

RAILROADS EARN MORE THAN IN 1915

Lines Make Showing of Their Receipts From Passenger Traffic.

NET REVENUES ARE SHOWN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Earnings of Nebraska railroads on passenger traffic for 1916 increased a little over 1915, which, however, showed the smallest revenue for five years, according to a report made by the State Railway commission. The increase over the first of the five years, 1912, is \$299,518.42, while the decrease over the best of the other years, 1914, was \$298,597.84. These figures for 1916 do not include the report of the St. Joseph & Grand Island road or the Minneapolis & Omaha, which have not filed reports as yet. The showing for each year is as follows:

Table with columns for Year, Total Earnings, and Total Expenses. Rows include 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1916.

Freight earnings for the same number of years show considerable of an increase as follows, there being a margin for each year: 1912, \$31,545,442.45; 1913, \$31,545,442.45; 1914, \$31,545,442.45; 1915, \$31,545,442.45; 1916, \$31,545,442.45.

Many Improvements Made at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The last bit of the public improvements for the year is now being completed in the filling of the excavation which was made for the sewer on Chicago avenue, which was but recently finished. The extension of the sewer on this popular boulevard is a much needed improvement, and one which has added to the material wealth of the city, and most particular to that portion which joins this much traveled highway. Another of the features which have marked the progress of the city is the completion of the new public library, to which Andrew Carnegie gave \$12,500. Near it is the new apartment house which was erected at a cost of \$40,000. Washington avenue has come in for its portion of improvements in receiving a mile of pavement, with the carrying of the additional bonds, making a total of \$65,000 for the new high school building, and the erection and alteration of 100 homes in the city. Plattsmouth is becoming another city from which it was a few years ago.

South Dakota Farmer Is Killed Under Auto

Rusholt, S. D., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Frank Robert, a well known farmer of this vicinity, was yesterday killed when he was caught under his overturned automobile and had his neck broken. While going at a good rate of speed one of the front wheels of the automobile broke, causing the machine to turn turtle. His 12-year-old daughter was riding with him. She escaped death, but was severely injured. The dead man is survived by a widow and a large family. He was a leading member of the Modern Woodmen lodge.

Postoffice Clerks Want Time and Half for Overtime

Resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Omaha Postoffice Clerks' union, local No. 134, Sunday favoring legislation looking to time and a half for all overtime in excess of eight hours a day. The bill introduced by Congressman Tague, that fixes the entrance salary for all postoffice clerks and carries in first and second class postoffices at \$900 and provides for automatic yearly increases until the maximum of \$1,500 is reached, was endorsed.

Mrs. Pope Injured

Orleans, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. William Pope was painfully cut on the face and head and her little son's nose seriously bruised when two automobiles collided at the foot of the hill near the high school building last evening. Charles Lewis, S. L. Dood and Arley Coe were in one car and Henry Pope, Mrs. William Pope and little son and Miss Sophia Pope were the occupants of the other car.

Harlan County Court

Alma, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—District court convenes here Thursday, December 14, for an equity term, with Judge H. S. Dungan on the bench. There are thirty-three cases on the docket, four of them divorce cases. The equity term was called for December 11, but was adjourned to December 14.

Chamberlain's Tablets

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.

FORMER MAYOR OF OMAHA, who dies at age of eighty years after eventful life in the west.



George P. Bemis

Wisner Dedicates New School House

Wisner, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Wisner formally dedicated its new \$40,000 high school building Friday. In the afternoon the building was open to the public for inspection. Light refreshments were served by the domestic science department. At 3 o'clock the program commenced with music by the high school orchestra. The afternoon speakers were County Superintendent Emma Miller and W. H. Clemmons, state superintendent-elect. The program closed with a number by the high school girls' quartet. The building was open in the evening from 7 until 8:30 for inspection. At 8:30 a musical program was rendered by the Wisner orchestra. The speakers of the evening were Prof. A. A. Reed of the University of Nebraska and President U. S. Conn of Wayne State Normal. President E. M. Snyder presented the building to the community and Attorney John Gross made the acceptance address. The program was rendered as planned, with the exception of an address by State Superintendent Thomas, who could not be present on account of a previous speaking engagement on this date.

