that it will have to be removed. Gillipie's loss was complete, including his stock and household and personal effects. He had no insurance. The other parties were insured. Arrangements have already been made to replace the building with brick.

Twenty Bushels an Acre in Harlan County

Alma, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Threshing is now in progress in Harlan county and the early reports indicate an average yield in the county of about twenty bushels per acre. P. P. Hames got 5,280 bushels of wheat from 240 acres, an average of twenty-two bushels per acre. It tested sixty-four and was sold from the machine at \$1.01 per bushel. This was on the upland. George Weltz, on the bottom land, got an average of thirty bushels per acre. Will Bloom threshed out twenty-five bushels per acre from his second bottom land.

Farm Hand Sues Former Employer for \$10,000

Fremont, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Joseph Frost, a farm hand, has filed suit in district court at Schuyler against W. J. Bingham to collect \$10,000 for injuries he alleges he sustained in an encounter with the defendant. Frost had been working for Bingham and when he went to the Bingham home to settle for his services he claims Bingham assaulted him with a monkey wrench. As a result of the encounter Frost was badly bruised and spent several weeks in a hospital.

Automobile Race From Ravenna to Grand Island

Ravenna, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Two young farmers, living south of town, Charles Wallace and John Thom, had a dispute as to the relative speed of their touring cars, and the result was a race from Ravenna to Grand Island, a distance of thirty-five miles. Three men rode in one car and four in the other, and the race was a thrill from start to finish. Fortunately, no one was hurt. The Wallace car won the race. This kind of racing over country roads is not encouraged here, however.

Auto Hits Bicycle.

North Platte, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Fred Weesner suffered a fracture of the leg when a bicycle he was riding collided with a motor car driven by Charles Osgood. Car and bicycle, traveling opposite directions, went around a water sprinkler, and neither Weesner or Osgood saw the other in time to avoid the collision.

CROWD MENACES DRIVER OF AUTO

Boy Run Over by Motorist and Dies Later in a Hospital.

PEOPLE GROW EXCITED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 28.—(Special.)—Another accident from an automobile, occurred in Lincoln last night when Philip Frandt, 9 years of age was run over by an automobile driven by George Fisher of Malcomb.

The accident occurred in the Russian settlement and for a while it appeared as if Fisher would come to harm from the excited crowd which gathered before the officers arrived. It is reported that the boy had been riding on the rear of a wagon and jumped off in front of the car driven by Fisher. At first it was not realized that the boy was seriously hurt, but he died soon after reaching the hospital.

Patrons of Crete Branch Press Claims

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 28.—(Special.)—A large number of people interested in having an increased train service on the Crete branch of the Missouri Pacific, gathered in the hearing room of the state railway commission today to press their claims in favor of the service alleged to be needed. They claim that if the road would put on another train each way which would make connection at Hickman with the Burlington in and out of Lincoln, that there would be more travel on the road and that passengers would not be compelled to spend so much time in making a trip to Lincoln.

The road now runs a train each way, and being a mixed affair its coming and going is somewhat uncertain and of much inconvenience. On the other hand the road complains that the business is not sufficient to warrant an entirely passenger train.

Notes from Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Clarence Fisher, the Pickrell farmer who was seriously injured a few days ago when his steam, which was attached to a mower, ran away with him, is recovering. As one of the sickle guards pierced his right lung it was thought he was fatally injured, but as he is getting better it is thought his recovery will only be a matter of a short time.

Two valuable collie dogs have been poisoned in Beatrice within the last few days.

Heye Meints, whose automobile was stolen Wednesday night by a farm hand named R. D. Wade, states that as he recovered the car he does not think he will file a complaint against the young man, who was lodged in the county jail yesterday.

Parents of several members of Company C, now doing duty on the border, have asked for the discharge of their sons because they are dependent upon them.

Boy Charged with Robbery.

North Platte, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Forest Campbell, 16 years old, who says that his home is in St. Charles, Ill., is being held by the police in connection with the daylight robbery of E. A. Garlich's home here. During the absence of the family the boy entered and carried away a watch, a chain, several rings and some money. When questioned by the police he declared that he did not know why he stole the articles. An effort is being made to communicate with his relatives in Illinois.

Stella's First Banker Dead.

Stella, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—News has reached here of the death of W. S. Ferguson, who died at Minneapolis and was buried at Ripon, Wis. Mr. Ferguson was the first banker at Stella. He moved to Colby, Kan., where he was interested in banks at that place and the neighboring towns of Rexford and Brewster.

He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge at Stella and had never had his membership transferred from here.

New Elevator for North Platte.

North Platte, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—A second grain elevator will be erected in North Platte in time to assist in handling Lincoln county's bumper wheat crop this fall. The contract for the construction of a 12,000-bushel elevator has been awarded and work will start at once. The elevator will be owned by D. M. Leopoldt of Hershey and H. L. Pennington of this city.

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From Our Near Neighbors

Valley. Rev. J. R. Ramsey was an Omaha visitor Wednesday. Mrs. A. E. Hubbard and Mrs. Anne Robinson were shopping in Omaha. Marie Byars went to Papillion Monday to be the guest of Leta Fau for a week. Frank Whitmore went to Minneapolis this week to attend the funeral of Dwight Puffer.

