

RAILROADS POOL ON HANDLING OF MEATS

Government Operation of Lines Results in Elimination of 10 Trains Between Omaha and Chicago.

For the Omaha-Chicago railroads the government has done exactly the thing that it has prohibited them from doing. It is letting them, or rather, it is forcing them, to pool on the handling of meat trains out of Omaha to the east.

Heretofore the six Omaha-Chicago roads have been running 12 meat trains to the east daily, or rather, two over each of the roads. Under the pooling plan adopted by the government railroad director general, the number has been reduced to two, 10 having been eliminated.

Under the old plan for handling meat to the east, each Omaha-Chicago line sent out a meat train each morning and another each afternoon. They went regardless of whether or not they carried capacity loads. If the trains were not fully loaded when they left the Omaha yards, they were expected to gather up tonnage enroute. The running schedule was 27 hours for the 300 miles.

When Director General McAdoo took over the operation of the railroads, one of the first things to be worked out was a pooling plan for the handling of dressed meats from the Omaha packing houses and to the east. Now the plan has been evolved and the pool is complete, with the running time of the trains lengthened to 42 hours between Omaha and Chicago.

Council Rejects Report on Opening of Douglas Street

City council rejected appraisers' report on opening of Douglas street, Twenty-fourth street to Twenty-fifth avenue, and agreed that the city planning commission should take the matter under advisement at a special meeting to be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

F. A. Brogan, representing property owners on Douglas street east of Twenty-fourth street, urged city council to open this street to a width of 80 feet, assuring that the property owners most interested will raise a personal fund of \$9,000 to bring the 80-foot appraisement to \$100,000, which is the maximum amount which the city council can approve without submitting the proposition to a vote of the people. Mr. Brogan contended that it would be false economy to open this street to a 60-foot width, as one of the proposals reads.

January Thaw Fails To Put in Appearance

"What has become of the 'January thaw' this year?" Colonel Welsh of the weather bureau was asked. "I don't know, Haven't seen it around here anywhere," responded the meteorologist.

"Don't we always get a January thaw?"

"We always get a thaw but not always in January."

No sign appears on the weather horizon of a break in the extraordinary cold spell that has held now since the middle of December. The mean temperature Sunday was 12 degrees above zero. A year ago on the same day it was 24, and two years ago it was 37. The average mean temperature for the day is 20 degrees.

County Board Accepts Bid For Rebuilding Hospital

County board accepted the \$10,200 bid of Moore Brothers, contractors, for alterations and improvements at the county hospital. The alterations provide for increased space and accommodations on the first floor for housing the inmates of the hospital now living in the basement rooms.

A move to adopt blind people's relief law was favorably reported by Chairman Lynch of the charities committee. The law, if adopted in this county, will provide a pension of \$25 a month for all blind persons having an income of less than \$300 a year. Representatives of the blind will be given a hearing in the near future. Such a law is already in force in Lancaster county.

Snow Storm Has Little Effect on Rail Schedules

The snow storm of Saturday, general over Wyoming and the western portion of Nebraska, worked off to the southwest, losing itself in the mountains. Over the area swept by the storm there was a fall of 10 to 24 inches of snow, but as a rule there was little wind. All through the west the weather is rapidly growing warmer and the snow is melting. The snow is not interfering with traffic and trains are running close to schedule.

Lane and Montmorency To Live Stock Meeting

General Freight Agent Lane of the Union Pacific and Montmorency of the Burlington have gone to Denver to attend the annual meeting of the National Live Stock association that is making an exhibition in the Colorado city this week.

Alkali in Soap Bad For the Hair

Soap should be used very carefully, if you want to keep your hair looking its best. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it.

The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulsified coconut oil at any pharmacy, it's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months.—Advertiser.

Slick Slackers Make Unique Claims When They File Appeals

"Any way to keep out of the army seems to be the idea of a few men of draft age," said Chief Clerk Sutton of the district exemption board. "We find peculiar reasons given by registrants for deferred classification."

One man claimed exemption on the ground that he was assistant manager of an agricultural enterprise and absolutely indispensable to its success. Upon investigation it was found that he has nine brothers and five sisters.

Another conscientious objector stated that he would not fight for the United States. He was an alien and wanted to go back to Europe, but stated that he would not go until after the war.

A shoemaker asks to be exempted on industrial grounds and gives his opinion that he will be of more benefit repairing shoes in Nebraska than he could be as a soldier. He asked to be given a deferred classification.

Harper Family Under Diphtheria Quarantine

C. H. Harper and three small daughters are all under quarantine for diphtheria at their home, 109 South Fifty-second avenue. Mrs. Harper died from this disease last week. The Harper girls are: Ethel and Edith, 4-year-old twins, and Eola, 18 months of age.

Health Commissioner Connell reports that physicians are more prompt in sending cultures for bacteriological tests. City bacteriologist on Sunday morning examined 32 cultures, finding two positive cases of diphtheria in the lot.

Contagious diseases reported to the health office last week were: Measles, 73; smallpox, 32; scarlet fever, eight; diphtheria, seven; cerebro-spinal meningitis, one; erysipelas, one.

The case of Mrs. Harriet McMillan, 4212 Dodge street, was of unusual interest to the health office on account of the age of the patient, 75 years. It is unusual that a person of this age is stricken with diphtheria.