Old Landmark at Plattsmouth Burns

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—With the burning of the old Duff grain elevator, went an old time institution, which had outlived its usefulness. This building had done duty for the last forty years. Frank E. White at one time was the owner of the property and conducted a grain business there, having in his employ William Vivian, who has been gone from Plattsmouth for a quarter of a century. Mr. White, himself, has not lived in Plattsmouth for a score of years, he having been secretary for the grand lodge of Masons for nearly that length of time. The elevator was sold by him to the Duff Grain company of Nebraska City and was operated by a Burlington train running over his head sixteen years ago, after which George E. Sayles had charge of it, he having died some eight years ago. Later his son, George R. Sayles has had charge of the plant, but during the last eight or nine years it has done no business. Some time since a Burlington train in passing on a siding clipped a portion of the corner of the building off which was repaired, but never used. The fire removed an old landmark, but one entirely useless except for a place for hoboes to congregate.

Funeral of Ira M. Foster

Anselmo, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The funeral of Ira M. Foster, civil war veteran and Custer county pioneer, occurred Friday from the Methodist church. Mr. Foster died at his home one mile west of town, where he had lived for thirty-two years. He is survived by two sons and one daughter. Ira M. Foster was born in 1844 in Indiana, enlisted in the United States volunteer service soon after the outbreak of the civil war and served his country faithfully during that crisis. He came to Custer county in 1884, where he homesteaded one mile west of the present village of Anselmo. Mr. Foster was a man highly respected by all who knew him. He was prominent in the Masonic lodge. He was buried by the order he loved so well and the esteem in which he was held during his life was manifested by the large number of his brothers who attended him to his last resting place.

McCook Children Badly Burned

McCook, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Two small children of John Battrell of South McCook were burned, one of them seriously, early Saturday morning, when a lamp overturned in their bed room, setting fire to the bed and children's clothing. Mr. Battrell is employed in the Burlington roundhouse here. The house and contents were but little damaged by the fire.

Constipation and Sick Headache

Dr. King's New Life Pills will relieve you of both, clean out the bowels and make you feel fine. 25c. All druggists.—Adv.

Pushing Campaign To Secure Funds For Brownell Hall

Beyond the \$50,000 mark in the campaign to raise \$250,000 in the ten days' campaign for Brownell Hall, workers will meet at luncheon again today to report on their progress in gathering subscriptions over the week-end. Team captains will try to hold their teams up to a standard of attendance still higher than that attained in the first two days of the campaign, two or three of them said Saturday. The number of workers on hand at the meetings has been very encouraging, according to Director-General Frederick Courtenay Barber, but squad leaders say the condition is still susceptible of improvement. All of them are working for a 100 per cent record from now on, so far as possible.

Corporations of Omaha will be appealed to by the volunteer workers to "do their bit" in advancing the city's educational interests. Names of the various concerns, industrial and commercial, will be apportioned among the teams at today's rally luncheon. Those in charge of the campaign expect a generous response from the companies which have interests here.

Candidate Pledging Friends Jobs Held Bribery by Court

Pekin, Kan., Dec. 10.—O. S. Gibson, mayor of Arkansas City, was removed from office and the place given to C. N. Hunt, his opponent in the election last spring, by a ruling of the Kansas supreme court yesterday in quo warranto proceedings started by Hunt. The court held that promising a man an appointment, either directly or through others, for active personal work just preceding an election practically is "bribery." According to the testimony on which the opinion was based, Gibson promised directly and through friends the appointments of police judge, chief of police and other offices if he should be elected. The prospective appointees got out and solicited votes among their friends for Gibson, the opinion sets forth.

Stock Plague Cost Is Nine Millions

Washington, Dec. 10.—Nine million dollars is the sum last year's epidemic of foot and mouth disease took from federal and state treasuries, according to the annual report today of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry. That, however, does not represent the full cost, it is declared, as owners were paid for their animals on a meat value basis, which did not represent the value of thousands of animals slaughtered.