Miss Elsie Lentell, Lila and Vinton returned Sunday from a three weeks' visit in Kansas. The funeral of Thomas Taylor, who was drowned Sunday morning, was held from the home, South Valley, Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Miss Hildreth Eddy gave a party at her home Thursday afternoon in honor of her sixth birthday. Sixteen little girls were guests.

Miss Stella Merrittweather, Charlotte King, Esther Anderson and Ethel Larson, who have been attending summer school at Peru, returned home Friday. The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Eddy Wednesday. Mrs. I. Press was leader of the lesson study.

Springfield. Miss Elizabeth O'Brien of Omaha is visiting Mrs. L. A. Bates. Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Simons, Neb., are visiting relatives here. Miss Pearl Horrocks of Meadow Grove is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Casper. J. M. Elwell and wife left last Monday for a visit to Denver and Colorado Springs. Miss Lora Reynolds of Nebraska was a guest of Mrs. J. C. Wade the fore part of the week.

Miss Clara Mueller, who has been attending the Peru normal, arrived home last Thursday. Arrangements are being made for a tabernacle meeting to be held here the latter part of September. William Kleck, Jr., who has been attending law school at the University of Chicago arrived home Thursday. Miss Helen Heskock of Los Angeles made a short stay here the fore part of the week calling on old acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Milstead of Peru returned here from Peru Saturday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hauer. Mrs. Minnie Heckel died last Saturday near Gretna. The funeral was held Monday. Burial was in Springfield cemetery.

Papillion. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans of Council Bluffs spent Sunday with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Hayhow will spend the next two weeks at Wall Lake, Ia. Misses Mary and Margaret Guinan of Chicago are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McEvoy. Twenty-seven young women from Serry county, who have attended summer school at Peru, returned to their homes Friday.

Wesley. The annual fraternal picnic will be held here August 1st. Miss Julia Toig of Truman, Minn., is visiting at the home of her uncle, J. R. Josephson. Miss Myrtle Yowell of Valparaiso visited two days this week with Miss Beatrice DeLand. Mr. and Mrs. John Colbert and family left Wednesday for a trip by automobile to Chicago.

Miss Mary French of Lincoln visited over Saturday with her friend, Miss Mildred Butler. Walter Jenkins and family of Havlock visited Sunday at the home of his brother, Charles. Miss Pearl Bell of Diller visited three days this week with her friend, Miss Lewie Crow. Mrs. G. B. Malling and sons, Albert and Raymond, left Tuesday for their home at Scottsdale, Pa. after two months' visit at the George Hitchman home.

Dorothy and Bethel Allen of Nebraska visited several days this week at the R. C. Lytle home. Mrs. Fred Garrison has gone to Newman Grove for three weeks' visit at the home of a sister.

Webb Russell, clerk at one of the drug stores, won a cash prize of \$10 in a national woolen trimming contest. Margaret and Elizabeth Stander of Louisville visited this week at the farm home of their uncle, Peter Spanier. Mrs. C. H. Gibson and family were at Wabash this week visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. A. Jackson.

Elkhorn. Miss Lucy Richardson was an Omaha visitor Thursday. John Higgins and family visited Thursday at the Hofstad home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson are entertaining the Misses Nielson of Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mochelmann visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deerson Tuesday evening. Charles Nette attended the funeral of Mrs. George Johnson of Waterloo at Omaha Thursday, accompanied by her little grandson, Robert Higby, who spent a week here.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Rolfs was strung by bees Tuesday and required the attention of a doctor. Earl Baumgardner went to Rawlins, Wyo., Thursday evening. Mrs. Baumgardner and children will spend some time in Omaha during his absence.

Bennington. Miss Louise Johnson visited here this week. Mrs. Charles Smith celebrated her birthday Sunday. Miss Augusta Lebbert was an Omaha visitor Tuesday. George Diemar and daughter, Mary, motored to Omaha Thursday. Fred Orth's new modern farm home is rapidly nearing completion.

Daniel Filant has plans to leave Sunday for a trip to Colorado, visited by motorcycle. Miss Irene Graue visited several days with Omaha friends this week, returning Saturday. Mrs. Harry Hackett and Mrs. Frank Martin motored out from Omaha and visited at the outing camp at Sumner Hill farm Wednesday evening.

Avoca. Miss Phyllis Straub is visiting friends at North Bend. Thomas Burns and family are visiting relatives at Shelby. John H. Schmidt and Miss Laura Witake motored to Omaha Wednesday.

Miss Ella Meyers has returned from a week's stay at Weeping Water. Bertha and Johnnie Brinton of Elmwood spent the week with relatives here. Mrs. Nels Sorenson and children are here from Omaha for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Thiele and Miss Anna Ruhnke were Weeping Water visitors Wednesday. Miss Judith Straub was visiting at Nebraska City the latter part of the week. Mrs. John Weaver and daughter, Vera, and Mrs. W. A. Hollenberger and son,

Claude, were visiting relatives at Lincoln this week. Mrs. Oliver Hogenroff, son and daughter, are spending the week with Lincoln relatives. Miss Minta Beckford of Utica is spending the week visiting her sister, Mrs. L. J. Marquardt. G. D. Maseman and wife and Mrs. Albert Bencke were Omaha visitors the first of the week. Adolph and Miss Mary Zimmerer were here from Nebraska City this week for a visit with relatives. Mrs. John Veerhausen and daughters of Pirth were here over Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carsten.

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