

## RAILROADS SLOWLY SOLVE CAR PROBLEM

Full Freight Houses Block Attempts to Free Shipments From Delay.

### LABOR SHORTAGE HINDERS

Congestion in the local freight yards is only now being somewhat relieved, after some weeks of a hopeless piling up of business. This relief is the first sign that the car shortage situation is actually clearing up a little.

Up to a few days ago one road alone had 100 cars in the yards to be unloaded, and could not handle them because the freight house was full. Because the car shortage rumor was in the air, any cars available were always loaded to the roof, and this was what brought about the congestion of the freight houses.

### Lack Workmen.

Outgoing merchandise suffered similar delays. This was partly due to shortage of cars and partly to shortage of labor, as many men at this season of the year when work is abundant on the farms and in other localities, will not work for the wages paid at the freight houses. Some of the roads pay their freight handlers on a tonnage basis. This means that when they are handling light material, which does not run into tons very fast, they make very small wages.

### Jobbers Unload.

When the congestion of incoming goods was at its height, some of the local wholesalers and retailers, who had goods in the cars on the tracks, were allowed to go to the yards and unload the cars themselves, drawing the goods directly to the stores instead of waiting until it could be handled through the freight house in the regular way.

Individual complaints of the jobbers and retailers were usually answered in this way, by switching the car to a convenient siding, opening the door, and letting the complainant unload his own goods.

### Inquire Into Shortage.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 4.—Proposals that for the immediate relief of the country-wide railroad car shortage the Interstate Commerce Commission call a conference of the executive heads of the railway companies of the east, south and west, were communicated late today to Commissioner C. C. McChord, who has been presiding over the informal inquiry held here.

The communication was formulated at a conference of railroad representatives as a result of a suggestion by Commissioner McChord that they endeavor to agree among themselves regarding car distribution which would tend to speedily improve conditions.

As an outgrowth of the informal inquiry, which ended late today, the Interstate Commerce Commission, on McChord's recommendation, has ordered a formal investigation of the situation, to begin Wednesday in Louisville. It will cover the supply, exchange, interchange and return of freight cars, together with all practices and regulations relating thereto.

## INTEREST KEEN IN ELECTION AT POLLS TUESDAY

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indicated as national, state, congressional, legislative, county and precinct, in the order named.

Three small ballots bear nonpartisan candidates for chief justice of supreme bench, associate justices of supreme bench, judges of district court, Fourth district; county judge, and municipal court judges; members of Board of Education and directors of Omaha Metropolitan Water district. A total of 221 names appear on the ballots. An X in the republican circle near the top of the large ballot obviates necessity of making fifty-two individual marks.

The republican presidential electors are: Fred H. Richards, Harry S. Byrne, Edward W. Miskell, N. P. Swanson, George F. Wolz, Thomas E. Williams, Norman T. Johnson and Thomas L. Carroll.

**Senatorial Contest Hotly Debated.**

The second group of the national ticket shows the nominees for United States senate. The contest between Senator Hitchcock and John L. Kennedy has added zest to the campaign, the present odds largely favoring Mr. Kennedy. This contest has had attention throughout the country and it is no secret within democratic inner circles that Senator Hitchcock has been under fire of the most withering kind. Senator Hitchcock's effort to attach himself to the administration after his record of opposition on various measures, has kept him very busy. He has failed to declare himself openly either for wet or dry, thereby relying on the wet vote and has truckled in other quarters for vote-getting purposes. The recent exposure of an eleventh-hour attempt to catch the Swedish-American vote has given the senator another setback and alienated even the few Swedish filibusters who might have voted for him. Mr. Kennedy has made a vigorous and clean campaign, covering the whole state.

**Judge Sutton Leads.**

The big fight on the state ticket is between Abraham L. Sutton and Keith Neville, republican and democratic gubernatorial nominees, respectively. Those competent to judge of a political situation predict the election of Judge Sutton with the rest of the republican state ticket.

Another feature of the local campaign has been the fight of Ben S. Baker to dislodge Congressman Loebck. Mr. Loebck has been charged by former friends with failing to pay

\$18,000 in judgments which stand against him in district court. Some of his friends have been importuning him to answer these charges and clear his record if he can, but up to the hour he has ignored the matter.

That Mr. Baker stands to win the election is the prediction sustained even by voters who were off Congressman Loebck two years ago.