McCook Farm House Robbed

McCook, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—During the recent absence of the family from the Mrs. Otto Karthaus farm southeast of this city, the house was entered and money and goods stolen therefrom amounting to quite a considerable sum.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Franklin Jacoby, who just returned from the West hospital, is confined to his cot and suffering much pain from his old disability. The reports from the hospitals yesterday morning were quite encouraging. Dr. Waggoner is handling the situation alone, and says he does not expect his assistant to return until the forepart of the week. William H. Sidner has given up his California trip for the winter on account of poor health.

Will Exchange Prisoners

London, Dec. 10.—After protracted negotiations through the medium of the United States, arrangements have been made for the exchange of German and British civilian prisoners who are more than 45 years old. About 4,000 Germans are interned in the United Kingdom and 120 British civilians are interned in Germany.

FIGHT ON ROYSE COMING TO HEAD

Several Candidates for Place He Has Held for Fifteen Years.

DEMOS ARE VERY HUNGRY

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—One of the important positions which the new governor, Keith Neville, will have to fill is that of secretary of the State Banking board, a place held by E. Royse for several years, under both republican and democratic governors. This year there is to be some opposition to Mr. Royse, the fact that the democrats have captured everything in an elective way seeming to increase their political appetites rather than appease the craving, and it is possible that notwithstanding Mr. Royse has generally been considered a very efficient official, his head may have to fall into the political basket to satisfy democratic official hunger.

State Treasurer Hall has taken a stand in favor of a change, which may make trouble for Mr. Royse. Mr. Hall is not a member of the State Banking board, as the members of that board consist of the governor, attorney general and auditor, but he is in a position, being a banker as well as state treasurer, to have some influence in the matter.

Those After Place. Aspirants for the position from the democratic side of the political fence are C. E. Reynolds of Rising City, John Tully of Crest, and it is also understood that Jens Nielsen, representative-elect from Douglas county, is a candidate. In fact, Mr. Nielsen intimated that he would accept the position when in Lincoln two weeks ago.

Several attempts have been made in the past to get the scalp of Secretary Royse, but none of them has been successful. Mr. Royse first took on the duties of secretary of the State Banking board when appointed in 1901, and the most successful attempt was made in 1909, when Governor Shallenberger appointed Sam Patterson. However, the injunction suit which held up the state guaranty law for two years prevented Patterson from taking the office and when the suit was finally settled a republican governor was in the executive offices and Mr. Royse was reappointed.

Governor Morehead made no change when he was elected and refused to appoint a new man when elected the second time, so that Mr. Royse has been in office for about fifteen years. He has made a popular official during all that time, but in the raid on the republican trenches his head may have to fall.

Chancellor Avery Wants An All-Year Session

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—Missouri Valley Conference Governing board endorsed addresses by Chancellor Samuel Avery of the University of Nebraska on the desirability of an all-year session of the institutions of higher learning. The plan advanced by Chancellor Avery would make state institutions places of continuous instruction with a staff always on the ground to teach the applicants.

Woman's Peace Congress Told Warring Nations "Sick of War"

Washington, Dec. 10.—Recent personal investigations of conditions in England, France and Germany revealed that the mass of the people in all these countries are anxious for peace. Miss Madeline Doty of New York told the annual meeting of the Woman's Peace party tonight. The speaker said the lack of accurate news in one group of belligerent countries regarding conditions in the other group is mainly responsible for the continuation of hostilities.

"The people of France and England, I have been told by responsible persons," said the speaker, "are heartily sick of this war. Because Lloyd George and other persons have been crying that Germany is the power, that must be crushed, if England and France are to survive, the people have come to believe that such is the truth. As a matter of fact, the people of Germany are weak and they want to see peace. To say that England and France by continuing the war will crush militarism in Germany is erroneous. It is a fact that the longer the war continues the stronger the militarists of Germany will become. When the British and French people realize the exact condition of the German people then will peace be near."

Miss Doty told of attending many meetings in Germany, where peace prospects were freely discussed by civilians and soldiers. Her investigation of conditions in England and France, she asserted, disclosed that public peace discussions were not permitted. Resolutions adopted provided that the chief efforts of the party should be directed against any form of universal compulsory military service, condemned military training in the schools, favored repeal of the draft provision in the army reorganization bill, urged the appointment of commissions representing the United States and Japan and China amicably to settle disputes, and endorse the proposed federal amendment for woman suffrage.