Hastings Man Says Many Order Coal Who Do Not Need It

State Fuel Administrator Kennedy is in receipt of a letter from James N. Clarke of Hastings, saying that the coal situation in Hastings is not distressing, and that many persons who do not need coal are ordering it. This is one way, the Hastings man says, that makes for a coal shortage.

The letter to Administrator Kennedy is as follows:

"Saturday I visited all the coal yards in the city and found it to be a fact that people were ordering coal who did not need it and drivers were complaining about having to climb over piles of coal to get in to put in what they had to deliver. I have asked that drivers deliver only where there is need for coal. I do not think there is any danger of our getting distressingly low here if people will be decent."

Judge Woodrough Holds Court in St. Joseph

Federal Judge Woodrough, who has been in Tulsa, Okl., for several weeks holding court, is now in St. Joseph, Mo., presiding at contempt of court trials. He telegraphed R. C. Hoyt, clerk of the court, from Kansas City saying that if he was not needed in Omaha Monday he would stop in St. Joseph to dispose of the work there.

There was considerable work in court here, but when he did not appear Mr. Hoyt telephoned to Judge Manger in Lincoln asking him to come up for a few days.

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SCOUTS TO ACT AS MESSAGE BEARERS

Lads Will Distribute Pamphlets and Government Printed Matter to Millions of Homes.

Nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts of Omaha will co-operate with 300,000 scouts of the United States in serving as government message bearers in accordance with a request made by President Wilson to Colin H. Livingstone, president of the national council, Boy Scouts of America.

They will deliver to 5,000,000 homes war pamphlets and other printed matter issued by the committee on public information, Washington, D. C. The first work will be the delivery of copies of the president's address on Flag day, September 15, 1917. The committee on public information has made the following announcement:

"The pamphlets will be sent direct through the mails to the individual scouts and in each package there will be a manual for the guidance of these young government messengers. Acting under the local instructions of the scoutmasters, the dispatch bearers will deliver such printed matter as may be issued from time to time by the committee on public information."

"Each scout dispatch bearer will have access to franked postal cards, returnable to the committee on public information, by means of which any citizen may order mailed to him any of the various war pamphlets which the committee has published during the war."

Ben "Serk" Convallescens at Nicholas Senn Hospital

Ben H. Serkovich, Omaha newspaper man, is convalescing from the effects of a serious operation he underwent two weeks ago. "Serk" will be able to leave Nicholas Senn hospital in a couple of days.

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Domestic Warfare Lands Hubby in Jail

A family quarrel in which the husband is said to have "heaved" a water pitcher at his better half and she to have retaliated with an exhibition of butcher knife throwing resulted in Vic Fuller, 324 North Fifteenth street, drawing a fine of \$10 and costs in police court. Clara, his wife, was released.

Second Trial of C. Smith Begins in Criminal Court

The second trial of Charles Smith, negro, charged with the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway last August, started before Judge Sears Monday morning. Six jurors were excused for cause, pleading conscientious objection to the death penalty or prejudice against the defendant, but a tentative jury was obtained before the noon recess.

Attorneys A. L. Timblin and A. B. Scruggs are counsel for Smith and Deputy County Attorneys Abbott and Piatti for the prosecution.

The court room was well filled with spectators during the preliminaries. Judge William M. Morning of Lancaster county district court, sitting in Douglas county for Judge Wakeley, presided with Judge Sears during the morning session.

First Semester of School Year Will Close This Week

The first semester of the public school year will be concluded this week. Schools will be closed Thursday afternoon and on Friday, and the new semester will be started next Monday morning.

Thursday night, in the Auditorium, 75 pupils of three public high schools will be graduated. Superintendent J. H. Francis of Columbus (O.) schools will give an address, and President Reed of the Board of Education will present the diplomas.

The elementary schools will send 450 eighth B pupils to the high schools. These pupils will meet next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in Central high school auditorium to receive information regarding their new studies.

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COUNCIL TO SEEK CAR REGULATION

Lambert Prepares Ordinance in Regard to Schedules and Stops for Street Railway.

Corporation Counsel Lambert has prepared regulatory ordinances affecting the street railway company and the electric light company, for introduction at city council meeting Tuesday morning by Commissioner Butler.

The traction ordinance, indefinite in its provisions, seeks to require observance of regular schedules; bringing cars to full stops when passengers get on or off; holding cars at intersections for a distance to be determined; operate reasonable number of cars and run them with frequency sufficient to accommodate reasonable requirements of patrons; conductors and motormen to be courteous to passengers.

The ordinance provides that a standing committee of three city commissioners shall co-operate with the traction company in carrying out requirements of the ordinance.

In the electric light ordinance it is proposed to require the Nebraska Power company to make service connections when requested within one block or 300 feet of regular distributing lines, and to not penalize incoming tenants for unpaid obligations of former tenants.

Alleged "Vamp" Sentenced to 20 Days in Jail by Judge

Carrie Lewis, domestic, 2003 Cumming street, charged with ensnaring Ed Richardson, 4404 South Twelfth street, and destroying his love for his wife, was sentenced to 20 days in jail by Police Judge Fitzgerald Monday morning. Richardson, who is charged with illegal possession of liquor and adultery, will be tried Wednesday.

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