### Legislative Ticket.

Under the heading of "legislative ticket," on the ballot, Douglas county voters will select five senators and twelve state representatives for this district. In this connection it is noted that the republican nominees subscribed their names to a declaration of principles, enumerating some of the progressive measures they will work for. No such declaration whatever has been made by the democratic nominees. Another feature in connection with the legislative ticket is the fact that the democrats have made an open bid for the wet vote, the workers having been instructed to pursue such a course. The county democracy has openly made all sorts of bargains in exchange for their support of the "wet" program. Anything to get into office, is their campaign cry. The socialists also have a complete legislative ticket.

The republicans offer a strong county ticket. Frank Dewey, up for re-election, has had experience in the office of county clerk since 1907 and presents a better claim than Charles E. Kelpin, democratic nominee. Robert Smith, present clerk of the district court, is opposed by C. P. Moriarty. Emmet G. Solomon, present deputy treasurer, is opposed by the republican nominee for treasurer to succeed W. G. Ure. Mr. Solomon seems to have a walk-away against M. L. Endres, democratic nominee, who lost out in a former race for this office. According to the best signs, W. A. Yoder will serve another term as county superintendent, a position for which he has identified himself for a long time.

The race for sheriff has been hotly contested, with Michael L. Clark, republican nominee, coming down the stretch like a sure winner, against F. J. McShane, jr., present sheriff of jail-feeding predictions. By similar tokens the political handwriting indicates election of Henry C. Murphy for county attorney, against George A. Magney, whom many believe has had the office long enough. Louis E. Adams is the nominee of republicans, democrats and progressives and will be re-elected as county surveyor. W. G. Shriver, republican nominee for county assessor, is opposed by Jerry M. Fitzgerald. Will N. Johnson and Richard S. Horton are republican and democratic nominees, respectively, for office of public defender.

County commissioners will be elected for the Third and Fifth districts. The three holdover commissioners are two republicans and one democrat and the republicans must elect one or both of their nominees to remain in control. A. C. Harte is the republican nominee for the Third district and Frank C. Best for the Fifth district.

### Two Police Judges.

Two police judges and one justice of the peace will be elected, these will be re-elected on the ballot under caption of "Precinct ticket." One police judge will serve in Omaha proper and the other in the South Side. Charles E. Foster and Harvey W. Reed are practically assured of re-election. H. H. Claiborne has little opposition of election as justice of the peace.

On a separate ballot the nonpartisan judiciary candidates will appear. Andrew M. Morrissy and Jacob Fawcett are contestants for chief justice of the supreme court. It is well known in Nebraska politics that Justice Morrissy is a part of the political machine being built by Arthur Mullen, while Jacob Fawcett is in the race without any "entangling alliances," which might call for explanation in the future.

### Seven District Judges.

There are fourteen candidates for seven judgeships of the district court, Fourth district. The present incumbents are in the field, Arthur C. Wakeley having been appointed to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Judge English. Outside of the seven judges now on the bench, Charles T. Dickinson appears to be the strongest candidate.

Bryce Crawford occupies the unusual position of having no opposition in his quest for re-election as county judge.

Three municipal court judges will be elected out of a field of six candidates. Robert W. Patrick, one of the present judges of the court, seeks re-election.

### For School Board.

The Board of Education fight has yielded some food for thought. Eight members will be elected, instead of four, as usually is the case. W. A. Foster, Dr. E. Holovtchiner and R. F. Williams, members of the present board, seem to be assured of re-election. William E. Reed and C. V. Warfield, also of the present board, are out for re-election. All school board candidates were filed by petition. There are nineteen in the race for eight places. Among the slates being promulgated are "Citizens' ticket," and "The Improvement club ticket."

One of the small ballots will contain names of three aspirants for places on the Metropolitan Water board.

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## CAMPAIGN ISSUES IN MIDWEST STATES

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third authorizing legislature to pension the blind. The prohibition campaign was quiet, although the proposed amendment would prohibit all manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in the state.

In Kansas the part women have played in the campaign formed one of its marked characteristics, this being the first year women have been able to vote for president. Five women are candidates for state offices and two for the legislature. Dr. Eva Harding of Topeka, who was defeated on the democratic ticket for the democratic nomination for congress by Rev. H. J. Corwine of Topeka in the August primary, as a candidate for congress on an independent ticket. Ethel Whitehead of Lawrence is socialist candidate for lieutenant governor; Margaret Grandle of Pittsburgh is socialist candidate for secretary of state, and Mary Sibbitt of Wichita is prohibition candidate for the same office. Ida Reel of Winfield is candidate for superintendent of public instruction on the socialist ticket. The two women candidates for the legislature are Mrs. Harvey Kinzie of Hiawatha (democrat) and Ella Baldwin (socialist) of Kansas City.