GEORGE P. BEMIS, EX-MAYOR, DEAD

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date for that office up to then, namely, 1484. He was elected to succeed himself in the fall of 1893, receiving a plurality of 2,109 votes over three other candidates. He was a reform mayor and his administrations were marked by cleanliness and efficiency.

While mayor, Mr. Bemis gained great distinction by the manner in which he welcomed distinguished guests and great national gatherings, such as the national convention of the people's party and the grand lodge of the Odd Fellows and the Illustrious Nobles of the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine. Of his message as retiring mayor, The Bee said: "It is a clear-cut and business-like presentation of the situation of the municipal government. It affords a comprehensive review to the city of the various franchised corporations and embodies recommendations for the promotion and protection of the city's interests in dealing with them in the future. It points out the imperative necessity of radical retrenchment in every branch of the municipal government and suggests appropriate remedies for existing abuses. It will be many a year before Omaha secures another mayor who will be as devoted to its welfare and as courageous in the discharge of his duty as George P. Bemis."

Extensive Traveler. Mr. Bemis was an extensive traveler. He accompanied Mr. Train on his second tour around the world, visiting Japan, China and India and returning by way of the Red Sea and Suez canal to Marseilles, where Mr. Train organized 80,000 of the Commune, the International and the Ligue du Midi, while Paris was being besieged by the Prussians and for a short time held possession of the city by a coup d'etat.

Besides his wife Harriet L. M. Bemis is survived by a brother, Emory of Boston, Mass. The funeral will be from the Florence home Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Father M. J. Barratt of St. Phillip Neri's church officiating. The body will be placed in a vault in the Forest Lawn cemetery and latter sent to Waltham, Mass., for burial.

Belgium's Struggle For Liberty Villa's Inspiration, He Says

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—Belgium's heroic example in maintaining an unequal struggle in behalf of what it believed its right, is Francisco Villa's inspiration in his own struggle, according to copies of his recent proclamation, brought to the border today by refugees. This manifesto, which was printed at San Andreas, Chihuahua, ends with the slogan, "Mexico for the Mexicans," in heavy type, and bears the name of Villa as "General in chief."

"Our fatherland also has arrived at the solemn moment when we must oppose the unjustified invasion by our eternal enemies, the barbarians of the north." He declared his only object was to overthrow treachery and place in the presidency any capable patriot.

Heavy Loss Results When Grain Stacks Burn

Gothenburg, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—F. E. Wiggins, who lives six miles south of here, lost twenty-six stacks of small grain, barley and oats, by fire, the circumstances indicating undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. The first fire occurred about 3 o'clock on his home place, where a bunch of stacks were fired. Two hours later his stacks on the Harris ranch at Willow Island were burning. Mr. Wiggins was in Omaha and did not return till this morning. He carried \$15,000 insurance. The value of the grain was placed at over \$20,000. Insurance adjusters are at work.

Overdose of Morphine Fatal to Unidentified Man

An unidentified man was found by the police early Sunday morning at Twelfth and Davenport suffering apparently from an overdose of morphine. He failed to regain consciousness under a police surgeon's treatment and died a short time later in the St. Joseph hospital. Coroner Crosby has the body and will hold an inquest. The man was about 35 years old, smooth shaven, weighed approximately 180 pounds and was rather well dressed.

BACKSLIDERS LACK NERVE TO FINISH

Fear of Scoffers Keeps Many From Attending Church, Says Rev. Burrows.

LEARN BY SUFFERING

"The reason that 10,000 of the 13,000 'Billy Sunday converts in Omaha are backsliders is that they are not willing to go the whole distance and accept Christ's cross and endure the sufferings and privations that are connected with walking in the narrow way," said Rev. H. C. Burrows, pastor of the Oak Street Methodist church, in his sermon yesterday morning.

"The winning of the 3,000 who have held to their pledges taken when they hit the sawdust trail is a bountiful return for the time spent here by Mr. Sunday. We are filled with thanksgiving today that several 'Billy Sunday converts are active workers in our own church. And in nearly every other church in the city you will find them in various numbers."

Rev. Mr. Burrows took as his text, "Though He was a sinner, yet learned He obedience by the things that He suffered."

"We don't appreciate enough today just how much Christ suffered during his sojourn on earth," he said. "There were eighteen years, from the time He was 12 till He was 30 years old, during which He was struggling in a human way supporting His widowed mother. We don't know much of those years. Of what He endured during the three years after He was 30 years old we know and we know no other ever suffered like He did."

"He felt all that any man could feel and much more, because He suffered without any guilt of His own. Yet never a complaint passed His lips."

Afraid of the Scoffs. "Today many Christians won't even put themselves out enough for the sake of Christ to attend the services held in their church for worshipping Him. They are afraid of the scoffs of the world. They are at ease in Zion." The church gets no more of their time or effort or money than they can help.

"Christians who do tread the path of suffering with their Master find joy and peace that are their full reward, joy and peace that pass the understanding of worldlings. This is but one of the rewards for the suffering they are willing to undergo for His sake."

"We are soon to celebrate the coming of Christ to save the sin-cursed world. Let us approach that season with the true, pure joy of worship, the joy of sinners welcoming the One who has come with the depth of love to rescue them from eternal death. "There is a tendency to make Christmas a secular affair, a time merely of the giving and receiving of gifts and the eating of big dinners. We need to emphasize more the divine side of Christmas, which is the only foundation of it. Gifts and feasting are all right, but let them come after a full contemplation of the glorious mission of the Christ."

Rev. W. W. Ward of Benson addressed the congregation in the evening.

BRANDIES

—TODAY— ALL WEEK ADMISION, 25c. The Movie Treat of the Season MR. and VERNON CASTLE MRS. IN THE WHIRL OF LIFE 1 P. M.—CONTINUOUS—11 P. M.

BOYD

Tonite, All Week Except Saturday The Mystery Drama The Hour of Temptation By the Author of "THREE WEEKS" Matinee—Tues., Wed., Thurs., 15c-25c Nites—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c

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Advertisement for XMAS SEALS, featuring an illustration of a child and text about saving him to be a useful American.

Advertisement for STATE DISTRIBUTOR RED CROSS SEALS, listing Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm and 483 Brandeis Theater.

Advertisement for BELL-ANS, Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Advertisement for JITNEY TAXI, MAXWELL CARS, Webster 202.

Advertisement for GAVETY, ALWAYS GOOD, USUALLY GREAT.

Advertisement for BRILLIANT MUSICAL BURLESQUE, TWICE DAILY WEEK MAT. TODAY.

Advertisement for AL REEVES, THE CREDIT KING, 30 - Reveque Beauty Chorus - 30.

Advertisement for DEAN HEADEN, Pal Al told me in Des Moines last Monday that he has picked \$11,000 in profits for this season.

Advertisement for BRANDIES, TODAY— ALL WEEK ADMISION, 25c. The Movie Treat of the Season MR. and VERNON CASTLE MRS. IN THE WHIRL OF LIFE.

Advertisement for BOYD, Tonite, All Week Except Saturday The Mystery Drama The Hour of Temptation.

Advertisement for Orpheum, THE BEST OF VAUDEVILLE, Daily: Matinee, 2:15—Night, 8:15—This Week.

Advertisement for Strand, Wilfred Lucas in "The Microscope Mystery".

Advertisement for SUN THEATER, LAST TIMES TODAY, Ethel Clayton and Carlyle Blackwell in "BROKEN CHAINS".

Advertisement for HIPPO, "Always a Good Show," 15th and Harney Sts., Last Times Today "THE PRICE OF SILENCE."

Advertisement for MUSE, First Showing Paramount Pictures, Louise Huff and Jack Pickford in "SEVENTEEN".

Large advertisement for POSTUM Instant Coffee, featuring an illustration of a Postum tin and the slogan "When Coffee Disagrees Use INSTANT POSTUM 'There's a Reason' NOT A HEADACHE IN IT".