### Eight Issues In Minnesota.

Eight proposed constitutional amendments will be voted on in Minnesota. Nine congressmen are seeking re-election, the warmest contest being between three candidates in the new Tenth district—Thomas D. Schaik, elected on the progressive ticket two years ago, and again a candidate on that ticket; Lowell E. Jepson, republican, and Neil M. Cronin, democrat.

### The constitutional amendments proposed are:

1. Amendment to the state land section, authorizing \$250,000 of the permanent school fund to be set aside as a revolving fund to make improvements on state land.
2. Permitting loans from the state school fund on farm lands up to 20 per cent of the land's value.
3. Authorizing the state to dispose of minerals under lakebeds and turn the proceeds into a permanent good roads fund.
4. Adding two associate justices to the state supreme court.
5. Authorizing the governor to cut down items of appropriation bills.
6. Permitting condemnation of private property for drainage operations.
7. The initiative and referendum amendment (submitted to the voters for the third time).
8. Extending terms of probate judges from two to four years.

### Quiet Campaign In Wisconsin.

The election campaign in Wisconsin has probably been the quietest in many years. Considerable interest centers in the election of United States senator, to succeed Robert M. LaFollette. Senator LaFollette, republican, and William F. Wolfe, democrat, the leading nominees, made a thorough canvass of the state, as did also Governor E. L. Phillip and his democratic opponent, Burr Williams.

The factional differences between the two republican wings, those known as the progressive or LaFollette faction and the conservatives, headed by Governor Phillip, seem to have been bridged over and all republican speakers are advocating election of the complete republican ticket, made up of both LaFollette and Phillip nominees.

Differences in the democratic camp, which arose over the wresting of control from Judge John G. Karel, candidate for governor two years ago, seem to be smoothed out.

### School of Journalism

#### For University of Nebraska

Lincoln, Nov. 5.—(Special).—A school of journalism for the University of Nebraska was urged by Henry J. Allen, editor of the Wichita, Beacon in an address to the hundred and more journalism students in Prof. M. M. Fogg's course in news writing (which has three times the membership it had last semester.)

"I am a very great friend of the proposition of college journalistic schools," he said, because in my experience (twenty years in metropolitan and country journalism) as a publisher I have found nothing so badly needed as trained intelligence."

Mr. Allen helped establish the school of journalism at Kansas university, housed in a separate building, and with a half dozen professors, which is doing great service for the university's welfare and which is raising the editorial and business standards of the Kansas press.

The editor, in Mr. Allen's opinion, exercises an influence—or should do so—greater than either the teacher or the minister, and a state university should do its part in training him.

### Negro Held on Charge Of Carrying Hidden Gun

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## Cowboys Defeat Villa Bandits

Field Headquarters, Mexico, Nov. 4.—Cowboys from the Babicora ranch, operating with home guards

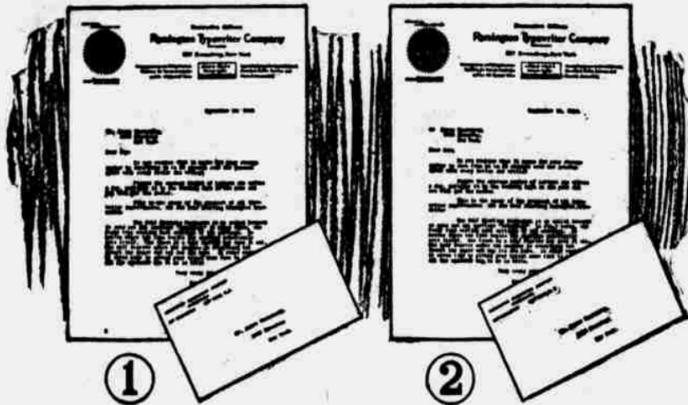
from Namiquipa, defeated a force of fifty Villistas, killing several and capturing eleven, according to a report received today at field headquarters. The report says that five of the prisoners declared they were forced to join the bandits in the Guerrero district. The fight took place near Santa

Ana, about seventy-five miles south of the American camp at El Valle. San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 4.—Villa soldiers, recently made prisoners at Santa Ana, were taken by guards on duty at the Babicora and Namiquipa ranches, according to a message received at headquarters today from

General Pershing. The report said that several of the Villa band were killed in the engagement, in addition to those taken prisoners. The guards numbered 110, but the Villistas had a strength of fifty men.

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